

More QC biz centers to open in malls soon

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THE Quezon City government will open four more business centers in the next two weeks, Mayor Joy Belmonte has announced.

“We will continue working to make life easier for our constituents by putting up additional Business Centers in different malls so they can easily access the services provided by the city government,” Belmonte said Tuesday.

“Quezon City residents can expect more of these Business Centers in malls near their area because this is part of our promise to bring the City Hall closer to the people,” she added.

She inaugurated the first two business

centers at Robinsons Mall in Novaliches and at Ali Mall in Cubao where residents could transact starting Monday.

Edgar Villanueva, city treasurer, said the business center provides services such as current assessment and collection of payment of real-property taxes.

The center is also authorized to collect business taxes and payments for individual and corporate community taxes and other fees.

“With business centers now more ac-

cessible, we expect residents and businesses to pay their taxes and other fees on time,” Villanueva said.

Ma. Margarita Roa-Santos, Business Permits and Licensing Department chief, said the business center at Ali Mall, which is close to a Department of Trade Negosyo Center, can also help fast-track the processing of business and occupational permits.

Earlier, Belmonte entered into an agreement with Robinsons Land Corp., one of the largest mall operators in the country, for the establishment of a business center in three of its malls in Quezon City.

Under the arrangement, the city government will be allowed to establish business centers in three Robinsons malls—Galleria, Magnolia, and Novaliches.