

# QC OKs public mortuaries

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**B**ARELY two weeks before his exit, outgoing Quezon City Mayor **Herbert Bautista** has approved a measure that would pave the way for the establishment of a public mortuary in each of the locality's six districts.

Bautista said City Ordinance 2753 is designed to provide indigent residents with decent and dignified funeral for their departed loved ones.

The ordinance was the city's response to the requests of the poor residents for funeral home services for their deceased family members, he added.

Often, poor families were forced to hold wakes outside their homes, the mayor said.

The planned public mortuaries shall have 10 viewing rooms each.

In another development, Bautista led the inauguration of a newly constructed seven-story building at the **Quezon**

**City University**, formerly the Quezon City Polytechnic University.

The building consists of 33 laboratories and a 500-seater auditorium on the seventh floor that shall cater to the 8,600 university students.

The city-owned university has another seven-story academic building under construction and two other buildings undergoing renovation.

QCU offers five four-year degree programs—Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship, BS Information Technology, BS Electrical Engineering, BS Industrial Engineering, and BS Accountancy.

Meanwhile, The City Council,

through City Resolution 7787-2018 introduced by Councilor **Godofredo T. Liban II**, authorized Bautista to grant P1 million in financial assistance to the Quezon City Former Barangay Kagawad Foundation.

QCFBKF extends aid and assistance to the community especially to its members who are former village councilors of the city.

“City Mayor Herbert M. Bautista acceded to assist the QCFBKF in every reasonable means by granting the request of financial assistance amounting to P1,000,000 to carry out its mandate, projects, and activities,” the resolution reads.

Under the Local Government Code of 1991, the city government, through its chief executive and the city council, can provide assistance to people's organizations and NGOs for economic, socially-oriented, environmental, or cultural projects to be implemented in their community.