

# QC unveils Don Chino Roces monument



■ Mayor Herbert Bautista (center) leads the unveiling of the new Don Chino Roces monument.

IN honor of his contributions to the development of Quezon City, Mayor **Herbert Bautista** led the unveiling of the new Don Alejandro Roces Sr., monument at the park that bears the name of the press freedom icon in Barangay Paligsahan, on Jan. 14.

"He was influential in creating the entire city by talking to the Tuazon family so that we can carve a big portion from their hacienda, a space to situate the offices of the national government," Mayor Bautista said.

The nine-foot tall statue—made of bronze carved by artist Jonas

Roces—is the centerpiece of the newly-inaugurated Roces Rotunda in Barangay Paligsahan.

Roces' relatives, meanwhile, expressed their gratitude for Mayor Bautista's initiative to build a monument for their grandfather.

Roces was a man of many things: he is considered as one of the persons who helped in the establishment of Quezon City; publisher of various newspapers, including *Taliba*, *La Vanguardia*, *English Tribune* and *The Manila Times*; and he fought for press freedom under late President

Ferdinand Marcos' martial rule.

The new Roces monument is among the several markers being built by the city government in honoring its founding fathers.

Meanwhile, Quezon City Vice Mayor **Joy Belmonte** has called on all registered senior citizens in the city to avail the local government's free anti-shingles vaccine to protect themselves from acquiring the said infection and the complications associated with it.

"Since April 2018, we have recorded nearly 500,000 senior citizens in our city, and many of them are at risk of

contracting the shingles virus," Belmonte said. "This is why we are now calling on all our senior citizens to avail of free anti-shingles vaccines in their respective *barangay* health centers."

Shingles or herpes zoster is a viral infection which can manifest as a painful skin rash. The infection is caused by the varicella zoster virus which is the same virus that causes chicken pox.

It was found that people aged 60 years old and above are the most vulnerable to the disease because of their weakened immune system.