

Mayor Beng Climaco yesterday challenged the residents and barangay officials of Recodo, including students and faculty of Recodo National High School, to help the authorities in their fight against the illegal drug trade in the barangay.

Mayor Climaco issued the challenge during the turnover of a two-storey building with eight classrooms worth P9.09 million at Recodo National High School yesterday. The event coincided with the school's 4th Foundation Day.

In her message, the lady chief executive cited the need for a united front in the fight against illegal drugs in Recodo "because a lot of people have been effected by such menace to society".

"Your youthfulness, your future will be taken away by these illegal drugs," Climaco told the Recodo NHS students. "Promise me that you help fight drug addiction in your barangay," she added.

Police authorities have identified Recodo as one of the barangays heavily infested by the illegal drugs trade, resulting in series of shooting incidents in the area.

The Recodo NHS, meanwhile, was established in 2009 by virtue of House Bill 3331, authored by then congresswoman now Mayor Climaco, which eventually became a law (R.A. 9581) that called for the establishment of the school.

However, the school buildings, fences and site development on the campus, including the one turned over yesterday, were funded and implemented during the administration of then mayor now Congressman Celso Lobregat.

Present during the turnover were Councilors Gerky Valesco, Eddie Saavedra and Gerry Perez together with Division of Schools Superintendent Pedro Melchor Natividad, City Engineer Luis Vicente Despalo and other guests.— Vic Larato

## **Beng dares Recodo folks to help fight against drugs**

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