

QC prepares for earthquakes

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The Quezon City government will be laying down various proactive measures in anticipation of a strong earthquake.



Mayor Joy Belmonte said, “Earthquakes can strike anytime and anywhere. Thus, it’s better to be proactive and prepared for any eventuality.”

The mayor issued this statement following a meeting with the Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (QCRRMC), City Engineering Department and Department of Building Official.

“We have nothing to lose but everything to gain if we prepare. It is better to be prepared than to be sorry in the end,” she added. Belmonte convened the offices following the series of powerful tremors that hit several areas in Mindanao, destroying various structures and claiming several lives.

She directed the QCRRMC to check on the fault markers painted along Barangay Bagong Silangan to Barangay Ugong Norte to ensure that they remain conspicuous to serve their purpose.

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“I also tasked our Engineering Department to check on the integrity of structures, such as public buildings and public schools, within the vicinity of the fault lines and conduct repair and retrofitting if needed,” she said.

The Department of Building Official (DBO), for its part, will inspect the structural integrity of private buildings and structures near the fault lines to ensure they can withstand a powerful tremor. Meanwhile, Belmonte reminded residents to prepare emergency kits and assign meeting points or evacuation sites during an earthquake. They are also urged to check their homes for possible structural damage, secure heavy appliances or furnishings that could fall and cause accidents.