Joy B keen on adopting Davao disaster tack

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IF ELECTED as the next mayor of Quezon City, Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte on Tueday said she would adopt the disaster risk reduction scheme of its sister city, Davao City, to improve the responsiveness to emergencies and accidents of barangays and the city disaster management council.

Belmonte recently met with the members of the city's Association of Barangay Captains, warning them of a recent fire incident in Barangay Manresa that rendered 200 families homeless.

"The incident has made me realize that we have to do something about it. We have to improve our responses," she said.

"I went to Davao last year, and I saw how advanced their emergency team is. They have this warehouse full of emergency vehicles like ambulances and buses for mass transport to hospitals. They are prepared for all kinds of accidents and I want Quezon City to have something like that," Belmonte added.

She said the Davao City government has a complete team that is always ready to be dispatched anytime.

"It is composed of medics, social workers, fire-fighters, policemen, and others so in times of disasters, everything is easily covered. I am planning to adopt that that's why I am sending our people to Davao for the seminar," the vice mayor said.