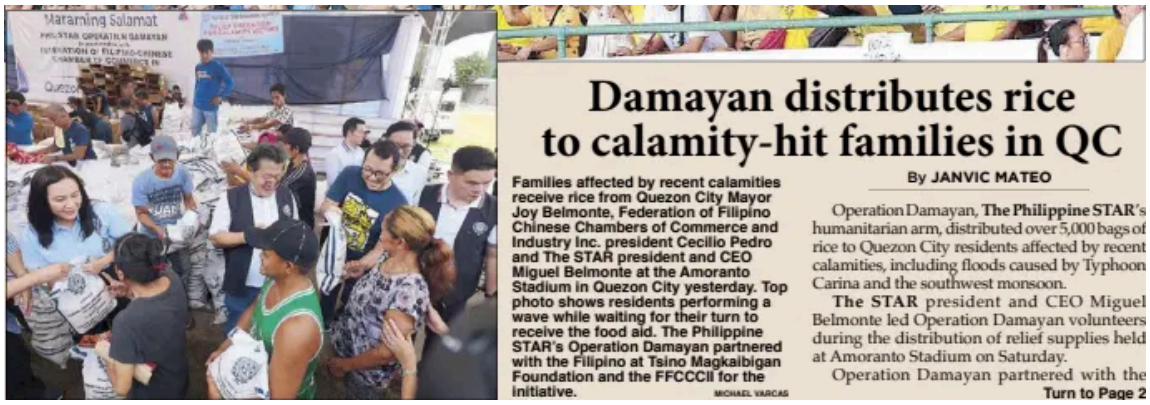
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Damayan distributes rice to calamity-hit families in QC

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Operation Damayan, The Philippine STAR's humanitarian arm, distributed over 5,000 bags of rice to Quezon City residents affected by recent calamities, including floods caused by Typhoon Carina and the southwest monsoon.



The STAR president and CEO Miguel Belmonte led Operation Damayan volunteers during the distribution of relief supplies held at Amoranto Stadium on Saturday.

Operation Damayan partnered with the

Federation of Filipino- ChiChi-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and andand Industry Inc. (FFCCCII) and the Filipino at Tsino Magkaibigan Foundation for the initiative.

Mayor Joy Belmonte, who also joined the distribution, expressed expressed gratitude to Operation Damayan and the FFCC-CII for the initiative, which benefit residents from the city's fourth district, including Tatalon, Damayan Lagi, Kalusugan, Kristong Hari and Roxas.

Five barangays in District 2 — Batasan Hills, Bagong Silangan, Payatas, Commonwealth and Holy Spirit — also received rice.

"Thank you, Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce in Industry Inc., for donating all the rice and noodles, and The STAR for organizing and assisting in the distribution," she said. "Your help will really help our residents."

The Belmontes were joined by FFCCCII president Cecilio Pedro, as well as volunteers from The STAR and Filipino at Tsino Magkaibigan Foun--dation, which is composed of 30 major Filipino-Chinese businesses and civic and cultural organizations.

The STAR launched a relief and rehabilitation drive in July following the devastation brought by typhoon Carina, which enhanced the southwest monsoon and caused widespread flooding in Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

It earlier conducted relief operations in Barangay Bagong Silangan, also in Quezon City, where over 1,000 res-idents received food packs and other essential goods.