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QC gov't rolls out 8 electric buses to help reduce air pollution

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TO further promote its commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent in 2030, Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte has rolled out eight electric bus units servicing Route 1 from Quezon City hall to Cubao and vice versa.

"The official roll-out of our electric QCity buses solidifies our commitment and dedication to environmental sustainability by transitioning to reusable energy," Belmonte said.

She maintained that the city government is steadfast in its promise to promote environmentally friendly programs and policies.

According to Belmonte, the electric QCity Bus project was in compliance with Republic Act 11697 or the Electric Vehicle Industry Development Law mandating that at least five percent of government-owned or -leased vehicles should comprise electric vehicles.

Moreover, it is aligned with the city government's commitment to implement the Enhanced Local Climate Change Action Plan of Quezon City 2021-2050, the mayor said.

The electric buses have 41-seating capacities with ample space to accommodate standing passengers.

The buses ensure commuter safety and convenience, and are equipped with wheelchair ramps for persons with disabilities, handrails, fire suppression and emergency equipment, CCTV cameras and smart televisions.