PDEA turns over rehab facility to QC gov't

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The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) yesterday turned over to the Quezon City government the administration of its Project Sagip Batang Solvent (PSBS) reformation center for minors who are hooked on drugs.

PDEA chief Wilkins Villanueva turned over the facility to Mayor Joy Belmonte, who chairs the Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Advisory Council.

"With the strong support of the city government in our fight against illegal drugs, the PDEA is confident that the PSBS center is in good hands and will continue to help street children deprived of basic necessities and guidance," Villanueva said in a statement. Inaugurated in June last year, the reformation center in Novaliches aims to provide care and reintegrated interventions such as education, counselling, values formation, talent and skills development, livelihood and entrepreneurship training to children addicted to inhalant and solvent.

The facility can accommodate up to 60 out of school youths. It has bedrooms, study room, library, a multi-purpose hall, a music room, playground and a garden. The center's personnel help children recover from drug addiction.

A total of 108 children aged nine to 17 have so far completed the reformation program, Villanueva said.