

QC establishes Democracy Museum

QUEZON City Mayor **Herbert Bautista** led the public in having a glimpse of a new museum that emphasizes the ordinary Filipinos' contribution in achieving freedom and democracy in a tour on March 4.

The Museo ng Demokrasyang Pilipino, located at the Quezon Memorial Circle, focuses on the role of ordinary citizens in historic revolutions and wars that eventually led to the establishment of the republic.

Far from the usual focus on outstanding heroes and leaders, the museum highlights the ordinary Juan and Juana in offering a unique a deep understanding on the citizen participation in the country's political evolution.

"This museum is indeed the symbol of democracy that emanated in Quezon City," Mayor Bautista stressed.

The museum provides a timeline that begins with the Basi

Revolt in 1807 to the 'Million People March' in 2017.

It also demonstrates the variety of people power uprisings in the last two centuries, including the beginning of women movements, labor unions, indigenous religion-driven rebellions, and events like the walk-out of Commission on Elections tabulators in protest of election manipulation in 1986.

The museum also has collections of images, documents, and objects relevant to the Philippine democracy such as sets of wooden printing press equipment used by Katipunan revolutionaries and World War 2 guerillas, EDSA People Power memorabilia, documents of the Sakdal Movement, and the Philippine Independent Church's early materials.

The Museo ng Demokrasyang Pilipino is envisioned as a multiple site museum to be developed in several locations within QC.