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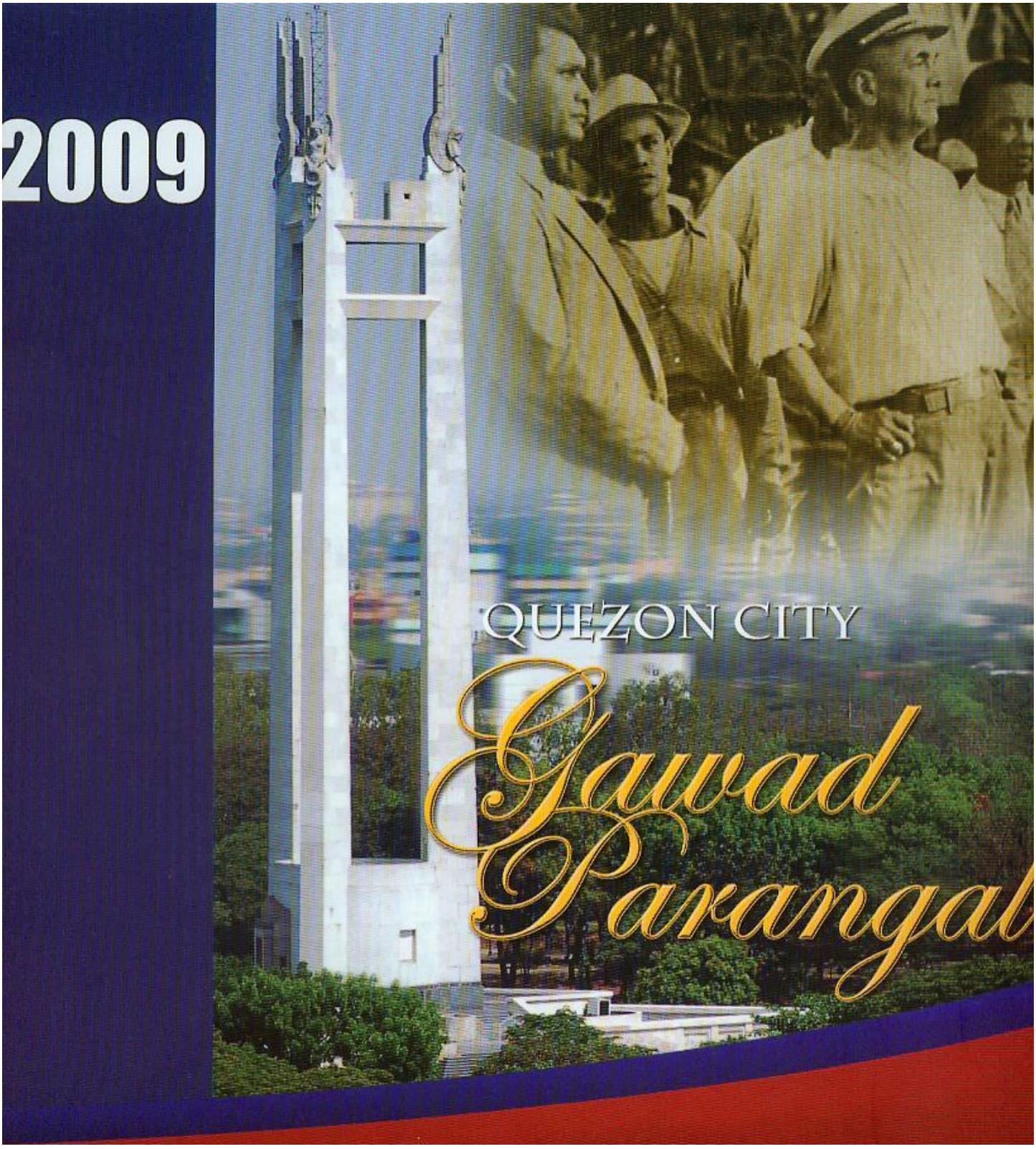

QUEZON CITY

Gawad Parangal

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QC GAWAD PARANGAL PAYS TRIBUTE TO OUTSTANDING CITIZENS

The Gawad Parangal is the highest form of recognition extended by the Quezon City government to honor its outstanding constituents who contribute to the realization of the City's vision as a Quality Community, as well as to the progress and betterment of the Filipino nation as a whole.

The Gawad Parangal was launched by Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. in 2002. Its conferment every year since then, represents the highlight of the City's Foundation Day celebration, underscoring the role that awardees play in transforming, enhancing, and improving the underpinnings of this City, and in contributing significantly to its pride of place.

They are heroes and leaders, all manner of movers and shakers, whether ordinary citizens or famous luminaries, whom Quezon City is proud to acknowledge as its residents or firmly rooted business or civic organization. They embody the spirit of our dynamic city through lifetime achievements or various acts of distinctive achievement, which benefit a community, the entire City or even the country.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

What Quezon City is and its remarkable development and social prospects are inspired and stimulated by the work of heroes who, in diversely wonderful ways, are contributing to the improving quality of life and growing stature of the City.

When we first conceived of the Gawad Parangal awards in 2002, we were moved by the youth's search for role models. While history books were rife with examples, we realized that they could more easily identify with outstanding exemplars in the modern world. Our yearly search showed that there are many such individuals and organizations. Not all were famous; others were well-known in the circles in which they served. But the common thread that ran through them was that their contributions, which were rendered with a passion for others, were extraordinarily beneficial to society.

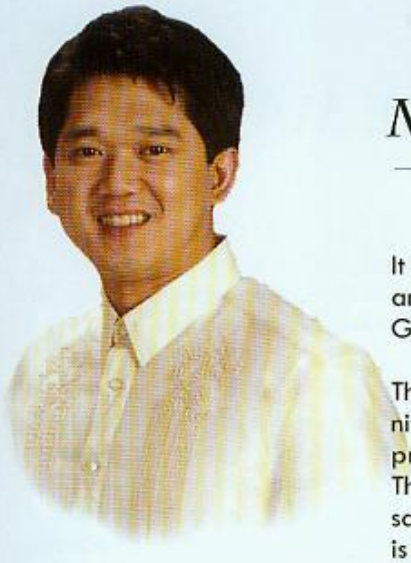
This year, the Quezon City Government honors 11 exceptional individuals whose distinctive accomplishments have few parallels. Their interests and achievements are in multiple areas –from governance to social housing, community development, to real property development, entrepreneurship, education, entertainment, and the judiciary.

We also recognize the exemplary contributions of six outstanding institutions in the wide-ranging aspects of the City's socioeconomic life. Some are moved by the fire of selfless volunteerism. Others, by a pioneering spirit. All are key movers of Quezon City; some have spread the good works to other cities as well.

On this 70th year of the City's founding, we also give tribute to Quezon City's mayors, who have contributed to the building blocks of the City's ascent in history. While all five have now passed on to the next life, each has catalyzed important milestones in the City's development, from 1939 to 1976. What would Quezon City be without them?

The 2009 Gawad Parangal is therefore both a tribute and a gesture of gratitude to all these outstanding men and women, and organizations. The Quezon City Government thanks you all!

FELICIANO BELMONTE, JR.
CITY MAYOR



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE MAYOR

It is my distinct pleasure to join Mayor Feliciano R. Belmonte Jr., other city officials and the residents of Quezon City as we salute this year's awardees for the 8th Gawad Parangal.

The Gawad Parangal was conceptualized precisely for the purpose of giving recognition to individuals and organizations who have immensely contributed to the growth, prosperity and sustained progress of the Philippines' Premiere City – Quezon City. Through their respective fields of professional endeavors, they have strived – sacrificing precious time, resources, talent and expertise, to make Quezon City what it is today.

In the midst of these trying times and indominable adversity, they have proven their mettle as proactive and constructive members of our society. They are our true champions and partners in effective governance, responsible leadership and upright citizenship.

This is neither the moment for complacency nor apathy, through their living example we reaffirm our commitment to sustain the gains of this Administration. Our mission is to establish a community that is truly worthy of our humanity and reflective future – a Future Perfect Quezon City.

MABUHAY ANG LUNGSOD QUEZON! MABUHAY TAYONG LAHAT!

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
CITY VICE MAYOR

MOST OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS



JORGE ARANETA

PIONEER METRO CENTER DEVELOPER, BUSINESS LEADER



Over the years, Cubao has become synonymous with Araneta Center. In the 1950s, visionary businessman Jose Amado Araneta had pioneered the transformation of a vast portion of Cubao into the center of commercial and residential development that it is today – a 35-hectare mixed-use facility with five million square feet of retail, entertainment, offices and residential complexes.

Like his distinguished father, Jorge "Nene" Araneta, who has taken over the reins of the Araneta Group of Companies, is continuing the family tradition and taking it to even greater heights. The Group has maintained a diverse collection of companies anchored on property development, food and leisure. Apart from the malls, theaters and the Big Dome, the Group also holds the master franchise for Taco Bell, Pizza Hut and Dairy Queen, which have over 160 outlets nationwide.

With the unveiling of the Center's ambitious 20-year redevelopment master plan in 2006, Araneta Center is poised to become the ultimate venue for shopping, amusement, dining as well as a competitive business and residential hub—truly a city within a city that's bursting with life 24/7.

For all these pursuits and more, Araneta is considered an extraordinary community leader whose success is not merely a personal triumph, but is shared with millions who are served by his business investments. He is recognized as a prime mover with respect to Quezon City's and the country's progress.

DR. GEORGE S.K. TY

BANKER, BUSINESS LEADER,
COMMUNITY SERVICE EXAMPLER,
HUMANITARIAN



In 1962, 29-year-old George Ty founded the Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co (Metrobank) together with several businessmen friends. In just a few years, the bank went international, opening a branch in Taipei in the mid-70s. In 1979, the Metrobank Foundation was established, acquiring a controlling interest in Manila Doctors Hospital.

Under Ty's capable leadership, Metrobank has grown to become one of the country's largest banks, with a formidable network of 700 domestic branches and 35 international branches and subsidiaries. Thanks to its solid reputation, it became the first and only Philippine bank allowed to open a branch in China, in the booming Shanghai metropolis.

For several years now, Ty has been named one of the Ten Richest Filipinos by Forbes Magazine. Aside from Metrobank, Ty is also behind the success of blue-chip firms like Toyota Motor Philippines, the only locally-controlled (51%) Toyota subsidiary in the world; Philippine Savings (PS) Bank; Axa Life; and the Marco Polo Hotel in Cebu; among others.

A noted philanthropist, Ty is active in Metrobank Foundation, whose programs include college scholarships and honoring the country's top teachers, policemen, and artists with the recognition they deserve. Now the Foundation is set to build the country's largest non-profit hospital with over 1,000 beds, a project which Ty calls "his biggest gift to Philippine society."

DEAN VIRGILIO ALMARIO

NATIONAL ARTIST
FOR LITERATURE, PROFESSOR,
ACADEMIC CULTURAL
ADMINISTRATOR



Virgilio Almario, better known by his nom de plume Rio Alma, is an award-winning poet, essayist, critic, translator, publisher, editor and professor – roles he fulfils with great enthusiasm and vigor. His overarching literary vision, according to his peers, is no less than the charting, verbalization, and definition of the Filipino soul.

A prolific author, Almario has proven that the Filipino language is just as capable as any in expressing with richness and sophistication as well as technical rigor, the unique Filipino thought and imagination. His works include the critically acclaimed Doktrinang Anakpawis (Doctrine of the Oppressed), Ang Makata sa Panahon ng Makina (The Poet in the Age of the Machine) and Peregrinasyon (The Pilgrimage).

The poet is also a mentor with a hunger to share his gifts. Aware of his own responsibility to the next generation, Almario supports young aspiring writers through regular workshops and consultations. He is active in the University of the Philippines, where he is not only the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters but also the director of the UP Institute of Creative Writing.

For his contributions to Filipino literature, various honors have been conferred upon him, most notably the National Artist for Literature (2003), Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) Award for Literature; several Palanca Awards and CCP Awards, two National Book Awards, and the South East Asia Writers Award from Bangkok.

DR. FLORANGEL ROSARIO-BRAID

EDUCATOR, JOURNALIST,
COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT,
UNESCO COMMISSIONER



Dr. Florangel Rosario-Braid is a noted educator and author on communication and information technology. A member of the 1986 Constitutional Commission, Dr. Braid has authored several constitutional provisions on education, cooperatives, science and technology, NGOs and human rights.

Her voluminous research at the Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication where she served as president and professor for many years, helped guide government public policy in such areas as education, social mobilization, information technology and communication, poverty and globalization and Muslim-Christian relations. She is also frequently invited as a consultant on numerous projects of the Philippine Government, World Bank, USAID and UNESCO where she served as Commissioner.

Dr. Braid is presently the Chairperson of the Committee of Culture of the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines, and the President Emeritus of the Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication. She writes a regular column for the Manila Bulletin.

For her remarkable work, Dr. Braid has received numerous awards including The Outstanding Filipino (TOFIL) Award for Literature and Journalism, Women of Distinction Award for Communication and UP Alumni Outstanding Professional Award in Mass Communication.

DR. SERAFIN QUIASON, JR.

HISTORIAN, AUTHOR,
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR,
GUARDIAN OF CULTURAL AND
HISTORICAL HERITAGE



Dr. Serafin Quiason, Jr. is an avid promoter of Philippine history and culture who has led various pioneering efforts in cultural preservation. Among his most renowned feats include obtaining the nomination for four baroque churches in the World Heritage List of UNESCO, two of which were successfully included in this list, namely, the San Agustin Church in Manila and the Paoay Church in Ilocos Norte.

For many years, Dr. Quiason was active in government service, serving as acting chairman of National Historical Institute (NHI) in 1981 and in concurrent capacity as the director of the National Library. He became NHI chairman from 1986 to 1996, during which he successfully advocated for the passage of the Flag Law (RA 8491) and the establishment of the Museum of Philippine History.

He brought honor to the Philippines by occupying positions in distinguished international councils and imparting his knowledge and expertise to his foreign peers. He served as secretary general of Southeast Asian Regional Branch of the International Council of Archives (1971-1975) and elected member of the Rome-based Advisory Council of the International Center of the Study of the Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM).

For his outstanding achievements, Dr. Quiason has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) Award in History; UP Lifetime Achievement Award; and the Palmes Academique Award by the French Government.

ANTONIO MELOTO

COMMUNITY LEADER AND BUILDER, HUMANITARIAN



Tony Meloto has become a household name in circles of local urban planners, the religious and even the corporate world. He is no premier urban planner, nor a church minister, nor a company CEO. But he sure moves people from these sectors and more to transform urban slums into decent, orderly communities where people peaceably live and raise their families.

As founding executive director of the Gawad Kalinga, Tony moves business and political leaders, non-government organizations, the religious and even volunteer individuals to help build homes for the poorest of the poor.

From these efforts sprung the vision of transforming 7,000 communities of slums into middle class villages by 2010. The target is not far from being reached as there are now more than 850 Gawad Kalinga villages all over the country, plus 100 more GK communities sponsored by major corporations. Seeing that GK really works, more sponsorships and help from companies, philanthropists, NGOs, governors, mayors and social movers keep pouring in.

More than just building homes for the poor, Tony through Gawad Kalinga empowers the seemingly hopeless families. He shows how even the penniless can have the opportunity to help themselves, by contributing their own labor and participating in improving other people's lives by helping build homes. This is the modern-age bayanihan that Tony Meloto has started.

CONSUELO SISON

HISTORIAN, AUTHOR,
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR,
GUARDIAN OF CULTURAL AND
HISTORICAL HERITAGE



A continuous learning experience and imparting oneself to others... that's how Lola Elong, a mentor, social mover and now among the 2009 most outstanding QC citizens' awardees, envisions a life well lived.

As a teacher, she was elected president of the Quezon City and eventually the NCR Public School Teachers Association, actively advocating teachers' rights locally and abroad.

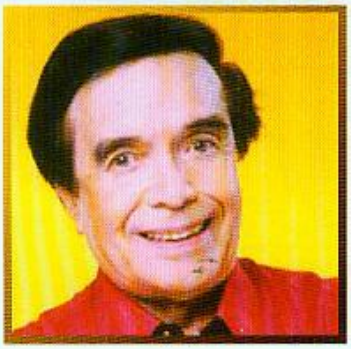
As a school principal, she faced the challenge of Quirino High School's bloated population by pioneering the 3-Day Week scheme for high school students to cope with the influx of students. The program has been replicated by other populous schools.

Now retired at 89, Ma'am Sison is more active than ever. She now chairs the Fe del Mundo Center for Children and Community Wellness. She volunteers in the Quezon City daycare program where she helps innovate teaching methods. She mentors out-of-school youths in her community. From among her students in the informal school, 13 have become successful professionals.

More than being hailed most outstanding teacher and principal, her most fulfilling achievement in life is to see her students become successful in their respective fields. To Ma'am Sison, it is planting seeds and reaping a good harvest for a more progressive country. Maybe that's why she is still very energetic to improve on her craft by pursuing a master's degree in Educational Management at the Lyceum University of the Philippines. She will graduate with her younger classmates on March 2010.

GERMAN MORENO

TELEVISION'S MASTER SHOWMAN, MENTOR TO ENTERTAINERS, TV PRODUCER



Who would have thought a former telonero (curtain raiser) and janitor would make it big as a TV personality and even maker of stars? Kuya Germs, as he is fondly called, is living proof that dreams come true with hard work and the right attitude.

Kuya Germs started as a smalltime bodabil (vaudeville) comedian until he was given a break as host of GMA Supershow in the 1970s. From then on, he has starred in more than a hundred movies and hosted a number of TV shows, including one of the most successful TV musical show "That's Entertainment" in 1986 where he mentored countless young stars who made their way in the local and international entertainment scenes.

Among the most successful stars that are products of his training are European Billboard hitmaker Billy (Joe) Crawford, US Broadway star Leah Salonga, MTV Asia VJ Donita Rose, Miss World Second Princess Ruffa Gutierrez and a number other popular stars then and now.

At present, Kuya Germs is still very active on TV with his late night show "Walang Tulugan, with the Master Showman." He also produces a number of other TV shows, while promoting artist rights and welfare through the Kalipunan ng mga Artistang Pilipino.

NELIA GONZALES

AGRIBUSINESS ENTREPRENEUR,
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR,
BUSINESSWOMAN
AND CIVIC LEADER



While many Filipinos flee to the metro in search of jobs outside their farms, Nelia Gonzales has capitalized and innovated on her agribusiness, thus helping to shape two backbone industries of the country.

She was the first to locally produce sorghum and soybeans, manufacture yeast from molasses, and open export trade for wheat by-products in Southeast Asia. She pioneered in agricultural marketing and commercial production of hybrid seeds that help farmers yield more crops.

Her efforts also helped improve the poultry and livestock industry in the country. She set the trend of importing White Leghorn chicks to boost egg production. She introduced "contract-growing," a socially-oriented concept of raising poultry and pigs. She established the country's first biological laboratory that produces supplements, medicines and vaccines for the local animal industry.

Gonzales also served in various government agencies including the Bureau of Plant and Animal Industry, the Ministry of Agriculture and two commissions on constitutional reform and investigation of media and activist killings. At present, she is the director of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

Truly, Gonzales' green thumb went beyond her backyard, extending even to the farmers in the countryside, a reason so apt for naming a hibiscus variety after her.

OUTSTANDING INSTITUTIONS



JESUIT VOLUNTEERS OF THE PHILIPPINES
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Still reeling from the effects of Ondoy, the country's need for dedicated volunteers is perhaps more pronounced now more than ever. Answering the call is JVP, a community devoted to the task of nation-building through volunteerism and faith-driven service.

For the last 20 years, Jesuit Volunteers of the Philippines volunteers have been sent on one-year missions to underserved areas, to assist and empower communities. They teach the poor, minister to the disabled and abused, engage in youth formation and leadership training, implement livelihood projects, advocate environmental issues, and fight for the rights of the oppressed.

JVP's efforts are angled on four core areas, namely, Formal Education, Alternative Education Systems, Youth Organizing, Socio-Economic Sector and Socio-Pastoral Sector.

To reach more communities, JVP also engages in training of volunteers as teachers or development facilitators; and collaborates with other organizations such as schools, parishes and NGOs that have similar pursuits.





jesuit volunteers PHILIPPINES FOUNDATION, INC.

PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL
MODEL SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Philippine Science High School began as the idea of Filipino mathematician, Dr. Leopoldo Torralba, who was then teaching at New York University. The idea materialized in 1963, when a science high school was established in Quezon City, providing high-caliber science and mathematics education to exceptional students.

From a single rented "matchbox" building with improvised facilities, the Philippine Science High School System (PSHSS) grew into eight campuses that boast state-of-the-art laboratories and equipment. Year after year, its students bring pride to the country by garnering top honors in national and international competitions in science and mathematics.

More important, PSHSS, an attached agency of the Department of Science and Technology, lives up to its mandate to help the country attain a "critical mass" of science-inclined youth who will pursue careers in science and technology.





PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RED CROSS - QUEZON CITY CHAPTER HUMANITARIAN AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE SERVICE

With 94 chapters all over the country, the Philippine National Red Cross is truly the country's premier humanitarian organization, committed to protect and provide life-saving services particularly to indigents in vulnerable situations.

For 60 years, the Quezon City Chapter has extended timely and effective responses to disasters, calamities and other emergencies that hit Quezon City and other cities in the National Capital Region. During the recent Ondoy typhoon, the Chapter extended services to battered communities by conducting rescue operations and first-aid medical assistance. It also led efforts in distributing relief goods and hot meals to homeless families who were forced to stay in evacuation centers.

On ordinary days, the Quezon City Chapter conducts regular blood-letting activities in schools, government offices and other institutions. This ensures a reliable supply of blood which is especially crucial during the dengue season.





MAX'S RESTAURANT
PIONEER DINING ESTABLISHMENT

The humble beginnings of Max's Restaurant started in 1945, just after the Second World War. When Maximo Gimenez opened a café in Quezon City as a family business, his first regular customers were mainly the American troops who came back for the tender and crispy Pinoy-style chicken. Soon, the public heard about the delicious chicken and became regular customers too.

Over the years, Max's restaurant's popularity grew and became one of the most successful casual dining establishments in the country. The "House That Fried Chicken Built" is now being managed by third-generation members of the founding family who continue to whip out classic Filipino dishes that satisfy the palate of its millions of patrons.

Max's Restaurant now maintains 121 branches, six of which are in the United States. With an eye on future expansion, the company opened its doors to franchising for the first time in 1998. The original Max's Restaurant still stands proud at Scout Tuason, Quezon City.





MOVIE WORKERS WELFARE FOUNDATION, INC. (MOWELFUND)
MODEL FILM TRAINING INSTITUTE

Founded in 1979, the Mowelfund Film Institute (MFI) is a non-profit training center that caters to the mainstream and independent film industry. Recognizing the power of film as a medium of communication, MFI was established to raise consciousness among filmmakers and audiences to elevate the quality of cinematic art and culture in the Philippines.

MFI also supports young filmmakers by providing grants and technical resources, as well as regular workshops and seminars where students actually make their own films. As proof of its excellent education program, its alumni have won awards for their innovative works in local and international film festivals.

With the support of the leaders in the film industry, MFI spearheaded the establishment of the Film Academy of the Philippines, the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB), and of the Metro Manila Film Festival to further develop and promote Filipino movies.





MOWELFUND FILM INSTITUTE

JOLLIBEE FAST FOOD CHAIN
PIONEER DINING ESTABLISHMENT

The phenomenal success story that is Jollibee started as a humble ice cream parlor in Cubao in 1975. Three years later, it incorporated as a 100% Filipino-owned company with seven branches in Metro Manila. Its menu expanded as well, with the flagship product Yumburger later joined by other bestsellers like Jolly Spaghetti, Chickenjoy, Palabok Fiesta... and the list continues to grow.

With 600 local branches and 50 international outlets, Jollibee has become the country's leading fast food chain in just a few decades. To solidify its status as food service leader, Jollibee further expanded its market coverage by acquiring Greenwich Pizza in 1994, the franchise for the international food company, Delifrance, in 1995, and Chowking in 2000.

With the establishment of the Jollibee Foundation in 2004, Jollibee has shown its commitment to give back to the community through meaningful socio-economic projects like Sa Aklat Sisikat, a reading program; Nurture the Future, a feeding program; the Values Program of the Department of Education; and Habitat for Humanity. The Foundation, by focusing on the basic empowering tools of education and values system, aims to invest in people and help them succeed in life.





HERITAGE AWARDEES

FOR PAST (DECEASED) MAYORS, FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF QUEZON CITY

HON. TOMAS B. MORATO

MAYOR OF QUEZON CITY
OCTOBER 12, 1929 TO JULY 19, 1942



Tomas Morato is known as the first formally appointed mayor of Quezon City. His appointment retroactively took effect on the very day the City was founded on October 12, 1939.

What began as his personal involvement in the efforts to establishing a new capital city as a personal friend of then President Quezon, became formal programs of growth and development for the City. He put in place a network of roads according to the first masterplan of the City – the Frost plan, despite very limited funds. He was also able to contain criminality with a police force of only 48 officers.

It was under Mayor Morato's term that the cornerstone for the Quezon City Hall was laid on November 15, 1940, during the fifth anniversary of the Philippine Commonwealth.

He maintained satisfactory health conditions and promoted the public welfare of the residents by expanding the network of health institutions under the command of the city. He promoted social justice programs through dialogues with community leaders, and providing peaple employment in government projects in the new city, to improve social and economic conditions among the poor residents.

Mayor Morato also implemented a constructive program for a sound financial position by encouraging the development of local industries.

HON. PONCIANO A. BERNARDO

MAYOR OF QUEZON CITY
DECEMBER 24, 1946 TO APRIL 28, 1949



Mayor Ponciano Bernardo was first appointed as vice mayor concurrent with being head of the Office of the City Engineer, by President Manuel Quezon.

A hard-driving disciplinarian that he was, Mayor Bernardo is remembered as the Mayor who unceasingly reminds his staff about the pursuit of the vision of the City's founding father President Quezon, who happened to be his close friend and associate. Maybe because of his background as a topnotch engineer, all public works projects were pursued and implemented with quality and dispatch.

He focused on infrastructure improvements and has significantly constructed a number of roads and bridges in Quezon City. He also initiated the construction of the first City Hall building, a more permanent structure finished in February 1948.

Mayor Bernardo also strengthened the City's police and fire departments by putting up more police and fire stations all throughout the City.

Inspired by his involvement in the development of Baguio's popular Burnham Park, Mayor Bernardo conceived of the creation and establishment of a park, which now stands proudly along EDSA-Kamuning area, a favorite recreation facility of folks living nearby.

It was also during his incumbency that a number of markets and public high schools, including the first secondary school in the City, Quezon City High School, were established.

HON. NICANOR A. ROXAS

MAYOR OF QUEZON CITY
MAY 4, 1949 TO APRIL 30, 1950

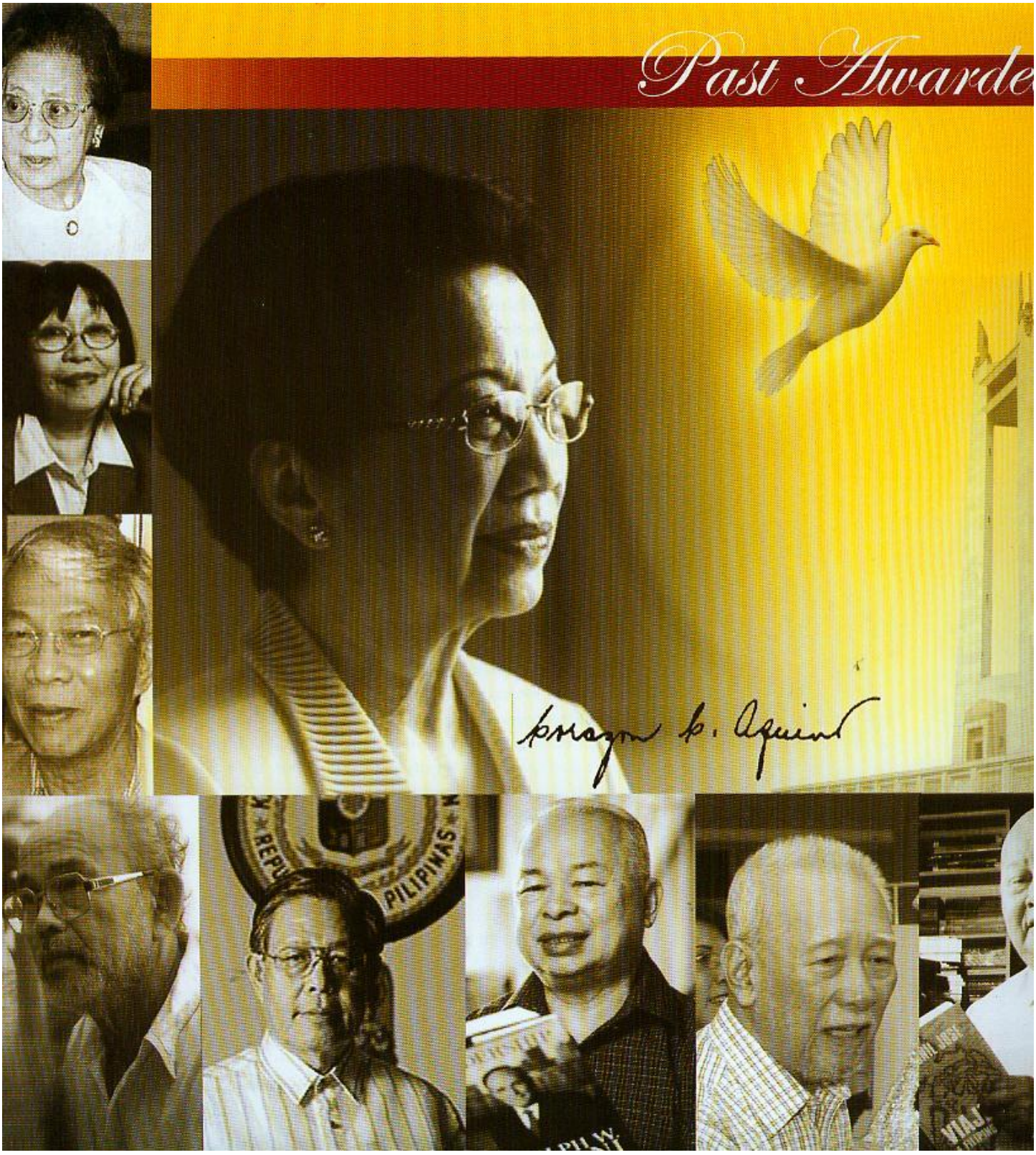


Mayor Nicanor Roxas was assistant executive secretary and concurrent undersecretary of the Department of Interior when he was appointed as acting mayor of Quezon City. These positions enabled him to gain national support for his programs in the City. He took advantage of this as he pursued infrastructure development, community development and housing, including the Roxas homesite or the Project 1 homesite for the poor.

Mayor Roxas pushed for the amelioration of impoverished masses by pioneering in organizing the barangays. His strategy was to synchronize local activities of Quezon City with national policies and programs.

It was during Mayor Roxas' term when Quezon City was inaugurated as the National Capital City of the Philippines. The ground breaking was held at the National Government Center at Constitutional Hill for a national capitol building. As physical symbol of the new capital City, the Welcome (now Mabuhay) Rotunda was erected during Mayor Roxas' incumbency.

Though mayor for just a year, he devoted his energies setting up the essential requisites for a capital city, for pursuing programs of infrastructure and social development, and for aligning City programs and policies with those of the national government that helped shape Quezon City's premiership in the country.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PILIPINAS

2008

Lifetime Achievements

Eduardo Cojuangco, Jr., Business
Justice Carolina Grino-Aquino, Judiciary
Teresita "Tessie" Sy-Coson, Business
Eddie Romero, Cinema
Bienvenido Lumbera, Literature
Jessica Soho, Journalism
Amando Tetangco, Jr., Government Service
Manuel Morato, Government Service
Dolores Cabral, Entrepreneurship
Fr. Jaime Bulatao, S.J., Science

Outstanding Organizations

National Book Store
Quezon Memorial City Park Foundation, Inc.

Special Citation

Kilyawan Boys Choir, Arts and Culture
Mr. Tony Fabella, Arts and Culture
Mrs. Norma Pacaigue, Education
PSupt. Alex Botes Sintin, Government Service

2007

Lifetime Achievements

Justice Efren Plana, Judiciary
Dr.Emerlinda Roman, Government Service, Education
Sec. Estrella Alabastro, Government Service, Education
Mr. Francisco Sionil Jose, Arts and Culture
Ms. Shirley Halili Cruz, Arts and Culture

Dr. Gerardo Sicat, Economics
Dr. Juan Flavier, Health
Mr. Dennis Orcollo, Sports

Special Citation

Amb. Ramon del Rosario, Outstanding QC Businessma of 2007
Rotary International District 3780, Outstanding QC Organization of 2007

2006

Lifetime Achievements

Justice Reynato Puno, Judiciary
Prime Minister Cesar E.A. Virata , Government Servic
Ms. Cecile Licad, Arts and Culture
Ms. Gilda Cordero-Fernando, Literature
Mr. Mauro "Malang" Santos,Arts and Culture
Mr. Rogelio Antonio, Jr., Sports

Special Merit

Ms. Odette Alcantara, Environment, Arts and Culture
Ms. Teresita Ang See, Anti-Crime Crusade
Dr. Raquel del Rosario-Fortun, Medicine
Ms. Adela Gaton, Community Work
Ms. Grace Galindez-Gupana, Entrepreneurship

Special Citation

Mr. Lucio Tan, Outstanding QC Businessman of 2006
TZU-CHI Foundation, Outstanding QC Organization of 2006
Novaliches Development Cooperative, Outstanding QC Organization of 2006

2005

Lifetime Achievements

Amb. Sedfrey Odoñez, Government Service
Prof. Napoleon Abueva, Arts and Culture
Dr. Tranquilino Elicaño Jr., DMRT, Medicine
Dr. Edna Azurin, Community Service
Dr. Fe Hidalgo, Education
Prof. Randolf David, Journalism
Usec. Rene Sarmiento, Peace and Human Rights Advocacy
Ms. Erlinda Sapiandante, Social Work
Mr. Raymund Narag, Penal System Reform Advocacy
Mr. Rogelio Antonio, Jr., Sports

Special Citation to Past Mayors

Hon. Adelina Rodriguez (1976-1986)
Hon. Brigido Simon (1987-1991)
Hon. Ismael Mathay, Jr. (1992-2001)

Special Citation

The Araneta Center, Outstanding Business Enterprise and Corporate Citizen
St. Luke's Medical Center, Outstanding Service Enterprise and Corporate Citizen
La Funeraria Paz, Outstanding Mortuary Business and Humanitarian Service Enterprise and Corporate Citizen
Gawad Kalinga, Outstanding Social Development Program

2004

Lifetime Achievements

Chairman Haydee Yorac, Government Service
Chief Justice Hilario Davide, Jr., Judiciary
Dr. Alfred San Agustin, Medicine
Ms. Maria Lydia De Vega-Mercado, Sports
Ms. Julie Yap-Daza, Journalism
Justice Leonor Ines-Luciano, Social Work
Atty. Persida Rueda-Acosta, Humanitarian and Community Service
Former Sen. Helena Benitez, Education
Dr. Jaime Laya, Arts and Culture

Special Citation

Mr. Andrew Tan, Biggest Employer and Taxpayer of QC

2003

Lifetime Achievements

Exec. Sec. Alberto Romulo, Government Service
Justice Cecilia-Muñoz Palma, Judiciary
Dr. Thelma Navarette-Clemente, Medicine
Ms. Jennifer Morales, Sports
Mr. Francisco Evangelista, Journalism
Atty. Charito Planas, Humanitarian and Community Service
Dr. Jose Veloso Abueva, Education
Arch. Eduardo Castrillo, Arts and Culture

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Pres. Corazon Aquino, Government Service
Sec. Angelo Reyes, Military Service
Justice Milagros German, Judiciary
Dr. Fe del Mundo, Medicine
Mr. Eugene Torre, Sports
Ms. Carmela Tiangco, Journalism
Ms. Rosa Rosal, Social Work
Ms. Regina Paz Lopez, Humanitarian and Community Service
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Vision

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a model of effective governance and responsible leadership,
working in partnership with the citizenry
in building a Quality Community.

Mission

To provide quality service which will make
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