

QC holds first unified confab on public healthcare

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QUEZON City Mayor Joy Belmonte will lead a unified health care drive in a precedent-setting assembly of local government unit-employed physicians, public health experts and key stakeholders from across the city's health-care system.

Belmonte announced the conduct of the two-day convention on June 20-21 at the M.I.C.E. Center, saying the gathering of leaders from local hospitals, health departments, and allied government agencies have one shared goal — to strengthen, innovate, and make healthcare truly inclusive for all “QCitizens.”

The first Quezon City Health Network marks a milestone in Quezon City's journey toward universal health care, one that is built on collaboration, innovation and a deep commitment to public service, the city government said.

“This convention is more than a professional gathering — it is a citywide movement. One that affirms our commitment to making health a right, not a privilege, and to building a system that leaves no one behind,” Belmonte said.

Themed “Strengthening Local Healthcare: Advancement, Innovation, and Inclusive Health for Quezon City,” the event is led by Dr. Dave Anthony Vergara, the city's chief health care operations officer and officer-in-charge of the Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital.

The convention also showcases Quezon City's intersectoral model of inclusive healthcare.

“This is how we break silos — by working together across disciplines, departments, and sectors to uphold health equity and social justice,” Vergara said.

Belmonte, as keynote speaker, would reaffirm Quezon City's vision of a unified and responsive health system — where hospitals, clinics, social services, and local governance operate hand in hand to deliver compassionate, resilient and accessible care to every QCitizen.