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QC, Gaming Library to hold biggest board expo

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THE Quezon City government has teamed up with the Gaming Library to host the first and largest All aBoard Expo 2025, a landmark celebration of board game culture in the Philippines, Mayor Joy Belmonte said on Sunday.

Belmonte said the event will take place from May 29 to June 1, 2025 at M.I.C.E. Center located at the City Hall Complex.

Spanning four exciting days of game play, learning, and community engagement, the All aBoard Expo 2025 is set to become a new summer highlight for families, students, professionals, hobbyists, and first-time players alike.

She said the initiative was in response to the growing concerns about excessive screen time, particularly among the youth.

"It's time to take a break from gadgets and rediscover the joy of face-to-face play. Board games not only entertain, but also foster social connection, creativity, and mental wellness," Belmonte said.

"In today's digital age, we need more spaces where people can unwind, reconnect, and share meaningful experiences. We're proud to support this unique and inclusive event," she added.

Aimed especially at children and teens for the summer break, the expo promotes board games as a wholesome alternative to digital devices — encouraging emotional well-being, collaboration, and critical thinking through handson, interactive play.

Beyond the fun, the All aBoard Expo 2025 highlights the life skills board games can teach, including teamwork, strategic decisionmaking, patience, and empathy — values often overlooked in digital-based entertainment.