



Sangguniang Kabataan Newsletter

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Stronger SK Pushed



The Memorandum of Agreement being signed by KB Alumni President Ed Balanag and SK President Concilor Junie Marie Castelo as principal signatories and by Mayor Sonny Belmonte, Rep. Imee Marcos and Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista as witnesses. Looking on are Councilors Resty Malanguen, Rommel Abesamis, Dante De Guzman and Bemadette Herrera.

At a Glance...

- SK-KB Forged Alliance
- NYC Asked to Coordinate
- SK Fiscal Autonomy Urged

Councilor and Quezon City SK Federation President Jemboy Castelo urged the National Youth Commission and other concerned local and national government agencies to initiate efforts to strengthen the Sangguniang Kabataan and make it more relevant and responsive to the youth development and nation-building. Amidst a pending bill in Congress to abolish the SK, he made this urgent and timely call during a traditional Quezon City Hall flag-raising programme held on January 27 attended by hundreds of City government officials of the defunct Kabataang Barangay led by Mayor Sonny Belmonte and Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista.

Launching this call during the same occasion, Councilor Castelo

together with KB Alumni Association Quezon City Chapter President Edward Balanag and KBAA National Chairperson Imee R. Marcos signed a Memorandum of Understanding which taps former KB officials as trainers and consultants for SK officials in Quezon City. He also presented Rep. Marcos with a Federation Resolution asking the Congress to re-organize the National Youth Commission as way of making the SK stronger. The event was capped with a dialogue between selected SK Officials of the City led by Councilor Castelo and Rep. Marcos and other resource persons such as National SK Federation President Ariel Joseph Arcillas, KBAA National President Julius Topacio, QC COA Head Crisanto Gabriel and QC DILG Asst. Director Virgilia Gutierrez who shared their thoughts and suggestions on other ways and means including empowering SK Treasurers, providing benefits to SK Kagawads and the implementation of the SK Constitution.

“No Pay, No Exam” disallowed in QC

A city ordinance banning the “no pay, no exam policy” of mostly private schools in Quezon City was passed recently in Quezon City. Under the provision of the said ordinance, it will be unlawful for any school to disallow students to take their exams if they could not pay their tuition on time.

Councilor Junie Marie “Jemboy” Castelo, the 16-year old President of the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation of Quezon City and the youngest councilor ever to sit in the City Council, introduced the said ordinance and lobbied relentlessly for its passage upon learning that many schools are instituting this practice as a policy for a long time now. He lamented that some private schools are driven by commercialism and greed for profit. Castelo says, said ordinance “will now give a break to parents and students who would sometimes encounter financial difficulties”.

In the Philippines, some if not most private schools have the policy to disallow students to take up their examinations unless their matriculation and tuition fees are paid. He demanded that school administrators whether state run institutions or privately owned schools should not consider education as a commodity but a social responsibility because as the young councilor argues “education is a basic right, not a privilege. It is beyond the commerce of man.”

He says that “if we allow this practice to continue, in the end, the future of our students and the country as well will suffer.”

LSB approves P13M for e-libraries in QC

The Local School Board provided P 13M for the establishment of electronic learning centers or "E-libraries" to give poor students ready access to the world-wide web.

This, after Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. approved the allotment of P 12.87 million of the city's Special Education Fund (SEF) for the project, believing it will further level the learning field for the city's poor students who will be able to use the Internet as a research tool.

The Mayor said 10 public schools in the city's four districts which had been selected as pilot sites of the e-libraries. Thirty teachers, librarians and technical staff of these schools will go through a 24-day extensive training course on information technology, and its applications on library science.

Belmonte said, the libraries will be equipped with computers with on-line access for customized cataloging and

circulation, Internet connection, as well as scanners and CD with read/write capabilities.

The e-libraries will also serve as couriers for long distance learning packages for teachers, and a focal point accessible to all libraries cataloging.

The project is among several innovative strategies being pursued by the Belmonte administration, in collaboration with the City School Board and the Division of City Schools headed by Dr. Victoria Q. Fuentes and SK Head Jemboy Castelo.

Budget Autonomy for SK Sought

Councilor and SK President Castelo has reminded the City's 142 SK Chairmen to immediately expedite the appointment of their respective SK Treasurers who should be chosen among the elected SK Kagawads and should be 18 years old and above. This is in line with the effort of the Federation to make the City's 142 SK Councils autonomous and independent in its financial operations from the Barangay Council starting 2004. This move is consistent with the spirit and direction of City Ordinance No. SP-649, S-1998 introduced by Councilor Victor Ferrer, Jr. and supported by earlier circulars issued by the DILG and COA.

BAN PARKING FEES

Councilor Jem Castelo filed an ordinance that would prohibit the charging of parking fees in any business establishment in QC. Castelo argued that commercial places like shopping malls and hotels are mandated to provide ample parking spaces for their patrons under the National Building Code. This arose after the SK Fed received so many complaints that malls have been charging exorbitant parking fees utilizing all available spaces, whereby fees continue to increase unabated without consideration to consumers.

"This unscrupulous practice should be put to stop and protect our hard-earning consumers after these malls' profits already from mark-ups in goods we patronized," Castelo said.



FREE BIRTH CERTIFICATES. The SK Federation with the assistance of the Civil Registry Office and the Brgy. Council of Payatas sponsored "Operation Birthright" that provided free birth registration in remote areas in Quezon City. Lower photo shows Brgy. Kagawad Wilma Inalla, Nollie Marjata, Winnie Castelo, Civil Registry Head Mon Matabung, Bgy. Capt. Rose Radulo, Councilor Castelo, Kagawad Joseph Galvagar.

LEGISLATIVE ROUND-UPS

OPPOSE PRIVATIZATION OF HOSPITALS

City dad Jemboy Castelo filed a resolution urging the national government to oppose the privatization of Lung Center, Heart Center, the National Kidney Institute and the Lungsod ng Kabataan citing that these hospitals have been subsidizing the needs of poor constituents.

COOPS TO SUPERVISE PUBLIC MARKETS

If Councilor Castelo would have his way, the 8 public markets owned by the city government should now be operated and supervised by cooperatives. Under these set-up, the city government would be free from costly maintenance and would empower those coops to achieve full entrepreneurial and financial gains.

QC YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PROPOSED

History will be in the making when the QC Youth Development Council ordinance is approved and the office will now synchronize all youth related activities and will be the youth policy-making body of the City Government tasked to formulate its thrust and vision for total youth development. The ordinance was conceptualized by SYDP Head Rogelio Reyes and was authored by Councilor Jemboy Castelo.

SYDP AS PERMANENT OFFICE

Like the Department of Engineering, and City Health, the office that provides scholarship to poor but deserving students should be institutionalized to make it more efficient and avoid being politicized. This will be so if the ordinance filed by SK Pres. Jemboy Castelo creating the College Scholarship Unit is passed. The law also states greater fund to subsidized education and its employees secured by civil service.

BAN SALE OF CIGARETTES TO MINORS

Councilor Jemboy Castelo filed an ordinance banning the sale of cigarettes to minors 18 years old and below. The law, if approved will impose penalties to violators of the ordinance. Castelo emphasized the harmful effects of cigarettes to a person's health especially the youth.

MANPOWER OFFICE FILED

A permanent office to assist manpower placement and job locator was recently filed in the QC Council. Councilor Jem Castelo, main author of the ordinance intends to determine available job opportunities in private companies and recommend qualified QC residents from the office computer listing of unemployed graduates and people wanting jobs. "We will cut unemployment rate easily with such mechanism," Castelo said.

AD BAN ON CIGARETTE AND ALCOHOL

Sexy advertisement in cigarette and alcohol billboards will soon be over if the ordinance of Councilor Jemboy Castelo is passed. "These billboards only contribute to the increasing number of youths hooked on cigarettes and alcohol, thereby compromising their health and sacrificing their time in education," Castelo said as he intends to put a stop to this practice in QC. "There is no beneficial effect of these ads instead, it contributes to moral and educational breakdown." Castelo concluded.

NOVA HEALTH CENTER RENAMED

Councilor Junie Marie Castelo has succeeded in changing the name of the Novaliches Health Center in honor of its founder, the late Arsenia de Jesus Maximo – one of the most prolific public servant and great pillars of Quezon City.

The ordinance SP 1233, S-2003, was approved by the City Council renamin Novaliches Health Center in Novaliches Quezon City to Arsenia de Jesus Maximo Health Center, in time to coincide with her 101st birth anniversary.

Inaugurated in 1957, the Novaliches Health Center, was the first health center established in Quezon City. Other works of Lola Senyang, include the Novaliches High School and Novaliches Public Library.

3,683 BENEFICIARIES IN MEDICAL OUTREACH

Over 3,683 indigents from various depressed areas benefitted from the medical outreach conducted by the SK Federation since Councilor Jem Castelo took office in August 2002. The QC Health Department and the QC General Hospital provided the doctors and health personnel while the Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) and health workers in the Barangay assisted in this endeavour. Among the barangays where SK Fed visited were Brgy. Doña Aurora, Posong Putik, Nagkaisang Naton, San Agustin, Sto. Cristo, and Payatas. The SK Fed would like to express their gratitude to the following companies who supported the project – Sharp & Dhame, Metro Drug, Filadams Pharma, Inc., Red Ribbon Bakeshop, RFM Corporation and Nestle Philippines.

RFM AND NESTLE PHILS. SUPPORT MASS FEEDING

Two giant conglomerates in the food industry showed their compassion to the poor by way of donating their products to the SK Fed's mass feeding and gift-giving project to indigents. Indeed these companies expressed their corporate social responsibility in helping our poor brethren.

Barangay Buena, Apolonia Samson, Sauyo, San Bartolome and Nagkaisang Nayon were the early beneficiaries of these projects which will soon include the 4 districts of Quezon City.

SK NEWS IN BRIEF

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR SK OFFICIALS APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

A proposed ordinance (PO 2002-234) providing for educational assistance allowance to all SK officials including SK Secretaries and Treasurers who are studying during their term of office was approved on third and final reading by the Quezon City Council last April 29, 2003.

The ordinance, introduced by a majority of the City Councilors led by Councilor Restie Malangen, will entitle all SK Officials who are studying during their term of office to a EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE in the amount of P 1,000.00 per semester to be taken from the Special Educational Program of the Quezon City Government.

FEDERATION TO LAUNCH FIRST TIME VOTERS REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN

The Federation led by Councilor and SK President Jemboy Castelo is scheduled to sign a memorandum of agreement with the First Time Voters Alliance, an NGO, to launch an information and registration campaign for SKs and other barangay and school-based youth who are qualified to vote in the May 2004 elections.

EXECOM & SECRETARIAT HOLDS SK FUNDS DIALOGUE

The Executive Committee and the Secretariat held January 9 a dialogue-workshop with various City government agencies on existing rules and procedures for the processing and release of SK funds in the barangay level. Participating in the meeting were heads and representatives from the office of Councilor Xyrus Lanot, City Treasurer, City Accountant, Fiscal Control Unit, City Budget Office, Quezon City - DILG and Quezon City - Commission on Audit. The main objective of the activity was to train and familiarize the City's SK Leaders and staff in said procedures and eventually enable them to echo to the City's 142 SK Chairmen.

SK NATIONAL ACADEMY LOCATED IN QUEZON CITY

Perhaps only a few SK Chairmen of this City know that the SK National Academy is located in Quezon City. It is actually located at Road 10, Barangay Bagong Pag-asa, District 1. Its establishment was realized after a series of consultative meetings initiated by former SK National President and now NYC Commissioner Richard Alvin Nalupta. The construction of the 3-storey building and the procurement of equipment were made possible through the funding support of then and now House Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. and then Vice-President Gloria Macapagal -

Arroyo, respectively. For inquiries on how to use its various facilities, those interested may contact Tel. No. 927-3355.

SK FED SUPPORTS ADOLESCENT / YOUTH HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Councilor Castelo and Operations Officer Ed Balanag attended last February 20, the Adolescent and Youth Development Project Partners Forum organized and sponsored by the Kabalikat ng Pamilyang Pilipino. In the forum, Councilor Castelo pledged to enjoin the City's 142 SK Chairmen to organize and sponsor barangay-level information and education campaigns.

SK PRESIDENT CASTELO MEDIATES & RESOLVES SK AND BARANGAY CONFLICTS

President Castelo has successfully mediated and resolved about more than ten (10) cases of conflicts within several SK Councils, i.e. SK Chairmen vs. SK Kagawads and between SK officials and Barangay Officials. While he encourages that conflicts between SK and barangay Officials be resolved among the concerned parties, he welcomes any SK or barangay officials to submit written complaints against SK Officials for valid reasons and grounds in accordance with the provisions of the SK Constitution.

126 SK TEAMS PARTICIPATES IN 2003 BATANG QC OLYMPICS

The 2003 Batang QC Olympics opened last April 22 at the Amoranto Sports Complex with SK youth and teams from 126 barangays participating. It was highlighted with a parade of participating individuals and teams which included several SK Chairmen carrying the Philippine and Quezon City flag. Present were Mayor Sonny Belmonte as Guest of Honor and Speaker, Vice-Mayor Herbert Bautista as Chief Organizer and Congressmen, Councilors and other City Officials as special guests. Capping the event was a display of fireworks which added color and excitement to the occasion.

SK CHAIRMEN ATTENDS EARTH DAY FETE

Several SK Chairmen led by Councilor Castelo attended this year's Earth Day celebration in Quezon City. Chaired by former Vice-Mayor Charito Planas, the observance consisted of a program at the Villa Espana at Bgy. Tatalon, District 4. Guests during the program included Mayor Sonny Belmonte and MMDA Chairman Bayani Fernando. Other activities were clean-up of the San Juan River, tree-planting and Water Safety lecture.

SK NEWS IN BRIEF

SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING SK LAUNCHED JULY 16TH

The Quezon City Chapter of the KB Alumni Association, Office of the Vice-Mayor and DILG has announced that City-wide Search for Outstanding SK Chairmen, Kagawads, Councils and Projects will start July 16, 2003. The said day marks the first year anniversary of the City's 142 SK Chairmen all of whom were elected last July 15, 2002. SK Chairmen were advised to review guidelines distributed by the KB Alumni Association last December, 2001 and start preparing the documentation necessary to facilitate the evaluation of their performance for the past one year.

112 SK COUNCILS DEVELOPMENT PLANS APPROVED AND FUNDED

As per records of the Committee on Laws of the Quezon City Council, as of May 5, a total of 112 SK Councils have already presented their respective development plans in public hearings called for the said purpose. However, it was noted that only about 100 SK Councils submitted their development plans to the SK Secretariat for approval certification of Councilor Castelo as provided for in the 2001 SK Constitution.

SK President Castelo has called the attention of concerned SK Chairmen and urged them, this time, to comply with the SK Constitution in submitting their 2004 Plans. He also reminded others who have not been able yet to submit their ISKOLAR-BOS resolutions.

16 SK OFFICIALS QUALIFY FOR CITY GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP

SK Chairman Bien Joseph Barbasina of Botocan and 16 SK Kagawads from 13 barangays made it to this year's City Government Scholarship initiated by Mayor Sonny Belmonte. This announcement was made by Mr. Batoy Reyes, Head of the Quezon City Youth Secretariat and the Scholarship and Youth Development Program.

According to Mr. Reyes, the scholarships will be in the form of grant-in-aid which will cover the tuition and other school fees at P 8,000 per year and stipends at P 2,000 per year. A book allowance of P 1,000 per year is given for the first year only and to all graduating valedictorians, salutatorians and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Honorable Mentions.

NCR YOUTH LEADERS ANTI-DRUG ADVOCACY SYMPOSIUM SET

The National Youth Coordinating Council on Drug Abuse Prevention Education has invited the City's 142 SK Chairmen to a Anti-Drug Advocacy Symposium to be held on May 23, 2003 from 8AM to 12:00 noon and 1-5 PM at the Teatro Marikina, Marikina City. In this event, an anti-drug

stage play entitled "Bangin ng Kawalan" will be featured with actor Lester Llansang and actress Crystal Moreno of GMA-7 in the lead roles.

SK CHAIRMEN ATTEND YOUTH GAB ON GRAFT AND CORRUPTION

Several SK Chairmen led by SK President Jemboy Castelo attended the "Young Leaders' Conference on Graft and Corruption" held last May 16 from 9AM to 5PM at the House of Representatives at the Batasang Pambansa Complex. The conference was organized and sponsored by the Citizens Battle Against Corruption (CIBAC) in recognition of the support of the youth sector in the fight against graft and corruption.

LONE SK CHAIRMAN ATTENDS SK NATIONAL CONVENTION

SK Chairman Hazel Dee of Bgy. Immaculate Concepcion attended the SK National Convention held last April 4-6, 2003 at the Subic Free Port. The convention was mainly participated in by all SK Federation Presidents throughout the country was made open also to all SK Chairmen interested to attend and participate. SK Chair Hazel has always been known by the SK Secretariat and her fellow SK Chairmen as very eager and enthusiastic in getting involved in conferences and similar gatherings where she can learn new knowledge and skills and meet new friends.

SK PRESIDENT CASTELO TO PRESENT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SK CONSTITUTION

SK President Castelo through an EXECOM resolution will soon be submitting proposed amendments to the 2001 SK Constitution. The suggested changes, which are now being reviewed and finalized by the EXECOM, are the results or outputs of various consultations made with several SK Chairmen and Kagawads started early this year. The proposed amendments includes provisions relating to SK Plans and Budgets, Allocation of SK Funds and Annual Dues, Meetings and General Provisions.

EXECOM PUSHES REGISTRATION AND PROFILING OF CITY YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

The City's 142 SK Chairmen have been reminded of on-going efforts to register and profile barangay and school-based youth organizations operating within Quezon City. Profiling forms will soon be distributed again in order to facilitate the campaign. This move is in line with preparations for the holding of the Quezon City Youth Summit on November 2003.

Jemboy Castelo to make QC a "Sports Powerhouse"

Councilor Junie Marie L. Castelo, President of the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation of Quezon City is set to file in the City Council an ordinance that will set in motion the first comprehensive sports development program for Quezon City which envisions for the city to become a "sports powerhouse" in the future.

A first for the SK federation after more than a decade of its existence, the proposed measure if approved will lead to the development of the city's sports competitive edge.

R.A. 7160 clearly spelled the role of the Sangguniang Kabataan which is tasked to formulate policies for the development of the physical well-being of the youth especially in sports while the City Government is mandated to hold the annual sports tournament known as Palarong Panglungsod to serve as a showcase for the skills of athletes coming from the different component barangays of the city. In the just concluded Palarong Panlungsod, Councilor Castelo spearheaded the Sangguniang Kabataan in its participation of the game dubbed as "QC Olympics 2003".

The City Olympics is part of the city's sports development program and the main sporting event where it hopes to discover raw athletic talents that will be trained by the city to compete in national tournaments such as LGU Olympics and Batang Pinoy and in international competitions. For the past five years, the city has been lagging behind in sports in terms of churning out champions compared to other big cities such as Manila, Cebu and Iloilo. With the comprehensive sports development program, the city government hopes to become the next "sports powerhouse" in the future.

SK in Action

Brgy. UP Campus

The Sangguniang Kabataan ng Brgy. UP Campus thru the initiative of SK Chairman Noki dela Cruz and his SK Kagawads conducted leadership training seminar for the officers of the various youth organizations in the barangay.

Brgy. Bungad

SK Chairman Olive Bendiola held her "Concert Na Pa Disco Pa" Project for the youth of her barangay last April this year.

Brgy. West Kamias

SK Jobert A. Kalaw of Brgy. West Kamias held his Basketball Tournament last April 5, 2003 at Kath Basketball Court.

Brgy. Valencia

On the same month April SK Chairman Joyce Dorotan of Brgy. Valencia introduced her Inter Area League Project in her barangay. The league was held at the covered court on the said barangay.

Brgy. Pasong Tamo

SK Chairman Gladys C. Pedro held his basketball tournament last April 5, 2003 on Brgy. Pasong Tamo court.

Brgy. Escopa III

Last April 20, 2003 SK Chairman Kacy Ero Cimafranca launched the SK Summer Basketball League 2003. The said activity was held at Bgy. Escopa II Covered Court.

Brgy. Pansol

SK Breinard A. Bautista launched his Youth Singing Contest held May 17, 2003 at Bungal Stage Kaingin II, the said activity was a success.

Brgy. Bayanihan

On the same month Brgy. Bayanihan held their Brgy. Santacruz. The occasion was organized by SK Chairman Michael D. Mirabueno

Brgy. Tatalon

Last May 19, 2003 the SK Hall & SK Park Inauguration was held thru the efforts of SK Chairman Jeffy B. Alda and with the help of his Councilors.

SB vetoes curfew ordinance

Mayor Sonny Belmonte vetoed the city's curfew ordinance arguing that section 6 of the said ordinance is ultra vires because it allows barangays to suspend temporarily the implementation of the said ordinance on special occasions like fiestas, barangay days or holidays.

Under the law particular R.A. 7160, the scope of legislative powers of the city and barangay governments are separated in such a way to avoid overlapping of functions.

The vetoed curfew ordinance is an amendment of city ordinance SP9204, S-72 which has been existing since 1972 but unimplemented by the city government. The recent bombing in Metro Manila and other terroristic

activities elsewhere in the country has triggered a rush among city councilors in two months the City Secretary was swamped by seven curfew related ordinances filed by City Councilors.

Among those who filed are Councilors Pumaren, Susano, Melendez-Yllana, Abesamis, Medina and Malangen including Councilor Herrera-Dy the main author of the vetoed ordinance. The rest of the other proposed measures were either consolidated with Councilor Herrera's ordinance.

However, the vetoing by the City Mayor of Herrera's measure will not affect the effectivity of SP9204, S-72 which is still enforceable.

Happy Birthday!

MARCH

4- Bgy. Bahay Toro
 8 - Bgy. Pasong Tamo
 9 - Bgy. Claro
 11 - Bgy. Damayan
 11 - Bgy. Mangga
 13 - Bgy. UP Village
 16 - Bgy. Apolonio Samson
 18 - Bgy. Botocan
 20 - Bgy. Paang Bundok
 22 - Bgy. Alicia
 27 - Bgy. Commonwealth
 30 - Bgy. San Isidro Galas

Joisa Fatima Cleofas
 Gladys C. Pedro
 Patricia Carla C. Ordoveza
 Ernest Alfred C. Libao
 Ira A. Evangelista
 Karl Edgar C. Cupino
 Reya Esperanza C. de Jesus
 Bien Joseph E. Barbasina
 Rosie Nadonga
 John Rodulf Galanza
 Merry Catherine L. Delos Reyes

APRIL

7 - Bgy. Holy Spirit
 7 - Bgy. Sikatuna Village
 8 - Bgy. San Vicente Village
 9 - Bgy. San Isidro Labrador
 11 - Bgy. Sto. Kristo
 12 - Bgy. Vasra
 14 - Bgy. E. Rodriguez
 21 - Bgy. Dona Aurora
 22 - Bgy. Lourdes
 22 - Bgy. Salvacion
 27 - Bgy. Bagong Lipunan ng Crame

Terence Paul D. Capocyan
 Frederick Mark Balanag
 Kristine del Andraneda
 Mario Rico A. Dungo
 Pauline Vernice R. Benavidez
 Ma. Fatima Beverly B. Zamora
 Christine P. Viray
 Zandy A. Zacate
 Christopher Convento
 Meliza Etzel V. Floro

MAY

30 - Bgy. Bagumbuhay
 1 - Bgy. Sta. Monica
 3 - Bgy. Kristong Hari
 7 - Bgy. Masambong
 11 - Bgy. Culiati
 15 - Bgy. Kamuning
 16 - Bgy. Sto. Domingo
 17 - Bgy. Central
 20 - Bgy. Greater Lagro
 20 - Bgy. St. Ignatius
 27 - Bgy. Manresa
 27 - Bgy. Sto. Nino
 27 - Bgy. Balunbato
 29 - Bgy. Paligsahan

Michael John Calomot
 Janariz N. Lavilles
 John Joseph I. Gillego
 Mary Grace T. Biales
 Sheila O. Hagamann
 Alvi F. Fernando
 Mark Christian G. Torio
 April A. Tabirao
 Junie Marie L. Castelo
 Madonna M. Llaneta
 Victor Raphael N. Custodio
 Mercury Opriasa
 Shanta R. Gonzalvo
 Joseph Rainier C. Pintor
 Datu Blah Gemier Sinsuat

STORIES IN PICTURES



LEADERSHIP AWARD. Councillor Jemboy Castelo receives the plaque of Appreciation for Leadership and Service from Mayor Sonny Belmonte and Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista in behalf of Congressman Nanette Castelo Daza, former Councillor Winnie Castelo and Melencio Castelo. The Vice Mayor's office honored former Councillors who served in the QC government during the Philippine Councillors League celebration.



LEADERSHIP SEMINAR. SK Chair Kay de los Reyes of Bgy. Commonwealth actively participates in the leadership seminar sponsored by the SK Federation in Quezon City Hall recently.



GUEST SPEAKER. Councillor Jemboy Castelo addresses the QC City Hall employees during its flag raising ceremony. He emphasized the role of the youth in community development as strong partner of Mayor Sonny Belmonte's vision of Quality City in QC.



GIFT GIVING. SK Chair Karl Cupino of Brgy. UP Village led in the distribution of gifts in Brgy. Old Capitol Site with SK Chair Troy Rivera of Quirino QC and SK Chair Divine Tomnob.



MEDICINES FOR THE POOR. SK Chair Troy Rivera of Bgy. Quirino, QC District 3 with SK President Jemboy Castelo inspect medicines donated by big pharmaceutical companies. About 3,638 beneficiaries of the SK Fed medical outreach program.



YOUTH SUMMIT. Various youth organizations convened in a Youth Summit sponsored by the Federation to discuss plans and programs for youth development in QC Hall.