

QC to open night markets for displaced vendors

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Two night markets will open in Quezon City this month to provide livelihood to street vendors displaced by road clearing operations earlier this year.

The night markets, called Sari-Sari Kyusi 2019, will open on Nov. 24 at the Ayala Vertis North grounds and at the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP) compound near the city hall.

It will be open from 3 p.m. to midnight at the TUCP compound, and from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. at Vertis North. The night markets will be in operation until Jan. 19.

“The Quezon City government wanted to establish and develop a space for street vendors who had lost their livelihood because of the clearing operations,” Mayor Joy Belmonte said during the formalization of the city government’s partnership with Ayala and TUCP on Thursday.

The night markets will be able to cater to some 800 vendors displaced by road clearing operations conducted in line with an earlier directive of President Duterte to Metro Manila mayors.