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Nat'l Bicycle Day to promote bikes as transport mode

By **CHITO CHAVEZ**

Quezon City has been chosen to host the halfway stop program in the launching of the first ever National Bicycle Day on Sunday November 23.

The activity is geared towards promoting the use of bicycles as a regular means of transportation with San Juan City, Manila, Navotas, Malabon City, Caloocan City, Marikina City and Pasig City forming the north route of the bike parade along with Quezon City.

To ensure the activity's success, the National Bicycle Organization (NBO) and its partner organizers enjoined the local government units (LGU) to identify and designate carless roads within their respective localities and provide free parking spaces for bicycles in shopping malls, restaurants, hospitals, churches and office buildings.

A proposal which seeks to provide parking spaces for bicycles in malls and other similar establishments was vigorously pushed by Quezon City Councilor Allan Benedict Reyes.

Aside from Metro Manila, the National Bicycle Day will also be simultaneously launched in Vigan, Ilocos Sur, in Northern Luzon, Pampanga in for Central Luzon and Davao City in Mindanao.

A petition urging the declaration of the National Bicycle Month in November and every 4th Sunday of November thereafter as National Bicycle Day has already been submitted to the Office of the President by the DENR, through the Environment Management Bureau and the NBO.

QC Green route

Meanwhile, Mayor Herbert Bautista, who has been invited by organizers to deliver the welcome remarks, said the National Bicycle Day event is expected to complement the city government's continuing effort to mitigate the ill-effects of pollution on public health and safety.

He noted that the city government is firming up plans for the development of the QC green route that will harness the use of renewable energy sources for the city's transport sector in a bid to reduce the city's carbon footprints and improve the city's environmental quality.

Bautista has already instructed the department of public order and safety to study the proposal.

According to DPOS chief Elmo San Diego, QC is considering the use of bio-diesel, LPG and solar energy as alternative fuel sources for the soon-to-be-developed QC green route.

"What the city government will be doing is adopt technologies where we can assist the transport sector not to be heavily dependent on the use of fossil fuel," San Diego said.

May Crisostomo, who is the National Bicycle Day coordinator has called on the QC government to consider opening up additional bicycle lanes in the city to be able to connect to the bike lanes of other cities and municipalities.

Councilor Victor Ferrer Jr. noted that such a request may be difficult to accommodate easily with the simultaneous road repairs and construction being undertaken in the city.

"Even if we try to locate bicycle routes out of the construction sites vehicles will have to be re-routed in other locations. Weekends have already turned into traffic hell due to the excavation and road re-blocking being undertaken by the DPWH and other agencies," Ferrer said.

Although the public has to share the brunt of the inconvenience, Ferrer appealed to the DPWH to complete their projects on time or if possible earlier than their target completion date to lessen traffic jams.

"Erring contractors should also be punished," Ferrer added.

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QC to launch own mobile app

The Quezon City government has taken a step further toward the digital age with the launch of a new mobile application that will provide users with up-to-date information about the city.

Dubbed as QC4ME, the application – which will be available for Android and iOS users – will be launched during the State of the City Address of Mayor Herbert Bautista on Tuesday.

The app will enable users to search city maps, local news, cultural resources, events, hotels, restaurants and other relevant information about Quezon City.

The development of the app is part of the city's 75th founding anniversary this month.

Other activities lined up for Quezon City residents this month include mall-wide sales and a food festival along Maginhawa street.

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'QC Na' cooking contest

The 6th QC Na Turismo, Talenyto, Kulinarya, Atbp. held a cooking competition during the 75th year anniversary celebration of Quezon City Foundation on Sept. 20-21 at the Central Plaza, Eastwood City.

The competition was divided into two categories: The student competition and the professional competition.

The activities for the student competition were BBQ sauces and garnisheeing, plated hot and cold appetizers, cocktail mixed with flairing, fruit and vegetables carving. Meanwhile, the activities for professional competition were cocktail mixed flairing and BBQ sauces and garnishing.

The annual activity aims to promote tourism, hospitality, entertainment, education, medical tourism and culinary art by encouraging people to participate in the competition.

The 6th QC Na was hosted by Mega World Corporation, following the celebration of its 25th anniversary.

Representative of the Quezon City Tourism Council, Department of Tourism,and La Loma Lechoneros Association were present during the event.

The event was sponsored by Purefoods TJ Hotdog, Torani Syrups, Phil Barista & Coffee Academy Inc, Eastwood Richmonde Hotel, Elba, Destileria Limtuaco, Microtel Hotels, Luxent Hotel, Tune Hotels, First Gourmet Academy, Coffee Empire, Ginebra San Miguel, and Carlo Rossi, Charlie's Pritchon & Curves.

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Walk for a cause. Representing Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista, city administrator Aldrin C. Cuña, hands over to organizers of Alay Lakad 2014 the city's donation of P80,000 for the annual fund-raising at the Luneta on September 7, 2014 for the benefit of the country's out-of-school youth. Bautista mobilized city hall officials and employees, barangay executives, students from the division of city schools and beneficiaries of the city's scholarship and youth development program for this year's Alay-Lakad, which also served as kick off for QC's diamond jubilee. Witnessing the turnover is Armed Forces of the Philippines public affairs chief Lt. Col. Ramon Zagala. Also present were QC public order and safety chief Elmo San Diego and public affairs and information services office chief Gregorio T. Bañacia.

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Belmonte leads 'Handwashing Day' activities

Quezon City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte yesterday led the Global Handwashing Day celebration at the Aguinaldo Elementary School in Cubao.

Belmonte, together with Department of Health (DOH) Assistant Secretary Eric Tayag and other local government officials, participated in the activities aimed at promoting the importance of proper handwashing, especially among children.

Also present during the event were city health officer Antonietta Inumerable and Councilors Aly Medalla, Jessica Daza and Allan Reyes.

The vice mayor said teaching students how to properly wash their hands can help in achieving the millennium development goal of preventing the spread of illnesses such as pneumonia and diarrhea.

"Our thrust is prevention rather than cure because the cost of hospitalization is really high," she said.



Quezon City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte is shown with Health Assistant Secretary Eric Tayag and Councilors Aly Medalla and Allan Benedict Reyes during the handwashing activity at the Aguinaldo Elementary School yesterday.

Belmonte said the local council has approved a measure seeking the mandatory teaching of proper hand washing techniques in all Quezon City schools.

Inumerable, meanwhile, said they intend to push for the mandatory incorporation of handwashing facilities in all food establishments in the city.

During the program, Tayag taught the students how to properly wash their hands to prevent the spread of diseases. He also led a performance to encourage everyone to observe the proper technique to ensure cleanliness when hand washing.

Belmonte said they are currently coordinating with the DOH for the conduct of similar programs in various communities to teach those who are not in schools of proper hand washing techniques.

Meanwhile, the Department of Education awarded the Quezon City government with a plaque of recognition for institutionalizing the Essential Health Care Program (EHCP), which highlights the importance of improving the personal hygiene habits of children enrolled in public schools. – **Janvic Mateo**

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Friday, November 2, 2012 4

Students Urged Use Of Library

By **CHITO A. CHAVEZ**

The Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) has called on students to do their actual research in libraries instead of relying on the "copy-paste" style of gathering data.

The QCPL has linedup activities to encourage young learners to use the library and to include in their priorities the reading of books, manuscripts, reference materials, statistics, among others.

Emelita Villanueva, QCPL head, said the presence of computers is a big help in the city library's efforts to encourage people to explore and communicate with the outside world by just pushing the keys at home.

She said that the lack of interest among students to read books has driven their interests to computers games, which are sometimes violent.

To address the decline in readership, QCPL has partnered and coordinated with stakeholders to come up with a program that will encourage students to visit the library and use reference materials.

Recently, the QCPL and the Barangay Operations Center of the city government had teamed up to spearhead the values formation program among the 142 city barangays.

This aims to conduct a workshop that will teach parents on how to properly raise their children and seek their help in encouraging their offsprings to read books.

The responsible parenthood seminar with a theme: "Tamang Kaalaman sa Pagmamagulang ay Tagumpay ng Isang Barangay" is an ongoing effort of the QCPL and the BOC to instill proper nurturing and raising of kids to ensure a responsible next generation of citizens.

Aside from values formation, QCPL is encouraging barangays officials to put up a community reading center that will make available the needed reading materials to students, book lovers and reading enthusiasts within their reach.

The QCPL coordinates with school libraries within the city to provide them with basic knowledge on librarianship, and also to help them execute outreach programs such as "adopt a library program" in which they donate books and offer tutorial classes for students who have reading difficulties.

The QCPL plans a "back-to-basic-back-to-reading" strategy, to inspire students and children alike to read books, Villanueva said.

QCPL activities

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QC SK PHOTO EXHIBIT: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. is assisted by Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista and QC Sangguniang Kabataan Federation president Alexis Matias (center) in a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the opening of a photo exhibit documenting various SK programs and activities. The photo exhibit is one of several activities lined up during the city's observance of 'Linggo ng Kabataan' or Youth Week, which has as theme: 'Sama-sama sa kinabukasan... Sagipin ang Kalikasan.' Also present were Councilors Ariel Inton Jr., Bayani Hipol, Bernadette Herrera-Dy and Vincent Belmonte.

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SK Photo Exhibit

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LARGEST PARADE OF VOLKSWAGEN CARS. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. joins Rep. Matias Defensor (right), Rep. Nanette Castelo-Daza (left), Pete Morato (second from left) and Social Security System Vice President Alfredo Villasanta (background) pose for posterity with one of the Volkswagen cars that lined up in QC Hall grounds before the start of the parade to set a Guiness World Record Attempt for Largest Parade of Volkswagen Cars organized by the Volkswagen Club of the Philippines president Atty. Sam Baldado.

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QC to hold longest VW parade

Quezon City will attempt to make it on the pages of the Guinness Book of World Records when it holds the longest motorcade of Volkswagen cars next month.

Preparations are reportedly afoot to invite Volkswagen vehicle owners to the longest motorcade which is set on April 6, a Sunday, at the Quezon City Hall compound.

To date, Brazil holds the world record for having the largest number of Volkswagen "Beatle" model in the world.

The undertaking is a joint project of Mayor Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte Jr., and lawyer Sam Baldado, president of the Volkswagen Club of the Philippines (VWCP).

Owners of different Volkswagen models from various provinces and cities all over the country, including Pangasinan, Baguio, Isabela, Batangas, and Metro Manila have manifested their intention to join.

Participants will have to register and given sticker or number at the QC Hall as early as 4 a.m. before the motorcade proper at 7 a.m.

Mayor Belmonte who will lead participants will be driving a Volkswagen car bearing sticker No. 0001. He said his first car was a Volkswagen.

Doy Bondoc, past president of VWCP and chairman of the organizing committee, said "Brazil is tough to beat in this category since it's the leading manufacturer of Volkswagen, that's why we decided to shift instead our attempt to parade different Volkswagen models."

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Well-read learners. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte (fourth from left) and Quezon City council Majority Leader Ariel Inton (center) of the fourth district, distribute textbooks for schoolchildren of the UP Campus Daycare Center on the 31st UP Campus Barangay Foundation Day. Receving the textbooks are Barangay chairman Isabelita Gravides with Kagawad Encarnacion Kampitan (right).

QC Council-activities (book donation)