

DOE donates 300 e-trikes to QC gov't

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As his reign as mayor winds down, outgoing Quezon City (QC) Mayor Herbert Bautista has further initiated measures to promote environmental protection in the city. On Friday, the city government through the initiative of Bautista received 300 electronic tricycles (e-trike) from the Department of Energy (DOE).

Bautista, DOE Director III Atty. Cesar G. Dela Fuente III and QC Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) head Elmo San Diego led officials in the turnover ceremony. The e-trike project is part of DOE's program to promote energy efficiency and clean technologies in the transport sector.

Thirty e-trikes will be distributed to the city's barangays while 270 will be given to the various Tricycle Operators and Drivers Associations (TODA).

"Ang priority namin, mabigyan 'yung barangays na may kulang o wala talagang bumibiyaheng tricycle (Our priority is to provide barangays with a shortage or have no tricycles plying their routes)," San Diego said.

San Diego noted the goal is to eventually replace the 25,000 tricycles in the city with e-trikes.

"Iyon ang direction ni Mayor Bautista, ang maging green city ang QC (That is the direction of Mayor Bautista to transform QC to a green city)," he added.

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Each e-trike costs R450,000, can sit five passengers and run up to 40 kilometers when charged for three to four hours.