

Belmonte feted in Argentina mayors' summit

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QUEZON City Mayor Joy was hailed as the guest of honor in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and was awarded a Special Diploma by government officials at the Buenos Aires City Legislature Palace, where the C40 World Mayors Summit was held.

The C40 is a network of mayors of nearly 100 world-leading cities collaborating to deliver the urgent action needed right now to confront the climate crisis.

Quezon City has been a member of the C40 Cities network since 2015, and is the only city in the Philippines nominated for the 2022 C40 Cities Bloomberg Philanthropies Award.

Argentina cited Belmonte's brainchild GROWQC, an initiative that focuses on food security and sustainability via urban agriculture that gave the city its nomination under the category Innovative Climate Solutions.

The city expressed her gratitude for the Buenos Aires City government, dedicating the honor to "QCitizens who have found common cause to support our GROWQC project, and other initiatives by our administration."

"Let's continue to show them how truly world-class our city is," Belmonte said. "Our seat at the C40 network is proof of the QC government's commitment to the welfare of this generation and the next," she added.