

# Quezon's 141st birthday observed

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Israel Ambassador to the Philippines Rafael Harpaz led officials in the commemoration of the 141st birth anniversary of former Commonwealth President Manuel Luis Quezon.

Harpaz led local officials in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Quezon Memorial Shrine at the Quezon Memorial Circle. He was accompanied by Department of the Interior and Local Government Undersecretary for Barangay Affairs Martin Diño, Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte and officials from the National Historical Commission. A commemorative program followed at Quezon's mausoleum at the shrine.

Quezon, acknowledged as the father of the national language, Filipino, was born in Baler, Aurora on 19 August 1878.

He received accolades from foreign leaders for accepting into the country 1,200 Jewish refugees during the Nazi holocaust.

He died of tuberculosis at Saranac Lake, New York on 1 August 1944.

Screenings of two movies related to Quezon's era were screened at venues in Quezon City yesterday. Shown were "Larawan," the adaptation of the musical based on Nick Joaquin's classic "Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man," and "Quezon's Game," which is based on the story of the Jewish refugees' flight to the Philippines.

The showings were sponsored by Mayor Belmonte and the QC Tourism Department.