

QC trike drivers to get P1K fuel subsidy

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QUEZON City Mayor Maria Josefina “Joy” Belmonte said on Wednesday that the Sangguniang Panlungsod (city council) has passed an ordinance that will provide P1,000 worth of fuel subsidy to over 25,000 registered tricycle drivers and operators. Belmonte initially distributed fuel vouchers to some 3,982 tricycle operators and drivers association (TODA) members amounting to P500 as her birthday treat to help alleviate their burden following the unprecedented spike in fuel prices.

The distribution of fuel vouchers will continue in the following days, she said.

“While we are waiting for the fuel subsidy promised by the national government, we recognize the urgent need to help one of the most vital transportation sectors in our city,” Belmonte said.

The city government said the city council led by Vice Mayor Gian Sotto passed the measure introduced by Councilor Franz Pumaren.

Qualified tricycles-for-hire shall receive the subsidy in the form of a fuel voucher which will be distributed by the QC Task Force for

Transport and Traffic Management through the Tricycle Regulatory Division.

Meanwhile, the mayor encouraged QC citizens, especially motorists, to avail of free rides under the “Q City Bus System” in light of soaring fuel prices.

Launched during the Covid-19 pandemic, QC’s bus system provides free rides to all commuters and continues to operate in eight routes, namely Route 1: Quezon City Hall to Cubao; Route 2: Quezon City Hall to Litex; Route 3: Welcome Rotonda to Aurora Boulevard/ Katipunan; Route 4: Quezon City Hall to Gen. Luis; Route 5: Quezon City Hall to Mindanao Avenue via Visayas Avenue; Route 6: Quezon City Hall to Gilmore; Route 7: Quezon City Hall to Ortigas Ave. Extension; and Route 8: Quezon City Hall to Muñoz.

The buses ply their routes every day from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

“Let’s take advantage of this bus augmentation program, which adopts an efficient mode of transportation to ease traffic congestion and lessen the transportation expenses of commuters,” the mayor said.