

QC implements accident insurance for tricycle drivers, passengers

QUEZON City Mayor Herbert Bautista recently signed an ordinance granting tricycle drivers and passengers in the city a personal accident insurance.

According to Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte, Ordinance No. 2768 is the product of the city's concern for tricycle drivers since numerous families in the city depend on tricycles as livelihood and as a practical mode of transportation.

"Tricycles are used for short-distance travels, but we cannot disregard the fact that these vehicles get into accidents as well," said Belmonte. "Now that we have

an ordinance for this, the city government can help fund the insurance for our tricycle drivers including their passengers."

In the event of an accident, the said insurance will provide a maximum P50,000 to victims depending on the severity of the damage acquired.

The city government will subsidize 50 percent of the total amount of the insurance program for its first-year of implementation, while the other 50 percent will be shouldered by tricycle operators.

The city allocated P20 million for the seed fund of the said program.