QC CRACKS DOWN ON ERRING POGO HUBS

QUEZON City Mayor Joy Belmonte has issued notice of violations against several Philippine offshore gaming operator (POGO) hubs based in Eastwood City in Libis following a surprise inspection Friday night.

Belmonte led the inspection which aimed to ensure that POGO centers operating in the city comply with local requirements and ancillary clearances for business.

Among the POGO hubs which received notice of violations were Omniworld Enterprise Inc., Singtech Enterprise Inc. and Great Empire Gaming and Amusement Corp. for failure to present necessary clearances required to conduct business in Quezon City.

These include locational clearance, sanitary permit, environmental clearance, and occupational permits of their employees, among others.

The four POGO hubs were given a 15-day grace period to comply with the business permit requirements of Quezon City.

"While we welcome the business locators in our city, we want to ensure that our rules and regulations are followed to the letter. Otherwise, you will have to face the consequences of non-compliance," Belmonte said.

While she aspires for Quezon City to become a preferred investment and business destination, Belmonte said rules, regulations processes must be complied with.

"You cannot disregard our requirements because we will catch you eventually," Belmonte said.

The POGO establishments, for their part, welcomed the chance to get their businesses in order and promised to comply with the needed requirements.