QC launches bike lane

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The Quezon City (QC) local government unit inaugurated its 93-kilometer intra-city bike lane on May 22 making the largest city in Metro Manila accessible to cyclists.

The bike lane network traverses QC's major roads leading to major activity areas in Metro Manila such as Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon Avenue, East Avenue, and North Avenue, among others.

The city's bike lane network is directly connected to the 338-km inter-city bike lane network in Metro Manila.

It is part of the Metropolitan Bike Lane Networks project of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) under Bayanihan to Recover as One Act (Bayanihan II).

The network is expected to be completed in June with a total length of 530 kilometers and will cover cities and municipalities in Metro Cebu, Metro Davao, and Metro Manila.

QC Mayor Joy Belmonte thanked the DOTr, DPWH, and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) for their support in the undertaking.

MMDA Chairman Benjamin Abalos noted significant improvements in the metropolis due to the onepolicy approach of the LGUs and supported promoting active transportation as a sustainable, healthy, and environment-friendly mode of mobility.

On behalf of DOTr Secretary Arthur Tugade, Assistant Secretary for Road Transport and Infrastructure Mark Steven C. Pastor called on road users to abide by appropriate traffic rules. The bike lanes are seamless and interconnected to provide the cyclists full connection from origin to destination, he said.