

## COOPERATION IS KEY: DHSUD, QUEZON CITY PARTNER FOR HOUSING PROJECT

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QUEZON CITY – The Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) and the Quezon City government signed a Memorandum of Understanding yesterday to help close the housing gap.

DHSUD Secretary Jose Rizalino Acuzar and Quezon City Mayor Ma. Josefina Belmonte signed the MOU for a housing project that will soon rise in Harmony Hills Terraces in Barangay Batasan Hills.

The move is part of the government's housing program, a brainchild of President Marcos, which aims to build one million housing units per year or a total of six million housing units in six years.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to be the President's emissary in sending this good news to our kababayans here in Quezon City, and in the country as a whole – unti-unti na pong matutupad ang pangarap ng bawat pamilyang Pilipino na nagnanais magkaroon ng sariling bahay sa pamamagitan po ng Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino Program," Sec. Acuzar said.

For its part, the Quezon City LGU committed to allocate to the DHSUD a parcel of its land for the development of the housing project.

"The MOU signing solidified our previous agreement to work hand-in-hand in building houses for the city's residents, especially informal settler families," said Mayor Belmonte, adding that through this agreement they "hope to build many housing projects that will benefit Quezon City residents, especially those who cannot afford a home they can call their own."

The MOU mandates the DHSUD to facilitate, either directly or through its key shelter agencies the implementation of the housing projects in collaboration with the LGU and other relevant agencies. The Quezon City LGU is tasked to expedite the processing of required permits and licenses to be issued by local authorities for the project's full implementation.