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MESSAGE

The Quezon City Press Club has always been a partner of the city government in our efforts in providing the greatest good to the greatest number of people for years, which meets our accolade.

It is in this respect that,I extend my felicitous congratulations to the officers and members of the QCPC on the occasion of your 10th Manuel Luis Quezon Bantayog Awards in honor of the city's six most outstanding councilors whom I also congratulate.

The city government's transparency will effectively maximize its efficiency and responsibility to the needs of the Quezon City constituents and make the people more aware of our undying quest for socio-economic upheaval.

I therefore salute the QCPC for the inspiration they give to the city council encouraging them to tirelessly perform their task of legislating laws and ordinances up to the best of their abilities for the benefit of their respective districts and our city as a whole.

All the councilors deserve to be awarded although only six have to be chosen as the recipients of this year's Bantayog Awards. Nevertheless, I am confident the city council will continue to reap praises for the daunting tasks they have successfully hurdled and will continue to face.

Again, congratulations and MABUHAY!

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ISMAEL A. MATHAY JR.
City Mayor

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Time flies swiftly as we note that a decade has already gone by since the launching of the Manila Luis Quezon Bantayog Awards by the prestigious Quezon City Press Club (QCPC).

I cannor help but reminisce the first Bantayog awards having been chosen as one of the outstanding councilors of Quezon City and elevated to the Hall of Fame after obtaining the award for three (3) consecutive years.



The initiative undertaken by Quezon City Press Club would certainly improve the performance of our local officials and in the process produce favorable results.

Let me therefore congratulate the Quezon City Press Club in its continued quest for the search outstanding councilors on the 10th year anniversary year of the Manuel Luis Quezon Bantayog Awards.

Reynaldo Calalay
Representative
1st District, Quezon City

Republic of the Philippines
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Quezon City, Metro Manila

To the officers and members of the Quezon City Press Club (QCPC), my congratulations and solidarity on your publication of the Manuel L. Quezon Bantayog Awards Souvenir Magazine!

Let me also take this occasion to the cite the Quezon City Press Club for its commitment to pursue excellence in the media profession. Through the years, the QCPC has shown and proven that it can become a potent factor and partner in bringing about development and progress to Quezon City.



As your Representative in Congress, you can count on my advocacy and commitment to help transform Quezon City into becoming the country's ``premier city of the 21st century``, and with the QCPC as partner, I could not see any reason why our beloved city will not prosper.

Together with my family, I wish everyone in your organization a fruitful year of service and activities. And if you encounter steep challenges and trials which weaken and discourage you along the way, i say:

``DON'T EVER GIVE UP...PRAY. IT WORKS.``

May your organization grow not only in years, but also in number! Mabuhay tayong lahat!

Greetings from:
Rep. Dante V. Liban and wife, Marvina
"Baby" and children, Jing-Jing, Cheekee, Kring-Kring, Lucy & Carlo

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I extend my felicitous congratulations to the officers and members of the QUEZON CITY PRESS CLUB on the occasion of your 10th Manuel Luis Quezon Bantayog Awards. Likewise, congratulations to the councilors who will be this year's awardees in recognition of their outstanding performance.



The Q. C. Sports Development has achieved great strides in the field of sports and this would not have been possible without the wholehearted support of the city council who are diligently striving to improve the living conditions of their respective constituents.

For all the efforts the councilors have exerted for the good of their constituents, I join the QCPC in honoring the awardees with this year's Bantayog Awards which I believe each and everyone of the councilors deserve.

To the QCPC, remain a partner of the city government in its mission and vision to make Quezon City lead the nation in our uphill climb towards socio-economic progress.

MABUHAY KAYONG LAHAT!

SIMPLICIO A. MATHAY

Executive Director

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Republic of the Philippines

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Quezon City, Metro Manila

Warmest greetings to the members of the Quezon City Press Club (QCPC) on the occasion of its annual Manuel Luis Quezon Bantayog Awards Night on October 20, 2000.

The media occupies an essential role in the nation-building. It is the vital source of information by which our people can make more balanced decisions and in the process, significantly enhances empowerment by giving our people an opportunity to wiegh policy options. More importantly, it is the overseer of the performance of public officials, a function and responsibility which promotes checks and balances and strengthens accountability.



In this regard, the QC Press Club's decade-old program of recognizing the outstanding city councilors is a commendable activity. By acknowledging the vital achievements of our local legislative body and its members, our people will be more acquainted with our government's program, prjects and activities.

Let me also congratulate the officers of the QCPC, led by the President, Jing Villamente, for organizing this meaningful activitiy. Ten years of service serve as an inspiration to fortify the gains of the past and reflect on our objectivies and inspirations. The prescence of responsible press clubs like yours greatly healp in making our democracy more vibrant and participatory.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

REP. FELICIANO BELMONTE, JR.

Representative

4th District, Quezon City

Republika ng Pilipinas

Lungsod Quezon

TANGGAPAN NG PANGALAWANG PUNONG LUNGSOD

(OFFICE OF THE VICE MAYOR)

Message

Congratulations to the Quezon City Press Club (QCPC) for unfailingly pursuing for the past ten years the tradition of granting the Manuel L. Quezon Bantayog Awards to the "Six Outstanding Councilors of Quezon City".



Where I am today, I owe in part to the Bantayog Award and the QCPC. Having been an awardee thrice over during my days as a City Councilor, and ultimately a recipient of the much coveted Hall of Fame Award, I had to strive for excellence and dedication in public service to measure up to the rigors and demands that the Award invariably entailed.

The Bantayog Award aims to give credit where credit is due. This certainly makes sense because as a pundit once said, "merit begets confidence, confidence begets enthusiasm, and enthusiasm conquers the world."

Mabuhay ang QCPC!

CONNIE ANGELES

Vice Mayor

Republika ng Pilipinas

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SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

(CITY COUNCIL))

Message

As I end my third term as a City Councilor of the Fourth District of Quezon City, the Quezon City Press Association will bestow upon deserving City Councilors the 10th. Manuel Luis Quezon Bantayog Award. I take this opportunity to thank the QCPA for granting me the Bantayog Award last 1993 and on two other successive occasions, the 1996-1997 and 1997-1998 awards elevating me among those who have taken their coveted place in a Hall of Fame for exemplary services as a local legislator. These mear -tended to me for the services I have rendered my constituents in the Fourth District and Quezon City as a whole were inspiring factors that drove me to double my effort in performing my duties as an elected alderman of the City.



I enjoyed the Quezon City Press Association to continue in its yearly search for deserving Quezon City Councilors who value community service over and above social and political fame for I am very sure that the Bantayog Award will always be a driving factor for Quezon City Councilors to excel in the performance of their duties.

Long Live Quezon City Press Association and Mabuhay.

Ramon G. Mathay

City Councilor

The History of the Manuel Luis Quezon Bantayog Awards

By: Nelson F. Flores, QCPC

The Manuel Luis Quezon Bantayog Awards, just like any other awards, has always been the subject of controversy, not only among the members of the Quezon City council but the awards giving body itself, the then Quezon City Press Association and subsequently the Quezon City Press Club.

In 1988, veteran commentator of Radyo ng Bayan Nick Tolentino and Manila Times' Orly Ortiz conceived of the award as an incentive to government legislators to perform well in their chosen field. Unlike in other award giving bodies of the fourth estate, Quezon City based reporters give recognition to the great deeds of local legislators and not their follies.

Winning the MLQ Awards for three consecutive years was the key to the prestigious MLQ Hall of Fame but the rule was changed in 1998 to give justice to those who wins the award in their last term. As long as a candidate wins the award three times, entry to the prestigious Hall of Fame is automatic.

Further amendment of the rule was made in 1998 when for the first time newly elected councilors were given the Ismael Mathay Sr. Most Promising Councilor Awards.

Since then a number of awardees have proved that the recognition bestowed on them is truly worthy of their person and character. The likes of Councilors Reynaldo Calalay, Dante Liban and Michael Defensor have become some of the country's controversial lawmakers while Fe Consuelo Angeles became the city's second top executive official.

Other awardees like Francis Pangilinan, Alice Herrera, Jose Paculdo, the late Guillermo Altuna, Moises Samson, Emilio Tamayo, Alberto Galarpe, Wilma Sarino, Nanette Castelo Daza, Victor ferrer, Winston Castelo, Fresca Biglang Awa, Marciano Medalla, Godofredo Liban III, and Ramon Mathay have become leaders in their chosen fields.

The years 1990, 1991 and 1992 saw the suspension of the holding of the Bantayog awards due to the load of work that reporters had to contend when Mt. Pinatubo erupted. It was also during these years that a coup watch became favorite pastime of reporters way due to the several attempts of the rightist elements in the military to overthrow the duly constituted government.

In 1993 the giving of the Bantayog Awards rites was renewed and local legislators were again encourage and cited for their legislative performance.

QC: 10 YEARS AFTER

By Ria N. Araja

PRESIDENT Manuel L. Quezon dreamt one day of a premier city. In his dreams, he envisioned a city of a showcase to the nation. Ten years ago, former Quezon City Mayor Brigido R. Simon Jr. committed himself to work to fulfill this dream.

But Simon, or Jun or Junsy to his friends, was left with very little time. The 1992 local election was approaching and Simon hoped to realize his 11-point agenda, including his "Binhi ng Pabahay" or mass housing program; "Binhi ng Kabuhayan" or employment program' "Binhi ng Kalinisan" or cleanliness and sanitation program; "Binhi ng Kapayapaan" or peace and order program; "Binhi ng Kalusugan" or public health program and the "Binhi ng Moralidad" or his public morality program;

Still, time was too short for a man who aimed so high. Simon, an elected mayor on Feb. 2, 1988, lost to Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr. in the polls.

Heeding the call of the youths, Mathay vowed to make education as his centerpiece program.

At present, the city boasts of the largest public school system in the entire country with a student population of 380,000, of which majority come from poor families. It has 48 high schools and 98 elementary schools with 9,600 regular teachers. In June this year, Mathay instructed Dr. Aquilina Rivas, city schools superintendent, to hire additional 400 teachers to arrest the problem on teacher shortage.

Through Mathay's intiatives, some 76 school buildings with 800 classrooms were constructed to reduce the ratio of teacher to student population.

In the early 90s, the Quezon City Polytechnic was put up to benefit over 1,500 students. Teachers' salaries were also supplemented by P1,250 monthly allowances, with quality of education improved.

The city beams with pride that its public schools topped the National Elementary Achievement Test and National Secondary Achievement Test for school year 1999-2000.

Mathay, in his third term as mayor, offered three condonation programs to delinquent real-property taxpayers aimed at generating revenues for the construction of more school buildings before his term ends.

In previous interviews, Mathay hoped to push for his plan to construct an underpass in front of the Sandiganbayan on Commonwealth Road in 2000. But the project was shelved because of financial constraints and objections from various sectors of society.

The national government, in cooperation with the city government, completed the Light Rail Transit Lines II, III and IV, Circumferential Roads 5 and 6; and road widening projects on Mindanao, Congressional, Luzon, Visayas and Aruneta avenues.

Among Mathay's infrastructure projects included the renovation of the Quezon City Hall building, sunken garden and waiting sheds facing the Quezon Memorial Circle on Elliptical Road; and the rehabilitation of the Quezon City General Hospital, headed by Dr. Edgardo Salud.

About 900 streets in the city were lighted up to improve the security of the 2.2 million households.

Various programs on social services, skills training for employment, scholarship and sports programs, and medical-dental missions were also expanded to reach out to the city's deprived constituents.

Under Mathay's housing program, 1,500 families were able to avail themselves of the socialized housing units called SMILE in Zabarte, Novaliches, and 100,000 families benefited from the community mortgage program, as well as 20,000 families were granted land titles in Barangay Holy Spirit in January this year.

"At the end of the day, what the people need are not certificates of lot awarding, but land titles they can call their own," he said.

In 1998, Mathay approved the conversion of a portion of Elliptical Road owned by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) into a highly industrialized site. The Ayala Land planned to invest in the construction of a mall and a first-class hotel in the area.

But former Vice Mayor Charito Planas, Quezon City Parks Development Foundation Inc. administrator, strongly objected to the transformation of the grass-filled property into a commercial site.

Several industries flourished in the city, particularly the Novaliches, Fairview and Cubao areas, contributing largely to an improved revenue collection.

The construction of the Robinson's Galleria in Maligaya Park Subdivision, Novaliches, is ongoing. The business' operation is expected to generate employment and more taxes to the city.

Mathay rode the roller coaster of a political career in his 33 years in public service.

In October 1999, Congressman Dante Liban (District II) challenged Mathay in a plebiscite that called for the separation of Novaliches from Quezon City.

Majority of the voting population rejected the cityhood of Novaliches.

"Quezon City is meant to be united, and not to be divided as what President Quezon envisioned it to be," he said.

On July 10, 2000, the 150-foot garbage pile in the Payatas dump collapsed and buried more than 200 persons alive.

Mathay was faced with conflicting points of view. While he was sued in court by some of the victims' relatives, others threw their support to him.

"Let's not keep on finger-pointing or blaming one another, instead this (tragedy) should bring us to unity," he said.

Mathay stood the test of time. He can still look into the eyes of everyone and face the public with his chin up." I am willing to face any investigating body to clear my name."

When he makes his graceful exit in this city of dreams in May 2001, to his constituents, Quezon City will never be the same again without the resilient Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr.

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Achievers inspired by the Manuel L. Quezon Bantayog Award

By *Jing Villamente*

FOR ten years, a number of Quezon City aldermen have won the prestigious Manuel L. Quezon Bantayog Award, a citation which members of the local press bestow to bring out the best from the city council by recognizing those who excel in legislating. Now on its first decade, eleven former and present council members have been elevated to become Hall of Famers for thrice winning the Bantayog awards.

The first ever to become Hall of Famer was the late Guillermo "Willie" Altuna (District IV) who bagged the award for winning three consecutive years in 1989, 1990 and 1991 as the Most Outstanding City Councilor.

Altuna, known as "Manong" in the Council, was the Darling of the press then when he became first assistant majority leader, President Pro tempore and then chairman of the Blue Ribbon Committee. Altuna got national exposure when he was chosen to be the national leader of the Philippine Councilors' League.

Since his death in 1996, city residents remember the kind of leadership "Manong" had shown.

Three council members also made it to higher public office post and still have continued to give their best in serving their constituents.

"The Bantayog Award motivates me to work and continue to serve my constituents. If our deeds were recognized, it revitalize our energy to extend more effort to serve. It's an inspiration for me to do more," said House Representative Reynaldo Calalay, who won three consecutive Bantayog Awards in the years 1990, 1991 and 1992, following Altuna as a Hall of Fame member in 1993.

Some of Calalay's notable contributions in the city included the establishment of a College Scholarship Fund for the poor but deserving high school graduates, free legal assistance to the victims of injustice, and the creation of the Public Assistance Fund that would help poor families survive the loss of loved ones.

"Pagwalang ganitong award, parang walang nagagawa ang mga opisyales ng siyudad. Pero kung manalo ka naman and was cited for your good works, tuloy tuloy ang pagnanais mong maglingkod." Calalay said, gearing up for his re-election to serve his last term in Congress.

"To be chosen as one of the outstanding councilors is enough for me to persevere more. But winning it thrice and be elevated to the Hall of Fame, it drives me more to continue serving my people." Congressman Dante Liban said.

Another council member who was relegated to the Hall of Fame and to a higher post is now the charismatic Vice Mayor Connie Angeles, who first and foremost is a showbiz personality in the 70s.

"The award helped me a lot during local elections. Kasi pag-alam ng tao na awardee ka ay tiyak na magkakaroon sila ng pagkilala na mahusay kang maglingkod," said Angeles, who won the Most Outstanding Councilor Award three years in a row.

She said that because of the award, she continued to receive numerous blessings, considering the second Bantayog award she has won as the most memorable one.

"Two months after winning the coveted local media award, I gave birth to my youngest child, Carmina, less than a week from my 38th birthday. All the blessing culminated that fateful night," the prayerful Angeles recalled.

Our next Hall of Famer is the incumbent majority floor leader, Councilor Godofredo "Godie" Liban, now on his final term.Often called by his colleagues as the "veteran legislator", Liban said the Bantayog award helped him and his family cope with the rigors of public service.

Liban, who represents the second district in the Council, also noted the award enhanced his self-esteem and confidence as it had resulted and led many people to believe in him.

"It made me and my family very respectable in our community," said Liban who rose from being a street parliamentarian during the Martial Law days and later was elected as Barangay Kagawad in Pasong Putik .

Liban hopes other council members also receive the award so that "they could feel too how hardwork is rewarded by those who truly care."

"Malaki ang naitulong ng Gawad Manuel L. Quezon Bantayog sa patuloy na pagsigla ng aking career," Councilor Jorge Banal (District III) defined the Bantayog Hall of Fame award.

Unlike others, Banal won his Bantayog not in successive winning streak because he tried to be in Congress in 1995. He won the award first in 1990 and took two consecutive Bantayog Awards in 1996 and 1997. The following year he was inducted to the Hall of Fame roster.

Along with him that year is the young lawyer of the widely known TV program "Ipaglaban Mo", Joseph Peter "Jopet" Sison also from District III.. Sison's stint as "public serviceman" was halted when he tried to run for vice mayor in 1998 against Herbert Bautista and Connie Angeles.

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Ayon kay Atty. Jun Cordova, chief of office ng Committee on Laws, Rules, and Regulations ng Konseho ng Lungsod Quezon, ang unang hakbang na ipinatutupad ay ang paghahain ng isang konsehal ng panukala sa tanggapan ng City Secretary.

Ang komiteng pinamumunuan ni Cordova ang naghahanda ng mga agenda o paksang usapin sa bawat Council session, nagpapadala ng abiso sa mga kinauukulan para ipaalam at dumalo sa pagdinig sa inihaing panukala.

Ayon kay Cordova, nakasaad sa bawat inihaing panukala ang titulo o pangalan ng naturang panukala, kabilang na rin ang mga dahilan kung bakit ninanais ng konsehal na maipasa ng konseho ang inihaing panukala.

"Bahala naman ang City Secretary kung saan niya ito ire-refer na komite ng konseho matapos niyang pag-aralan ang inihaing panukala," ayon kay Cordova na nagpahayag rin na mayroong 24 na komite ang konseho.

Kasunod nito ang pagbasa sa susunod na sesyon ng konseho upang ipabatid sa mga kinauukulan na mayroong inihain na panukala.

Sa pagdaraos muli ng Council session ay muling pag-uusapan sa "second reading" kung saan pagkakasunduan ng mga konsehal kung tatanggapin nila ang panukala.

"Sa prosesong ito pumapasok ang madugong hakbangin dahil sa pagsusuring mabuti ng panukala ay nagpapalitan sila ng mga pananaw kung ibabasura o tanggapin nila ang panukala'', ayon kay Cordova.

Hindi naman aniya maaalis ang "personalan" dahil na rin sa pagkakaroon ng iba't ibang pananaw ng bawat konsehal.

Sa oras na ang inihaing panukala ay sang-ayunan ng mga konsehal, muli itong ibabalik sa City Secretary upang ihanda ang "final draft" upang lagdaan ng "presiding officer" sa panahong naaprubahan ang panukala.

Ang bise alkalde, ani Cordova, ang siyang kadalasang tumatayong presiding officer, ngunit maaari rin naman humalili ang ibang miyembro ng konseho sa oras na lumiban ito sa sesyon.

Kasunod naman nito ay ang paghahain ng naturang panukala sa Punong Lungsod upang siyang magsilbing pinal na taga-apruba nito bagi ito tuluyang lagdaan upang maging ganap na batas.

Ngunit, kapag ang inihaing panukala ay hindi parubado sa alkalde, maaari nitong paganahin ang kanyang "veto power" upang hadlangan ang pagpasa nito at muli itong ibalik sa city secretary o kaya ay sa presiding officer.

Sa puntong ito ay mabibigyan ng pagkakataon ang naghaing konsehal ng mga kaukulang pagbabago o rebisyon sa panukala upang muli naman itong ipaabot sa alkalde para maaprubahan.

Sa oras naman na muli itong ibasura ng alkalde, may isa naman aniyang solusyon ang konseho upang maging ganap na batas na ang inihaing panukala.

"Puwedeng magbotohan ngayon ang mga konsehal upang maging ganap na batas ang inihaing panukala. Dapat ay 2/3 ng kabuuang bilang nila (mga konsehal) o higit pa ang sumang-ayon sa panukala" paliwanag ni Cordova.

Sa kaso aniya ng Quezon City, mayroon itong 26 na council members, kabilang na ang 24 konsehal na halal ng mga mamamayan ng lungsod, ang Sangguniang kabataan Federation chairman, at ang liga ng mga barangay president. ###



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at Anila Palma

"Terror sa una, malambing sa huli"

MAHIRAP maging baguhan sa larangan ng panulat, lalo na kung kapapasok mo pa lang sa isang samahan ng mga mamamahayag.

Madalas itong nararanasan ng mga baguhang peryodista kapag pumasok sila sa isang media organization.

"Noong unang pasok ko sa organisasyon ng mga mamamahayag, para akong nanliliit sa hiya dahil nasa tabi lamang ako at walang pumapansin sa akin," paglalahad ng bagitong mamamahayag.

Hindi kaila na nagkaroon ang bagito ng takot sa mga old timer na nakahalubilo nito sa samahan ng matapos ang hindi "magandang kapaligiran" na naranasan nito.

Sa mga unang araw ni Yacinth Espaldon, correspondent ng pahayagang Toro, pakiramdam niya'y sinasabuyan siya ng malamig na tubig kapag papasok siya sa tanggapan ng Quezon City Press Club (QCPC) dahil sa pag-aakalang ``terror'' ang ilang mga beteranong mamamahayag.

"Akala ko nu'ng una, masungit sila at hindi ma-reach, pero sa paglipas ng mga araw makikita mo isa-isa ang kanilang mga ugali na parang kapatid na ang turingan", ayon kay Yacinth.

Naalala ko pa nun na kapag gagamit ako ng pinakalumang typewriter na gamit ng mga bagong miyembro sa club ay bigla akong aalis kapag may lumapit sa akin na reporter kasi ang feeling ko ay mukhang pagagalitan ako".

"Umiiwas ako hanggang sa minsan ay nilalapitan na ako ni Sir Jing ng *Manila Standard* at siya mismo ang nagtatanong ng istorya ko", pahayag pa ni Yacinth.

Unang nangilag umano si Yacinth kay Rio Araja, ang beteranong reporter





ng manila Standard na siyang Vice President ng QCPC. ``Akala ko kasi terror siya at inisip kong hindi siya nakikipagusap kung kani-kanino lang, pero ang laking pagkakamali ko dahil si Ate Rio pala ang makapagbibigay sa akin ng payo na makakabuti sa aking trabaho at pakikisama sa grupo" ayon kay

Nawala lamang sa kanya ang ganitong magulong sitwasyon nang tumagal ito sa samahan at gumaan na rin ang kalooban sa kanya nang isa-isang lumalapit at nagbibigay sa kanya ng suporta ang ilang beteranong kasapi ng grupo.

"Ang pakiramdam ko ay parang batang inaaalagaan ng kanyang mga kapatid sa isang pamilya," sa pahayag pa ng neophyte journalist.

Naging mali rin ang lahat ng pananaw nito sa lahat ng dinatnang peryodista sa organisasyon na ngayon ay naging ka-biruan na nito sa bawat araw ng pagpasok sa kanyang trabaho.

Sa pananaw naman ng isang beteranong peryodista katulad ni Nick Tolentino ng Radyo Bayan, hindi dapat pabayaan at apihin ang sinomang "bagong tanggap" na kasapi ng samahan dahil pinagdaanan din nila ang sitwasyong ito.

Sinasalamin ng kalagayang ito ang panahon nang magsimula pa lamang sa "pakikipagsapalaran" nila sa mundo ng pamamahayag.

Ginagabayan din ang mga "kasisibol" pa lang na mga peryodista sa kanilang dapat gawin sa propesyon upang lumago at mas malayo ang mararating ng mga ito sa larangan ng pamamahayag sa mga darating na araw.

Ang mga baguhan sa larangan ng pamamahayag ay hindi dapat matain at sa halip ay bigyan ng buong morale support upang magkaroon ng tiwala sa sarili ang mga ito. "Balang-araw, mawawala na kami sa propesyon ito at sila naman ang papalit sa amin."

Mahirap ang maging baguhan sa isang grupo, ngunit, kapag tumagal ka na ay matutumbasan naman ito ng hindi malilimutang ala-ala ng pakikisama mula sa mga kasamahan sa organisasyon.

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Mga Unang Lokal na Batas ng Milenyo

Nina *Max De Leon at Sherie Alegre*

Sa mga naipasang ordinansa ng konseho ng Quezon City ngayong unang taon ng milenyo, nagpakita ang mga lokal na mambabatas ng kakayahan, talino at inisyatiba na makibagay sa pagbabago ng panahon.

Bukod dito, masasalamin din sa mga bagong lokal na batas ng lungsod ang pagmamalasakit ng mga konsehal sa kaligtasan at pang-ekonomiyang kalagayan ng mga mamamayan ng Quezon City.

* Ordinance regulating the indiscriminate over-the-counter selling of and disposing of subscriber information module (SIM) pack cards as a system of telecommunication by cellular phone companies and their duly authorized outlets within the geographic limits of Quezon City, providing penalties thereof, and urging the National Telecommunications Commission to immediately provide for the necessary rules and regulation in order to regulate, control and monitor the operation of such telecommunication system.

Naging laman ng mga balita dahil sa pagiging patok ng mga cellular phones ngayon. Ito ay isinumite ni Konsehal Rommel Abesamis at naapubahan ng Konseho noong Mayo 16, 2000.

Sa pamamagitan ng ordinansang ito, ang mga taong nagnanais bumiili ng SIM pack cards sa lungsod ay nangangailangang magpresenta ng identification cards bago mapagbilhan. Nilalayon ng ordinansa na makilala ang mga taong hindi gumagawa ng maganda sa pamamagitan ng cell phone. Ito ay dahil ang pagkakakilanlan ng taong may-ari ng cell phone ay nakatala na sa kanyang pinagbilhan. Ito ay umani ng papuri sa mga tao at sa mismong pamunuaan ng NTC dahil magiging isang solusyon ito sa mga krimeng nagagawa sa pamamagitan ng cell phone.

* Ordinance regulating the issuance of special use permit and building permit for the construction and operation of helitop or helipad and providing penalties for violation thereof.

Isinaalang-alang ni Konsehal Nanette Castelo-Daza ang kaligtasan ng mga residente ng lungsod sa pagsumite ng naturang ordinansa.

Ayon sa mambabatas, dapat maging mapili ang pamahalaang lokal sa pag-i-issue ng mga permit sa pagtatayo ng paglalapagan ng mga pribadong helicopter dahil sa potensyal na aksidenteng maidudulot ng mga ito. Naipasa ng Konseho noong Pebrero 8, 2000.

* Ordinance granting a ten percent (10 %) across-the-board salary increase effective January 1, 2000 to all employees of the Quezon City government, as authorized in Executive Order No. 219 dated 20 March, 2000 chargeable to the salary adjustment fund provided in the city's annual budget for CY 2000.

Lubos na ikinatuwa ng mga empleyado ng lungsod dahil sa maitutulong nito sa kanilang pang-ekonomiyang kalagayan. Ngunit naging dahilan din ng pagkadismaya ng ibang empleyado dahil tanging ang regular employees lamang ang nasakop ng pagtaas sa suweldo. Sinubok na isama pati ang mga emergency at contractual employees ngunit hindi naaprubahan. Gayunpaman, naipakita ng Konseho ang kanilang pagpapahalaga sa pinansyal na katayuan ng mga empleyado sa pamamagitan ng ordinansa. Ito ay inihain ni Konsehal Marciano Medalla at naipasa sa Konseho noong Agosto 15, 2000.

* Ordinance granting tax amnesty to delinquent real property taxpayers Quezon City from September 15, 2000 to October 15, 2000.

Sa pamamagitan ng ordinansang ito, umaasa ang pamahalaang lungsod na makalikom ng humigit-kumulang sa P100 milyong piso upang magamit sa mga proyektong inprastraktura ng administrasyon, kabilang na ang mga gusaling pampaaralan para sa 300,000 estudyante ng lungsod. Sa pamamagitan ng ordinansa na isinulat ni Konsehal Eufemio Lagumbay at naipasa ng Konseho noong Setyembre 5, 2000, ang mga hindi nabayarang amelyar ay hindi na papatawan pa ng interes. Ito ay kung babayaran nang buo ang mga kakulangan sa nasabing buwis ng buo mula Setyembre 15, 2000 hanggang Octubre 15, 2000. Dahil dito, inaasahan ng pamahalaang lungsod na gaganahang magbayad ng amelyar ang mga delinkwenteng may ari-arian dahil sa pagkawala ng interes. Ngunit ang mga ari-arian ng mga residenteng patuloy pa ring hindi magbabayad ng amelyar sa loob ng natakdang panahon ay ibibilang sa mga io-auction upang mapagbili.

* Ordinance providing for a mechanism for the full mobilization of the barangays in the protection of open spaces from the encroachment of illegal settlers.

Ordinansang napapanahon dahil sa mga trahedyang naganap sa mga lugar na kinatayuan ng mga squatter's colony kasama na ang malaking sunog sa SSS Gardens sa Barangay Pinahan at dumpsite sa Payatas. Nilalayon ng ordinansa na pakilusin ang mga opisyales ng barangay laban sa paglaganap ng squatter sa lungsod dahil sila ang direktang nakalaalam sa mga lupang tiwangwang na maaaring pagtayuan ng mga professional squatters. Inihain sa Konseho ni Konsehal Jorge Banal at naaprubahan noong Mayo 30, 2000.

Mga iba pang naaprubahang bagong lokal na batas ng Quezon City at ang mga nagsulong:

* Ordinance amending the penal provisions of all ordinance relating to waste and garbage collection disposal and littering such as, but not limited to Ordinance No. NC-106, S-89, Ordinance No. SP-111, S-93, prescribing a uniform and graduated penalties therefor and deputizing the elected barangay officials to help the implementa

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'BINUSALAN', 'DI INURUNGAN NI MATHAY

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TILA hindi nakaporma at nabigo ang mga nanamantalang pulitiko na nag-ingay at nagtangkang wasakin ang pangalan ni Quezon City Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr. sa isyu ng Payatas tragedy makaraang tapatan ng alkalde ang maaanghang na pagbatikos ng tapat na panunungkulan sa lungsod.

Binusalan ni Mathay ang mga mapanirang pulitikong ito - karamihan ay umeksena lamang sa tragedy site - matapos gantihan ng alkalde ang maiinit na pagbatikos sa kanya ng tapat na paninilbihan upang matulungan ang mga nabiktima sa Payatas. Pawis at tiyaga rin ang ipinalit ni Mathay sa mga ingay ng kalabang pulitiko na itinuring naman nitong mga ''kaibigan'' at hindi mortal na kalaban.

Sino nga ba ang makakalimot ? Ika-10 ng Hulyo, taong 2000. Ang na kung kailan nilamon ng basura ang may aabot sa 200 mangangalahig sa Payatas dumpsite sa Quezon City.



Dumagundong ang lupa at kasunod nito ay ang biglaang pagbulusok ng tone-toneldang basura na tumabon sa may 300 kabahayan sa squater's area ng Lupang Pangako kung saan naninirahan ang may 15,000 residente.

Unang bugso ng trahedya, umabot sa 150 patay samantalang maraming nailigtas na bumaong mangangalahig sa basura.Ilan sa kanila ay nasunog, naipit sa gumuhong kabahayan at ilan naman ay nalunod sa burak o katas ng tumabon basura.

Ilan sa mga pamilya na nabiktima ng trahedya, ay si Christopher S. Gino, 27-anyos na halos maubos ang pamilya sa naganap na trahedya.

Kabilang sa mga kamag-anak nitong nasawi ay sina Marshamae, na kanyang asawa; Rodolfo, 52 ang kanyang ama; Clarita, 51 ang kanyang ina,; kapatid na si Gina, 13; Anna Mae, 11, hipag; Eleazar Evangelista, 7, pamangkin; Raniel, 27, pinsan; Elizabeth, 26, hipag at Joshua, 2 pamangkin. Sigaw ng mga nabiktima ang katarungan. Nagkaisa at nagtulong-tulong ang mga rescuers sa pagkalkal sa basura upang sagipin pa ang nalalabing may buhay pa o makuha man lamang ang mga labi ng mangangalahig na natabunan.

Maraming dumating na pulitiko ngunit matapos makapagbigay ng tulong ay sinamantala nila ang pagkakataon na sirain ang pangalan ni Mayor Mathay.

Sa naganap na trahedya, marami ang sinisi sa pagkamatay ng may 210 katao sa gumuhong dump.

Mga squatter nga ba o si Mayor Mathay, na humarap ng napakaraming pagbatikos dahil sa umano'y kapabayaan kaya't gumubo ang Payatas dump, ang dapat sisihin sa trahedya.

Ayon sa mga pulitiko, dapat mangot si Mathay at ilang opisyal ng pamahalaan sa trahedya dahil taong 1998 pa ay iniutos na ng national government sa pamamagitan ng binuong Task Force for the Development of Payatas ang pagsara sa Payatas dump upang gawin na lamang itong housing site para sa urban poor.

Nakatuon ang lahat ng sisi kay Mayor Mathay, at tinanggap nito ang isa-isang pag-alma ng mga apektadong mangangalahig na ilan ay nagbigay pa ng suporta kay Mathay samantalang ang iba naman ay nagpahayag ng galit at poot sa alkalde.

Bagamat sinuong ang lahat ng pagbatikos na ito ni Mayor Mathay, hindi siya nagpa-apekto, at sa halip ay mas lalo nitong ginampanan ang kanyang trabaho sa pagbibigay ng tulong sa mga nabiktima ng pagguho.

Habang kaliwa't-kanan kung siraan si Mayor Mathay sa isyu, mas ipinakita ng butihing alkalde - ang tumatayong ''haligi'' ng lungsod - ang kanyang katapatan sa pagtulong sa mga biktima.

Labis na kinahangaan si Mayor Mathay nang siniguro nito sa mga nabiktima ng trahedya na walang hihinto sa rescue operations hangga't hindi nakukuha ang lahat ng labi ng mga biktima sa pagguho.

Hangga't hindi patag ang gumuhong dumpsite, at hanggang may naghihinagpis na kaanak ng biktima ay hindi nagdeklara ang alkalde na itigil ang rescue operation.

Dahil sa walang kapantay na iginugol na hirap ng alkalde sa pagtulong sa mangangalahig, mas lalong tumining ang ''ga-haliging'' pangalan ng mga Mathay sa lungsod na walang kayang gumiba sa kahit anong klaseng ng unos o paninira.

Hindi dahil si Mayor Mathay ay ang ama ng lungsod, kungdi dahil sa naipakita nitong tapat na pagbibigay ng serbisyo-publiko sa taumbayan.

Kaya nga nang matapos ang trahedya, mabilis na naglaho rin ang ingay ng mga pulitiko ngunit nananatiling nakatayo, taas noo pa ang alkalde ng lungsod. Walang tinalikurang responsibilidad, wala ring kinatatakutan at mas lalong walang inurungan.

GREETINGS TO:

Quezon City Press Club and Bantayog Awardees



from

REP. FELICIANO "SONNY" BELMONTE & FAMILY

A DAY IN A LIFEOF A QCPC MEMBER.

By *Michael Punongbayan*

Some people would think that journalists live extra-ordinary lives because of the glitz and glamour of the profession, the challenges that entail the job we reporters proudly call special.

Well, personally I think that it's a life that's quite just like the ordinary as any other work. But then again, I'd rather tell you the story first and let you decide for yourself.

A regular day for a Quezon City Press Club member doesn't begin inside the office; it starts when you find yourself walking briskly at the QC Hall grounds trying to reach the office before the clock strikes twelve. You have to do this or else you certainly won't find any lunch on the table and chances are you'll starve for the whole afternoon before you write a story. If you're lucky, you arrive at the QCPC office to look for food and getting it. Food in the office, by the way, is gone by 1 in the afternoon after being wolfed down by other reporters, like myself.

After having your fill with the day's dish, you now realize that you're inside the office with the staff and some occasional early morning members who somehow made it earlier than you did. This brings about a smile. Thirty minutes later, there are about five people inside the QCPC office. The air-conditioner is humming while the computers are deserted and nobody seems to care at all.

Now, the QCPC office has a certain degree of peace in it; you can just relax and scan the morning papers to see what could be the best angle on your follow up story. One by one, other reporters, both print and broadcast, arrive and you suddenly find yourself in an overcrowded room. And as people come in and out of the office, you are now breathing heavily and feeling nauceous. You've suddenly become claustrophobic.

You then glance at the clock and could not believe your eyes. It's already 3 p.m. and you haven't even done anything. You don't even have the slightest idea what you are going to write about for the day. So what are you going to do now? The word "deadline" now seems to have much dreadful and literal meaning for you since you'll be dead if you don't start working on something soon.

Soon you find yourself in front of the computer monitor, staring at the words you pretend to understand while your fingers continuously tap on the keyboards for the right letters. Due to the lack of computers to be used to write your article, we are only allowed 20 minutes to do a story despite all the overwhelming noise surrounding you. You do your story as both the television and radio is turned up on and everybody's talking in unison.

n the middle of all these chaotic scenes, you suddenly remember that you make a phone call. You look at the phone and see other reporters making a dozen or two calls to their sources, to other reporters, or to their editors. "Forget the phone call. I'll do it tomorrow," you tell yourself to calm you down.

By now, you every time you check the time your hands become more shaky than as you start writing. Nonetheless you finish the story and now it is time to line up for the fax machine to send your story to your paper. Why is that the fax machine appears to be so slow just when you want to speed up? Now you really going nuts as you try to stay calm and just to remain sane. Somehow, in the course of it all, work gets done and you find yourself at peace again. It's 5:30 p.m. and you've finished your stuff after three hours of hard work.

So there they are, your colleagues, the same ones you have actually ignored a few hours ago, are now the ones you are chatting and exchanging notes with. "Work" is now over. That about rounds up the daily routine. Like I said, "ordinary". An ordinary day spent with ordinary people with ordinary lives.

It's now to have some fun with your friends. Did I say fun? Well, that's an entirely different story and I suppose you'll have to wait for next year's 11th QCPC Bantayog Awards. I promise to tell you the rest of the story then.

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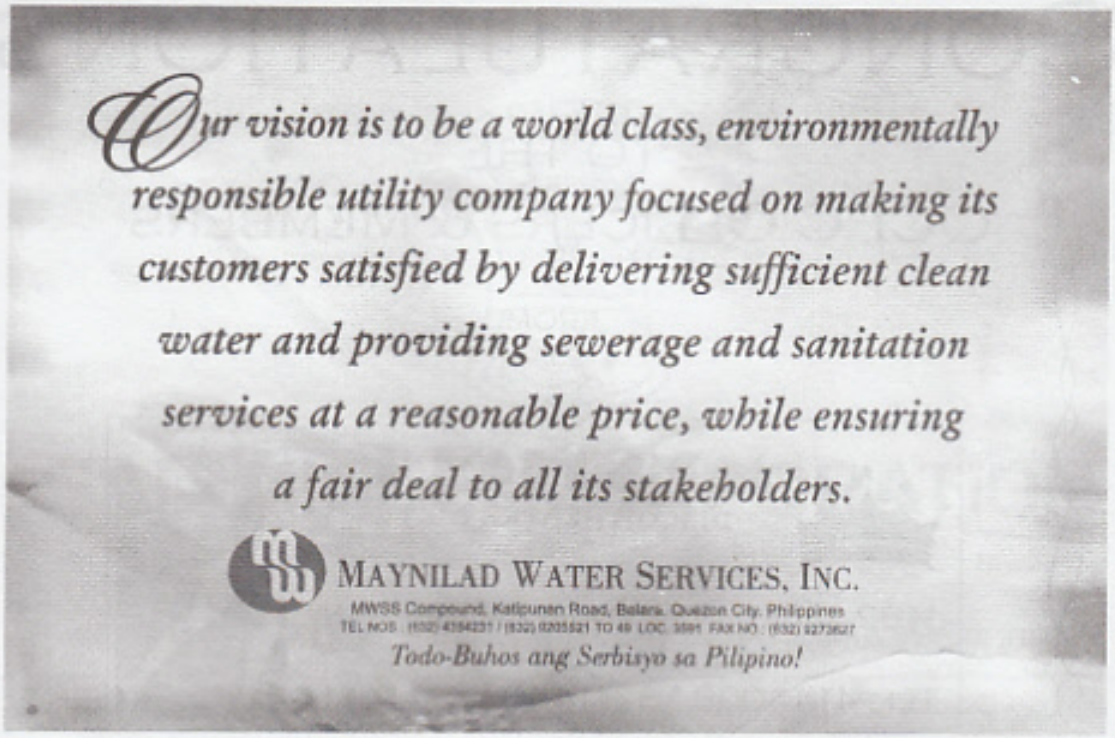

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* Ordinance mandating that trucks and other means of transport with cement mixers or otherwise loaded with wet cement should provide for a means to prevent cement drippings from falling on the roads and streets of Quezon City and providing penalties for violation thereof. konsehal Elizabeth Delarmente, naaprubahan noong Hunyo 20, 2000.

* Ordinance prohibiting security guards and other similar persons or personnel of subdivisions or villages in Quezon City from requiring drivers of motor vehicles to deposit their driver's license before they are allowed entry to said subdivisions or villages and providing penalties thereof. Konsehal Jorge Banal, naaprubahan noong Pebrero 8, 2000.

* Ordinance amending Section 39 (imposition of tax) of Article 15 (amusement tax on admission fees) of Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-91, S-93 otherwise known as "The Revenue Code of 1993" in order to reduce the amusement tax being imposed on live shows. Konsehal Rommel Abesamis, naaprubahan noong September 12, 2000.

* Ordinance declaring the 27th day of July of every year the foundation day of the Iglesia Ni Cristo (INC) as "Araw ng Iglesia ni Cristo" in Quezon City. Konsehal Anthony Castelo, naaprubahan noong Pebrero 8, 2000.

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Achievers... From P.10

"It was a tough fight. But being a Hall of Fame I considered myself already a winner. For that I will continue to serve whether in public or private office," said Sison, now eyeing a seat in Congress come 2001 election.

Year 1999 saw the birth of four other members of the Hall of Fame with the entry of councilors Fresca Biglang-Awa (Distric II) , Ramon "Bu" Mathay, (District IV), Marciano "Marcing" Medalla (District II) and Nanette Daza (District IV) who all won consecutively as Outstanding Councilor for the years 1996, 1997 and 1998.

All of them are last termers but they are one in saying that being a member of the Manuel Luis Quezon Bantayog Hall of Fame is like graduating with flying colors and honors.

This year, not one from the present crop of council members failed to enter the Bantayog Hall of Fame. All of them had to work and keep on collecting Outstanding Councilor awards.

So keep on giving your best guys, as long as the QCPC is here, you should remember you are being evaluated on how you save your position.

But think also that your acts will be rewarded each year so that he will eventually become a Hall of Famer. ###

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AKO'Y NANINIWALA SA:

1. Isang pamahalaan para sa mga mamamayan na tumutugon sa pangangailangan ng mga tao;
2. Isang maunlad na ekonomiya dulot ng maunlad na agrikultura na nagbibigay ng kabuhayan at mga oportunidad sa hanapbuhay para sa lahat;
3. Isang sambayanang may mataas na pag-papahalaga sa kaugalian at kulturang Filipino;
4. Isang pamahalaang sumusuporta at tumutulong sa pagkakaroon ng kapaligiran na tumutugon sa paglago ng ating ekonomiya;
5. Isang pamahalaang nagbibigay prayoridad sa imprastruktura at mga kagamitang pang-komunikasyon sa mga kanayunan;
6. Isang pamahalaang patuloy na nagsisikap na mabigyan ng libreng edukasyon at mga pagsasanay bilang paraan ng pagbibigay ng pantay na oportunidad para sa lahat;
7. Isang programa kung saan ang kalidad ay isang paraan ng pamumuhay upang makamit ang produktibidad sa lahat ng uri ng pagsisikap;
8. Isang mapagkompetensiya at malayang pamilihan upang mapaunlad natin ang ating mga sarili at ang ating mga produkto upang tayo'y makalaban sa pandaigdigang pamilihan.

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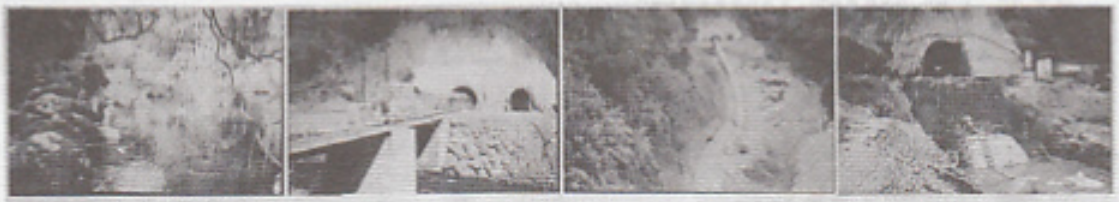


UMIRAY-ANGAT
Tunnel-Aqueduct Project

The UATP, the Administration's water supply flagship project implemented by the Metropolitan Waterworks & Sewerage System (MWSS). The project increased available water supply by 800 million liters per day (mld) for some 2.2 million people and will increase power generation by 122 megawatt hours / year for the Luzon and Metro Manila Grid.



Department of Agriculture's performance for the first semester

The Department of Agriculture has continued to focus its efforts and resources to attain food security and poverty alleviation under the administration of Secretary Edgardo Angara. In its first semester's programs, the department highlighted various accomplishments that benefited the marginalized sectors of society.

- The Agrikulturang MakaMASA - Rice, a foreign-assisted project, rehabilitated 37,328 hectares of agricultural land in the countryside and generated some 6,418 hectares of new lands.
  Angara instructed the National Irrigation Administration, DA's attached agency, to construct seven water impounding projects that serviced 578 hectares, 108 small farm reservoirs to 108 hectares, and 409 shallow tube wells to 1,277 hectares. At least some 364,739 farmers benefited from the programs.
- The Agrikulturang MakaMASA-Corn boosted the yellow and white corn production with a total harvest of 432,729 MT in an area of 90,397 hectares. Some 114 pilot farm clusters and six farm cluster development plans were formulated.
  While demo farms totaling to 696 were put up in 646 cooperators, the DA conducted 208 trainings on farm clusters farmer field schools, a four-month LGU-managed non-formal participatory and experimental training on corn production and post-harvest technologies, with 5,681 participants.
- The Agrikulturang MakaMASA-Livestock financed credits to some 155 farmers under the multi-livestock development loan program and distributed 3,432 heads of cattle animals to 362 farmers, eight cooperatives and 220 local government units and non-government organizations.
  About 9,000 children and 7,132 malnourished children were fed by the national milk feeding program.
  The agriculture department eradicated the foot-and-mouth disease among 61,321 heads of animals and other diseases among 813,205 animals in 37 provinces.
  Apart from this, the program produced more than 5,000 offsprings.
- The Agrikulturang MakaMASA-High Value Commercial Crops extended loans assistance to 27 cooperatives, held national and regional trade fairs, 16 market linkages and 16 agribusiness clinics, and facilitated 43 market matching for commercial crops.
- The department strengthened support assistance by conducting training courses on fruit, vegetable and other crops production technology and processing, and distributed 481,035 assorted seedlings.
- The Agrikulturang MakaMASA-Fisheries produced 46 million high-quality tilapia and carp fingerlings and to fishermen, cooperatives and LGUs.
- Areas covered by lahar in Cabalantian, Bacolor, Pampanga were converted into pilot areas of aquaculture. Seaweed test planting sites in Lupon, Davao Oriental, Malalag and Sta. Maria, Davao del Sur were put up.
- To arrest the red tide phenomenon in critical areas, the DA conducted 223 monitoring activities and always issued bulletins for public safety and protection of seafood consumers.

The DA also filed charges of illegal fishing before the Sangguniang Bayan of Cuyo, Palawan after it apprehended three commercial boats.

With Angara's efforts, the DA continued its operation of eight regional fish port complexes and four municipal fish ports with a total volume of 128, 612 MT.

Training and extension services were initiated on various aspects of fisheries for 15,651 fishermen-participants.

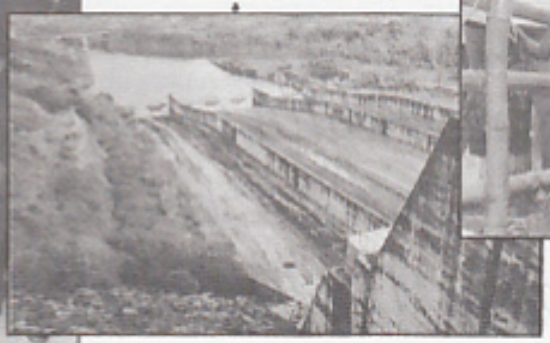
Some 129 schoolchildren of fisherfolk at accredited fisheries schools were granted scholarships.

Resource and social assessments were done by research institutions in Lingayen Gulf, Honda Bay, Puerto Princesa Bay, Sapian Bay, Davao Gulf, Gingoog coastal resource management plans in these bays.

Fish sanctuaries were established in 22 municipalities, as well as mangroves rehabilitated.

With these achievements, Angara is on top of the situation of food security that is of great concern to more than 70 million Filipinos.







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A LETTER OF THE ALLIANCE OF QUEZON CITY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. TO MAYOR ISMAEL A. MATHAY JR.



Hon. ISMAEL A. MATHAY, JR.
Mayor
Quezon City

Dear Mayor,

Thank you very much. With your leadership, the irritant that has been causing us (me particularly) sleepless nights, has finally been disposed of by the city council last Tuesday with their approval on second reading of the P.O. 2000-45 of Mike Planas.



Commendable are the following members of the Honorable Council for the extra effort they exerted for an acceptable solution to the concern of our subdivision residents for their health, safety and security of our communities:

To Majority Floor Leader Godie, who early on had taken the cudgels for us and who saw to it that all Councilors (except 2?) would be present during the Tuesdays crucial council session, and who, seeing that we in the gallery had been patiently waiting for our P.O. 2000-45 to be taken up, moved for the suspension of the rules.

To presiding Officers Jorge and "Bu" who skillfully steered the discussions and declared recess whenever needed to diffuse and shortcut long verbal arguments.

To Councilor Mike whom, early on in our campaign for the repeal of the onerous provisions of C.O. 7613, S.68 as amended, crafted a corrective ordinance and patiently listened to our recommendations for inclusion;



To Councilor Winnie and Julian, who from the start were our staunch supporters for a happy resolution of the impasse between us and some Councilors;

To Councilor Bong, who because of his concern for the welfare of his constituents relentlessly pursued another course. For finally bowing to our desire to be granted the right to regulate and collect fees for the entry and use of our roads and graciously withdrew his amendment and agreed to a compromise to allow registered organized homeowners' associations to exercise their right in order to enable them to maintain their roads.

To Councilor Bingbong, who realizing a mistake in the original wording of his amendment also graciously changed the word closed to opened.

To all honorable councilors who were present and interposed no objection and who accepted to become co-introducers of the ordinance, our grateful thanks.

Mayor, now you also can breath a sigh of relief because you do not have to look for a jail to accommodate all of us who have been violating C.O. 7613 as amended all these years. Your comadre Nene has "fled" to London to escape. She can now come back to Quezon City. I am sure she will be happy to know about this turn of events.

Again thank you! Mabuti na lang you are our Mayor.

God Bless you.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) CONSUELO D. SISON
Secretary

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