

Declogging spares Q.C. from floods

Makati hardest hit by heavy rains

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Sewer and canal clean-up operations helped spare Quezon City from the floods that hit many areas of Metro Manila, including Makati City, on Saturday due to tropical storm “Ineng.”



City disaster risk reduction head Karl Marasigan credited the dredging of key waterways ordered by Mayor Joy Belmonte for the “speedy flow of rainwater in our drainage system.”

He said they took advantage of the two-week monsoon break in cleaning up canals, creeks and other waterways.

Saturday’s flood arose from the 25.6mm of heavy rain that poured from 8 to 11 a.m. or 8.5mm per hour, according to weather bureau PAGASA, citing data from its Science Garden synoptic station. The rain concentration was over the southern part of Metro Manila with 75.6mm recorded in Makati City over the three-hour period, leading to flooded streets, especially in and around Barangay Palanan.

The hourly rate of rain in Makati City was at 25.2mm, classified as “intense.”

Back in Quezon City, there were no reports of massive flooding throughout Saturday despite the heavy rains, the Q.C. Emergency Operations Center said.

Belmonte takes advantage of two-week monsoon break to clear waterways.

The city’s urban search and rescue team which was placed on standby also did not receive any distress call.

Belmonte tasked the City Engineering Department, the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department and the Parks Development and Administration Department to continue declogging, dredging and cleaning-up operations.

The city has formed Task Force 60 Days to undertake pro-active measures to “keep the city out of harm’s way,” Marasigan said.