QC PDLs offered tech-voc classes

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Persons Deprived of Liberty can now continue their basic education through the first Senior High School program to be offered by the Schools Division Office in the Quezon City Jail Male Dormitory.

Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte said, "It is the right of every citizen to have a proper education. Here in the city, we will not allow one's status or life situation to be an obstacle to not being able to study. In QC, education is equal, inclusive, and open to all."

A memorandum of understanding was signed last week between the Quezon City Jail Male Dormitory Schools Division Office and the Fernando C. Amorsolo Senior High School.

Under the MoU, the school, with the assistance of the QC local government, will offer the Technical, Vocational and Livelihood strand, specializing in Home Economics-Bread and Pastry Production, Cookery and Commercial Cooking; Information and Communications Technology-Animation and Computer Programming, and Shielded Metal Arc Welding.

The inclusion of technical, vocational and livelihood training and other aftercare initiatives aims to positively transform the lives of PDLs to become productive QCitizens upon their release.

Upon graduation, the inmates can obtain a National Certificate Level II once they pass the competency-based assessment of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

Meanwhile, QCJMD warden JSupt. Michelle Bonto expressed gratitude and appreciation for the city government's continued support for their institution that boosts the capability and morale of their personnel and PDLs.

The K-to-12 program is a new program apart from the Alternative Learning System program for elementary and junior high school competencies.