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Beware of FB account impersonating Belmonte

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The Quezon City government has warned the public against a new fake Facebook account impersonating Mayor Joy Belmonte.

The account, which was still active as of yesterday afternoon, is being used to lure the public to a supposed investment scam.

"This is a fake FB account being used to deceive QCitizens," the city's advisory stated. "Reminder: Mayor Joy Belmonte has never encouraged anyone to join or invest in any online platform."

City hall advised the public not to provide any information or click any link sent by the poser account.

"If you need to contact the local government, call Helpline 122, reach out to our district action offices or message us through the official Quezon City government Facebook page," it added.

Belmonte's Facebook page has over 268,000 likes and 303,000 followers.

The account only posts official updates on her activities and announcements from the city government.

Last May, the city government warned the public against a fake Belmonte account, which was used to hack and deceive residents into giving personal information.

A screenshot from a conversation with the fake account showed the user asking for information that would give them access to the victim's account in messaging platform WhatsApp.