

QC to set up solid waste disposal facility

QUEZON City has moved closer to having a long-term and sustainable solution to its solid waste disposal situation with the approval of a ground-breaking proposal from a private partner.

Mayor Herbert Bautista of Quezon City presented the Joint Certification of Successful Negotiations with Metro Pacific Investors Corp. (MPIC) during the C40 Asian Ad-

aptation Forum held on Tuesday at the Novotel Manila Araneta Center in Cubao.

The joint certification is the end of stage two of three of the Unsolicited Proposal Process based on City Ordinance SP-2336 or the "Quezon City Public-Private-Partnership Code."

Under the agreement, the MPIC, along with Covanta Energy, LLC and Macquarie Capital, was granted the

Original Proponent Status for the design, financing, construction, operation and maintenance of the Integrated Solid Waste Management Facility (ISWME) project in the city.

The ISWME, which is going to be the first in the Philippines, will be able to process up to 3,000 metric tons of solid waste per day and generate up to 36 megawatts energy.

The project aims to have a long

term and sustainable solution to Quezon City's solid waste disposal and at the same time provide for the generation of electricity that will contribute to the clean energy portfolio of the city.

"We have an energy crisis looming for Luzon and hopefully whatever is generated in this project, we will be part of this energy solution," said Bautista.