

QUEZON CITY GRANTS TABUK P12M FOR ANTICRIME CENTER

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TABUK CITY, Kalinga: This city is now benefiting from an initial P12-million grant from the Quezon City government for the setting up of a state-of-the-art command and monitoring center for its anti-criminality and peace and order campaign.

Mayor Darwin Estrañero on Tuesday said Phase 1 is now operational and covers the establishment of a command center and installation of antenna sites at the City Hall and Mt. Talama, including 36 high-definition closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras mounted in strategic areas of the city. The command center, according to Estrañero is equipped with a computer application using a facial recognition system as well as a vehicle plate recognition system and a speed sensor that can detect if a vehicle surpasses the speed limit.

The CCTV cameras, he said, will help solve crime incidents or prevent them "especially when criminals are at-large."

He added footage obtained from the cameras is stored in its hardware with a capacity of 100 terabytes.

"Output coming from the CCTV cameras are recognizable since all the cameras are high-definition," Estrañero said.

The mayor added the anti-crime center will function as a multi-faceted inter-agency facility that coordinates with social-service sectors such as the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, the Public Order and Safety Office and the Philippine National Police.

"As a town and city progress, crime increases, agkadwa dagita (they go hand in hand), but we will not allow that to happen by putting in place technologies that can help us add to the safety measures we already have," Estrañero said.

For the second phase of the command center, the mayor also said more cameras equipped with plate recognition and speed detection technology, among others, will be installed along the provincial road in Bulanao and Dagupan, the two major barangay (villages) at the center of the city where most offices and establishments are located, including the city hall and the provincial capitol.

"Just like in SLEX and NLEX (South Luzon Expressway and North Luzon Expressway), if you go over the maximum speed, the camera can sense it, matiliw (you will be caught), your plate number will be captured, read and recorded," he added.

The mayor said there will be additional 75 CCTV cameras that will be installed for Phase 2 of the project.

Aside from the central barangay, remote villages will also get their own CCTV cameras under the project.

Nathaniel Dalanao, head of the city's information communications technology division, in a separate interview, said data gathered across the network are furnished as a situational report to a concerned sector for analysis.

"Cameras can detect any traffic violator or criminal activity as they capture video footage and images in high resolution advantageous to law enforcers. Accidents can also be prevented if certain anomalies in the traffic flow are observed since the person on duty can immediately report to the police for them to take preemptive actions or immediately warn the public," he added.