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## DONATION FROM BIG TOBACCO

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First lady Liza Araneta-Marcos is joined by Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte, Social Welfare Secretary Rex Gatchalian and other officials in this Aug. 1 photo showing one of three mobile clinics donated by Philip Morris Fortune Tobacco Corp. to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). Advocacy group Parents Against Vape, in a statement on Aug. 11, expressed concern over the government’s “acceptance and promotion” of the tobacco industry. The Quezon City government, which posted this photo on its Facebook page, also acknowledged the support of tycoon Lucio Tan’s LT Group, which has a 50-per cent stake in Philip Morris. But the DSWD has not commented on the controversy over that photo opportunity.

