

Quezon City studies waste management options

Quezon City has adopted innovations to reduce and reuse waste, a fact not mentioned in the report

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The Quezon City (QC) government has introduced stop-gap measures to solve the bulk of garbage being collected daily within the city.

This, as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) named it as the top area in the metropolis that generates tons of trash.

In an interview, Ares Gutierrez, QC Public Information chief, said the DENR report is expected, because the city is the biggest in land area and population in Metro Manila.

“That is expected because Quezon City is the biggest city in land area and population in Metro Manila,” said Gutierrez in response to the DENR data.

However, he disclosed, “DENR conveniently ‘forgot’ to report the trail-blazing initiatives done by the city government to reduce and reuse these wastes.”

He added the city is constantly finding ways to improve on its waste management system, and many have recognized QC for this.

“That’s not in the DENR report,” Gutierrez added.

DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda in a recent interview said Metro Manila generates around 9.2 million kilograms of garbage per day, most of them from Quezon City and Manila.

He mentioned the top five cities in Metro Manila that generate the most waste in a single day, according to a list based on official DENR data.

Quezon City topped the list with 3,600 tons per day, followed by Manila at 1,174 tons per day; Caloocan City, 912 tons per day; Parañaque City, 634 tons per day; and Makati City, 474 tons per day