Bautista pushes for solar panel installation

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QUEZON City plans to install solar panels in all of its 145 public schools, Mayor Herbert Bautista revealed on Thursday.

At last Thursday's Local School Board meeting, Bautista said the city already built an adequate number of classrooms and buildings that are expected to increase utility bills.

"Because of the number of school buildings and classrooms we've built and we'll be building, tataasdinyung electricity bills (electric bills would also increase). That's why it is also a thrust to solarize the 146 schools in QC so that when the electricity bill is reduced, their savings can be used for other education programs," he said.

The plan is in line with the city's initiative to be "greener" by using alternative and renewable sources of energy such as solar power.

In 2017, the Quezon City government installed solar panels in three buildings in Commonwealth High School.

In November, the C40 cities Finance Facility — a network of cities committed to taking action against climate change — pledged to help Quezon City install solar panels in 50 public schools.

"Undeniably, that is the future of Quezon City. I hope that happens in the next administration," Bautista added.

Under the Bautista administration, the city initiated various programs for climate change mitigation like the creation of the Local Climate Change Action Plan, which identified sectors that emit more greenhouse gases (GHG) and consume more energy.

The city also started to promote green transport by purchasing electronic tricycles and build its own waste-to-energy plant as part of its green waste management program.