

QC to acquire 300 e-trikes for local drivers

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IN A bid to promote efficient and clean technologies, Quezon City Mayor **Herbert Bautista** is set to acquire 300 units of electric tricycles to donate to local drivers.

The 37-member city council passed City Resolution 7725, authorizing Bautista to enter into a deed of donation of 300 e-trikes in support of the Department of Energy's e-trike project.

The mayor recognized the need to control and effectively manage air pollution in the city.

The city council said that based on the DoE record, five million tricycles in the country emit close to 10 million tons of harmful gases and use several billions of dollars worth of oil each year.

The measure cited the need to implement long-term solutions that ensure energy efficiency and sustainability for the present and future generations.

"A more holistic program or approach is needed to insulate the country from high oil prices and harmful effect of gases emitted by tricycles," the resolution read.

Meanwhile, the council also approved a resolution authorizing Bautista to enter into an agreement with the qualified beneficiaries of various socialized housing projects under an in-house financing scheme.

Resolution SP 7718-2019 aims to address the concerns of informal settler families who cannot afford the socialized housing projects of the city government.