

QC beefs up fight vs human trafficking

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QUEZON City Mayor Josefina Belmonte has announced that she approved the Quezon City Anti-Trafficking in Persons ordinance that will pave the way for the creation of the **Quezon City Council on AntiTrafficking (QCCAT)**.

“Also in line with the celebration of the National Women’s Month, the ordinance mandates the establishment of a council that will oversee the implementation of Republic Act 10364 or the ‘Expanded Anti- Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012,’” the mayor said.

“Through this, we hope to strengthen the city government’s various efforts to combat trafficking in persons, which victimizes mostly women, and to provide needed assistance to the victims,” she added.

The QC Joint Task Force against Trafficking in Persons will be similarly established to coordinate surveillance, investigation and rescue operations.

The joint task force will closely coordinate with the QCCAT.