

QC offers tech-voc education for PDLs

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THE Quezon City government is bringing senior high school program for persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) right inside the Quezon City Jail's (QCJ) male dormitory under the K-12 program of the Department of Education. Representatives of the city government, the School Division Office, and the Fernando C. Amorsolo Senior High School signed a memorandum of understanding to enable these inmates learn and earn a high school diploma while in detention.

"It is the right of every city resident to have a good education. Here in our city, we cannot allow that the sorry state of our people would be a stumbling block for them to study," Mayor Joy Belmonte said.

Under the MOU, the school, with the assistance of the city government would offer the technical, vocational and livelihood strand specializing in home economics, bread and pastry production, cookery and commercial cooking; information and communications technology, animation and computer programming and shielded metal arc welding.

Upon graduation, the PDLs can obtain a National Certificate Level II once they pass the competency-based assessment of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

QCJ chief Michelle Bonto expressed gratitude and appreciation for the continuing support given by the city government for their institution that boosts the capability and morale of their personnel and the PDLs.