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Three provinces adopt QC's Camp Pag-ibig

At least three provinces have adopted Quezon City government-led multi-sectoral effort designed to provide children with special needs the opportunities to integrate and socialize into the mainstream of society, Mayor Herbert Bautista revealed yesterday.

He said these provinces are La Union in Region I; Zambales in Region III and Iloilo in Region VI which have been encouraged to adopt the so-called Camp Pag-ibig, the annual day-camp being hosted by the QC government.

The *Tribune* was told that QC has been hosting Pag-ibig since 1979 on Valentine's Day or in celebration of that day, to spread the gift of love to children with special needs.

On orders of the mayor, the city government is reportedly setting aside some P450,000 to support the various programs and activities lined up by organizers for the day camp which will be held at the Balara Filter Plant on Feb. 16.

At a meeting with Camp Pag-ibig organizers, Bautista reaffirmed his administration's continuing commitment to provide children with special needs access to quality education and services.

The city chief executive considered providing funding requirements for the purchase of equipment and facilities necessary to address the educational and rehabilitative needs of these children.

The acquisition of Braille and embossed facilities, hearing aids and screen readers were identified on top of the priority list.

House Deputy Majority Leader Rep. Jorge "Bolet" Banal, who also sits as overall camp coordinator, was among those present during the meeting.

Banal was joined by Councilor Gian Carlo and other members of the planning committee, including former Councilor and Phil. Association for the Intellectually Disabled president Jorge Banal Sr., Dr. Teresita Inciong, QC Social Services and Development Department head Teresa Mariano and representatives of the Department of Education-National Office, DepEd-National Capital Region and JCI QC Capitol Inc.

Camp organizers are expecting more than 2,000 participants this year with 50 percent of the participants coming from the city.

Aside from the traditional outdoor camping activities, this year's Camp Pag-ibig, which has as theme "Pagpapataas sa Antas ng Kakayahan, Kasama ang Pamilya at Komunidad," will also feature reading sessions, product exhibit, bazaar, parent's forum, handwashing activities, arts and crafts, nature lore, musical and talent presentations.

Camp organizers also invited some movie and television performers to grace the event.

Camp Pag-ibig, launched in 1976 by the Philippine Association for the Intellectually Disabled under the leadership of then president Dr. Erlinda Lolarga, is also ably supported by the JCI QC Capitol Inc. and the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System through its concessionaire Manila Water Company Inc.

Arlie O. Calalo

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QC mayor hikes budget for gathering of special kids

The Quezon City government has increased the budgetary requirements for the hosting of Camp Pag-ibig 2013 on Feb. 16 and 17 to encourage greater participation in this big yearly gathering of children with special needs from public schools and private learning centers.

From a budget of P400,000 last year, this year's allocation has been raised by Mayor Herbert Bautista to P450,000 to support the various programs and activities that will be lined up by organizers during the two-day camp.

The QC government has been hosting Camp Pag-ibig since 1979 to spread the gift of love to children with special needs, the *Tribune* was told.

Children with physical and intellectual disabilities gather together for Camp Pag-ibig at the Balara Filter Plant in the city every February of each year as a sort of Valentine's Day observance.

However, aside from the celebration of Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 to 20 has also been declared as National Intellectual Disability Week by the Department of Education which has as theme: "Towards Dignity and Quality of Life."

To date, the mayor has already mobilized key city offices and departments to coordinate efforts with camp organizers to make this year's celebration of Camp Pag-ibig more meaningful where participants could feel that sense of belongingness, not only in the eyes of their loved ones, but from their peers and the community as well.

Camp organizers are expecting about 2,000 participants this year.

The camp features various activities such as swimming, nature lore, water games, dance therapy sessions, musical presentations, reading and story-telling sessions, arts and crafts as well as life and survival skills designed to help improve the socialization skills of the participants.

There will also be pre-camp overnight activities for campers and a parent's forum which will be conducted simultaneously during the camp proper. Camp organizers are considering inviting children with disabilities as speakers during the parent's forum.

Camp organizers are also planning to organize a mini-bazaar where sample creative works, be it arts or crafts, made by children with disabilities, will be put on display and sold to prospective buyers.

Camp Pag-ibig 2013 will have former Councilor Jorge "Bolet" Banal Sr. as this year's camp director while the city's Social Services Development Department head Tess Mariano will sit as assistant camp director.

Also, Rep. Jorge Banal Jr. and Dr. Teresita Inciong have been designated as over-all camp coordinators.

Camp Pag-ibig, launched in 1976 by the Philippine Association for the Retarded, is also supported by the Jaycees Capitol Inc., Manila Water Co. Inc., DepEd-Central Office, DepEd-NCR and the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System. **Arlie O. Calalo**

CAMP PAG-IBIG

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Annual Camp Pag-ibig for special kids set in QC

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Mayor Herbert Bautista assured camp organizers of his full support. He said the yearly undertaking is vital in providing children with special needs the opportunities to integrate and socialize with the community.

The mayor, who is the honorary director for Camp Pag-ibig 2011, will keynote the affair, which will be one of the highlights of the celebration of National Mental Intellectual Disability Week on Feb. 12-18.

Rep. Jorge "Bolet" Banal, Jr. is this year's camp director.

Camp Pag-ibig, which began in 1976 with only a handful of supporters, now boasts of a broad network of benefactors, which include the Quezon City government, the QC Capitol Jaycees, the Philippine Association for the Retarded, the QC Social Services Development Department, the Department of Education, the Bureau of Elementary Education, and Manila Water.

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Preparations underway for 2010 Camp Pag-ibig

Quezon City is ready to host again next month the annual Camp Pag-ibig, a whole-day gathering of children with special needs.

The 2010 day camp will be held on February 14 at the Balara Filter Plant campsite in Balara, Diliman, Quezon City.

About 2,000 children will participate in the day camp.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. describes Camp Pag-ibig as instrumental in providing children with special needs the opportunities to integrate and socialize with the community.

The QC government has been hosting the day camp project for the past 17 years.

This year's Camp Pag-ibig will feature various outdoor activities for special children, including nature exploration, games, arts, swimming, music and dances. There will also be story-telling that will focus on environment. Celebrities will be invited to participate in the story-telling sessions. A team from Manila Water Company will also take part in these activities.

The organizers have also agreed to invite a Filipino educator from the US to the morning and afternoon sessions of the expressive arts workshop.

Spearheading the Camp Pag-ibig preparations are the office of Councilor Jorge Banal Jr., former councilor Jorge Banal Sr., Philippine Association for the Retarded, Inc., the QC social services and development department, Manila Water, QC Capitol Jaycees, Department of Education, DepEd-NCR, and QC division of city schools.

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QC cites success of camp for handicapped kids

By CHITO CHAVEZ

The Quezon City government said the 34th Camp Pag-Ibig was a huge success as 7,000 participants -- 2,000 of which were children with special needs -- attended the event at the Balara campsite recently.

Encouraged by the success of the program for the differently abled youngsters, Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. vowed to attend the yearly gathering even if he is no longer the city mayor.

"Camp Pag-Ibig is not required. There is no law telling us to gather here yearly. It has become tradition. Love is the greatest gift that people can give to children," Belmonte added.

Belmonte said what makes the yearly event -- the 17th one hosted by Quezon City -- a very special is the feeling of love and care the society is showing to the children with special needs.

The event was highlighted by several activities beneficial to the children and parents alike.

Some of the activities included the expressive art workshop, "I Love to Read" sessions and the parents' forum conducted by the Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse (CPTCSA) with lectures and video presentations.

Councilor Jorge "Bolet" Banal Jr. and his father, former Councilor Jorge Sr. spearheaded the planning of the activities and preparations for the day-long camp for special children.

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2,000 disabled kids ready to join Camp Pag-ibig

By SEL A. BAYSA

At least 2,000 children with physical and mental disabilities from Quezon City and Regions III and IV-A will converge in this year's Camp Pag-ibig at the Balara Filtration Plant, as part of the celebration of the National Mental Retardation Week, Feb. 16-17.

Since 1976, these special children gather on Valentine's month to signify the love and concern of camp organizers to children with special needs.

Mayor Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte Jr., who sits as honorary camp director, and other Camp Pag-ibig officials are exerting all efforts to make the event more meaningful.

To date, Camp Pag-ibig emerged as one of the more effective programs of providing children with special needs the opportunities to integrate and socialize into the community.

It was learned that the Quezon City government has already set aside ₱350,000 as contribution for the activity, which will be hosted again by the city.

The local government has been hosting the event since 1997.

While the Balara Filtration Plant appears to be an ideal venue for the camp, Belmonte is, however, open to the plan of looking for other sites, including the suggestion of holding it at the La Mesa Eco-Park in Barangay Greater Lagro.

Special features of Camp Pag-ibig include various activities such as swimming, painting, nature lore, study, cooking, outdoor games, music, dancing, arts and crafts and survival skills and sports.

Aside from the QC government, Camp Pag-ibig, a project of the Philippine Association for the Retarded, is also supported by the Jaycees International-Quezon City Capitol chapter.

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. leads government officials in unveiling the Camp Pag-ibig commemorative marker installed by the QC Capitol Jaycees during the formal opening of Camp Pag-ibig 2006 at the Balara Filter Plant over the weekend. Camp Pag-ibig is a day-camp initiated by the Philippine Association for the Retarded Inc. for children with disabilities. Assisting the mayor are Manila Water Co. Inc. president Antonio Aquino; Council majority floorleader Ariel Inton Jr.; Councilors Jorge Banal Jr. and Eric Rey Medina; city schools superintendent Dr. Victoria Fuentes; PAR president Dr. Erlinda Lolarga and this year's camp director Jorge Banal Sr.

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All systems go for QC's Camp Pag-Ibig

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. will host this Sunday the 30th anniversary of Camp Pag-Ibig, a special day camp for physically and emotionally disadvantaged children to be held at the Balara Filtration Plant in Diliman, Quezon City.

Belmonte, who is the honorary camp director of the day-long activities will lead officials, sponsors, campers, parents and volunteers in the blessing and unveiling of a marker for the 30th year celebration.

Former Councilor Jorge Banal, this year's camp director, said some 3,000 participants are expected to troop to the camping area. The activity coincides with National Mental Retardation Week .

The theme for this year's celebration is "Camp Pag-ibig 2006: Three Decades of Concerted Efforts, Strengthening Community Relations."

Two medical teams and four lifeguards from the MWSS and Philippine National Red Cross will be at the site for day campers, while an ambulance from the city government's Task Force Sagip Buhay will also be on standby at the site.

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'Love camp' to host special kids in QC

By DJ Yap

THIS FEBRUARY, A SPECIAL kind of love will flow at Camp Pag-ibig in Quezon City, as it celebrates 30 years of giving cheer and hope to differently abled children.

From Feb. 18-19, hundreds of special children from all over Metro Manila and neighboring provinces will converge at the Balara Filter Plant in Diliman, to participate in activities especially prepared for them.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. will be the camp host and honorary chair, a role he has assumed since 2001, organizers said.

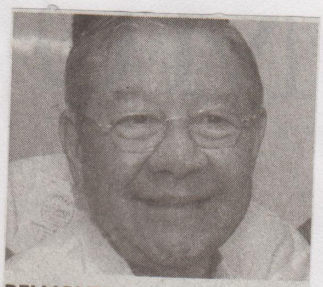
"Camp Pag-ibig is designed to provide children with disabilities opportunities to enhance their socialization skill, paving the way for full integration and participation in the community," they added.

The annual camping activity was started in 1976 by the Philippine Association for the Retarded Inc. as the highlight of the observance of National Retarded Children Week, as provided for in Presidential Proclamation No. 1385.

Mascots and clowns

Like any camp, tents will be put up, with clowns and mascots performing for the children during a fun-filled program. A parents' forum will also be held.

The activities were planned and designed to make the children remember the festivity for years to come, according to camp director Jorge Banal Sr., Senate Jaycees president and a former Quezon City councilor.



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This year's camp will also be bigger, with participants coming from special schools in Regions 3 and 4 joining in, as stated in a Department of Education (DepEd) memorandum, said co-camp director Erlinda Lolarga.

An estimated 2,500 campers are expected to attend, organizers said.

Highlighting this year's Camp Pag-ibig is the blessing and unveiling of a marker describing the camp's history for the past 30 years, followed by a thanksgiving Mass.

Patrons and sponsors are encouraged to chip in to ensure that the 30th anniversary of the camp will be a success, Banal said.

Camp Pag-ibig organizers and sponsors include the Quezon City government, QC Capitol Jaycees, DepEd, Manila Water Co., Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System and the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

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'Camp Pag-Ibig' backed

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. yesterday urged all sectors to support the ongoing "Camp Pag-ibig 2005" which he described as instrumental in providing special children the opportunities to integrate and socialize with the community.

In his keynote speech at the opening of the camp at the Balara Filter Plant in Balara, Diliman, QC, Mayor Belmonte exhorts the participating key city's offices and departments to ensure the success of the no-nonsense undertaking.

Joining the QC government's in this year's camp include the Philippine Association for the Retarded, Inc., Quezon City Capitol Jaycees, Inc., the Department of Education (DepEd) Special Education Division, DepEd-National Capital Region (NCR), DepEd's Special Education Unit, QC Division of City Schools, the Metropolitan Water Works and Sewerage System (MWSS) and the Manila Water Company, Inc.

With its theme "Moving Towards Independent and Productive Living," Camp Pag-ibig features special children participating in various outdoor activities which include survivial, skills training, cooking demonstration, games, arts, tree planting, nature exploration, swimming, music and dance and first-aid training.

The day camp was formally open with a mass celebrated by Fr. Sammy Luterte at 7 am. The QC government has been hosting the camp for the last 28 years. (Sel A. Baysa)

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DAY CAMP LAUNCHED. A day camp in Quezon City to serve the needs of the handicapped and special children is inaugurated with the release of two white doves by Teresa Mariano (third from left), head of the Social Services Department of the Quezon City government. The camp in a newly refurbished site in Balara will feature such activities as parent forums, art lessons, cooking demonstrations, swimming and tree planting, among other things, to help the handicapped and special children develop into productive members of society. Among those present during the inauguration are Councilor Jorge Banal, Jr. (left) and other Quezon City officials. (Ramon I. Samson)

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Love day for mentally challenged. Quezon City Mayor Sonny Belmonte Jr. spends time in Camp Pag-Ibig, Balara Filter Plant, Quezon City with special people during Valentines Day together with Manila Water Co., Inc. president Antonino Aquino (right), QC Councilor Jorge Banal (second from right). Also shown is Eugene Ng, 54, from St. Catherine Learning School for Special People in Antipolo City, who was among who joined the overnight camping, morning mass and blessing of campers and games among others. The theme of 2004 Camp Pag-Ibig is 'Pantay na Karapatan Tungo sa Makabuluhang Pakikilahok.' PNA

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3,000 special kids at Camp Pag-ibig '04

Quezon City is hosting Camp Pag-ibig '04 at the Balara Filter Plant on Feb. 14 and 15, with some 3,000 special children enrolled in different public and special schools in Metro Manila participating as campers.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. is enjoining all sectors to support the activity which he described as instrumental in providing children with special needs the opportunity to integrate and socialize into the community.

The mayor, who is the honorary camp director for Camp Pag-ibig '04 and chairman of the 2004 National Mental Retardation Week celebration, is set to deliver an inspirational message on Feb. 15.

Councilor and QC Council president pro-tempore Jorge Banal is this year's camp director.

During the occasion, Mayor Belmonte is expected to renew the city government's continuing support and commitment in the task of providing equal opportunity and attention to people with disabilities.

Camp Pag-ibig '04, which has as its theme: "Pantay na Karapatan Tungo sa Makabuluhang Pakikilahok," will feature special children participating in various outdoor activities such as survival skills training, cooking demonstration, games, arts, tree planting, nature explorations, music and dance, and first aid training.

Joining the city government in sponsoring this year's camp are the Philippine Association for the Retarded (PAR); Quezon City "Capitol" Jaycees, Inc.; UNICEF; Department of Education's Special Education Division, Bureau of Elementary Education; DepEd-NCR Special Education Unit; DepEd Division of Quezon City, and the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System.

Meanwhile, the mayor has ordered key offices and departments of the city government, including the Social Services Development Department, Public Order and Safety Department, General Services Office, Public Affairs and Information Services Office, Parks Development Office, and Task Force Sagip-Buhay to coordinate efforts with the Philippine Association for the Retarded in ensuring the success of this year's day-camp.



Q.C. SPECIAL CHILDREN 2-DAY CAMPING. Mayor Feliciano R. Belmonte Jr., honorary camp director, reiterates the city government's continuing support as major sponsor of 'Camp Pag-ibig 2004,' Feb. 14-15, a 2-day yearly camp-out at the Balara Filters, the highlight of the Retarded Children's Week celebration in Quezon City as provided for under Presidential Proclamation No. 1305. In photo with the mayor are (from left) past president Jorge 'Bolet' Banal Jr., incumbent president J. Martin Salaveria of the QC Capitol Jaycees, QC Council president pro tempore and camp director Jorge L. Banal, PAR president and co-camp director Erlinda Lolarga, city schools superintendent Victoria Fuentes, and the Batino Elem. School principal and some special children. Not shown in photo are SSDD chief and camp consultant Teresa Mariano, project chairman J.V. Medina, and overall coordinator Teresita Inciong.

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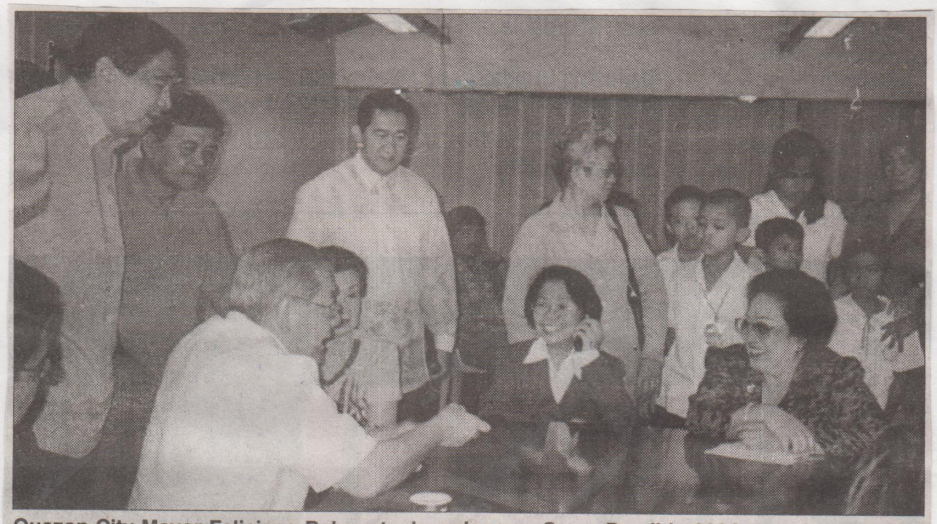

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. welcomes Camp Pag-ibig 2004 organizers, led by QC Council President Pro-Tempore Jorge Banal, who is also this year's camp director; Dr. Erlinda Lolarga, president of Philippine Association for Retarded, Inc.; City Schools Superintendent Dr. Victoria Fuentes; past president Jorge Banal Jr. and incumbent president Martin Salaveria of the QC Capitol Jaycees during a courtesy call at the QC Hall Bulwagan. Also in photo are some special children participating in Camp Pag-ibig 2004 on Feb. 14-15 a the Balara Filters Plant in Quezon City.

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Love flourishes at Camp Pag-Ibig



Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., former QC Jaycees president Bolet Banal and this year's camp director Councilor Jorge Banal join special children of Camp Pag-ibig at the Balara Filter Plant. Left photo shows campers, parents, officials and visitors hearing Mass at the camp.

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While most children believe that Valentine's Day is for grown-ups, 10-year-old Jerome Lumbaca of Caloocan City feels that he too, deserves to celebrate this red-letter day.

Yes, young Jerome will be going out on a date today to celebrate the special day, not with his crush or childhood sweetheart, but with 3,000 other special children just like him who will participate in this year's Camp Pag-ibig at the Balara Filter Plant in Quezon City.

Every year since 1976, children with physical and mental disabilities gather together for Camp Pag-ibig on Valentine's Day, signifying the love and concern of camp organizers for children with special needs.

And every year, camp organizers exert all effort to make the two-day camp more meaningful – where participants can feel that sense of belonging, not only in the eyes of their loved ones, but from their peers and the community as well.

This is probably what the camp organizers had in mind when they initiated Camp Pag-ibig back in 1976. Originally intended to serve children and youth with mental disabilities, Camp Pag-ibig has emerged today as one of the more effective programs of providing children with special needs the opportunities to integrate and socialize into the community.

In its 28-year history, camp organizers have never failed to recognize the vital role that the Quezon City government plays in the task of ensuring the over-all success of Camp Pag-ibig. While it was only in 1979 that the city government began hosting the activity, camp organizers have always felt the city government's commitment and overwhelming support to improve the plight of children with special needs.

It is along this line that Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., who is the honorary camp director for Camp Pag-ibig '04 and chairman of the 2004 National Mental Retardation Week celebratiion, enjoined all sectors to extend their full support to the coming day-camp for special children at Balara today.

The mayor stressed that these special children are "members of the city populace where care and concern are not only mandatory but should be willingly expressed."

To date, the mayor has already ordered key offices and departments of the city government to coordinate efforts with the Philippine Association for the Retarded in ensuring the success of this year's camp, which has as its theme: "Pantay na Karapatan Tungo sa Makabuluhang Pakikilahok."

It is also interesting to note that Belmonte has increased the budget for this year's staging of Camp Pag-ibig from P150,000 last year to P200,000 this year.

"It's purely a labor of love," says Councilor and QC Council President Pro-Tempore Jorge Banal, when asked what the organizers feel about the project.

"It is really self-awarding," Banal added. Banal is this year's camp director.

Personalities who have been tirelessly and selfishly working for the yearly holding of Camp Pag-ibig include Dr. Erlinda Lolarga, president of Philippine Association for the Retarded Inc.; Dr. Teresita Inciong, director of DepEd's Bureau of Elementary Education, National Capital Region; Antonio Aquino, president of Manila Water Co.; Orlando Hondrade of Manila Waterworks and Sewerage System; JV Medina, overall project chairman; Capitol Jaycees Inc. president Martin Salaveria; and various City Hall offices and departments.

Activities at the camp include swimming, painting, nature lore, cooking, outdoor games, music, dancing, arts and crafts and survival skills and sports. There are also pre-camp overnight activities for campers and parent seminars which are conducted simultaneously with the camp proper for parents of children with disabilities.

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40,000 children benefit from QC child welfare

The Quezon City government's child welfare program has benefited more than 40,000 children in urban poor areas in the last two years.

Based on reports from the city's department of social services and development, the child care program launched by Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has addressed nutrition, early childhood education as well as intervention for abused children.

"From 2002 to 2003, 44,030 children have been assisted, with 277,728 of them receiving assistance in the first six months of the year 2003," the report stated.

Also included in the program is the renovation of the Molave Youth Home at the city hall compound, which provides care for youth offenders.

The child welfare program of the city government has also generated support from Bayan Muna partylist group, which has allocated P1.7 million for psycho-social services for abused children.

The Quezon City Council approved last week a resolution, authored by Councilor Ariel Inton Jr., authorizing Belmonte to enter into a memorandum of agreement with Bayan Muna and the Children Rehabilitation Center (CRC) to provide the necessary assistance to abused and battered children.

The CRC, a duly registered non-government organization based in Project 4, has been helping the city government provide psycho-social services for distressed, disadvantage and indigent residents of Quezon City.

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CAMP PAG-IBIG 2003. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. releases a dove symbolizing peace in the country at the opening of Camp Pag-ibig 2003 in celebration of the National Mental Retardation Week at the Balara Filter Plant in Balara, Quezon City last Sunday. This year's gathering for special children has the theme 'Edukasyon Para sa Mga Natatanging Bata: Tungo sa Ganap na Pakikilahok'. Looking on (from left) are Dr. Victoria Fuentes, Quezon City schools division superintendent; Quezon City councilor and Philippine Association of Retarded Inc. (PARI) vice president Jorge L. Banal, Antonino Aquino Jr., Manila Water president; Bobby Escueta, president of the Quezon City Capitol Jaycees Inc.; and Jorge Banal Jr. of the Quezon City Capitol Jaycees. Among those present during the opening are Dr. Erlinda Lolarga, PARI president; Dr. Lita Inciong, director of the Department of Education-National Capital Region (DepEd-NCR) elementary division, Teresa Mariano, head of the Quezon City social services development department; Gregorio T. Banacia, chief of the Quezon City public affairs and information services offices; Dr. Betty Mancao of the Philippine General Hospital, and Quezon City Capitol Jaycees, DepEd, and PARI officials. (Art Torres)

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Sat., Feb. 15, 2003

QC observes Mental Retardation Week

QUEZON CITY — Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has lined up a series of activities in celebration of the National Mental Retardation Week at the Balara Filter Plant, Quezon City on Feb. 16.

The observance of week, with the theme "Edukasyon para sa Mga Natatanging Bata: Tungo sa Ganap na Pakikilahok," is in line with the Presidential Proclamation No. 1385.

About 2,000 children and youth with mental retardation, developmental delays, hearing and visual impairment, and physical disabilities from public and private schools and institutions in the National Capital Region will participate in this event.

Camp activities include cook out, games, nature lore, swimming, arts, survival skills, music and dance, tree panting and first aid training.

A lecture-forum of parents will also be held simultaneously with Dr. Betty Mancao of the Philippine General Hospital as guest lecturer.

For 27 years now, the Quezon City government has always been active and loyal supporter of Camp Pag-Ibig.

Mayor Belmonte stressed that these special children are "members of the city populace and care and concern of them are not only mandatory but willingly expressed."

This year's co-camp directors, Dr. Erlinda G. Lolarga and JC Obet Escueta, together with the officials and members of the Philippine Association for the Retarded Inc. (PAR), Quezon City government, Quezon City Capitol Jaycees Inc., Manila Water Co. Inc., Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, DepEd NCR Special Education Unit, DepEd Division of Quezon City, and the Special Education Division, BEE DepEd Co., have been exerting all efforts to ensure the success of the celebration.

* Camp Pag-Ibig
* Special childrens-activities

THE PHILIPPINE STAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2002 27

QC gov't slates 'Camp Pag-ibig 2002'

The Quezon City government has lined up a number of festive activities that will be culminated by a day-long camp at the Balara Filtration Plant in Quezon City in celebration of the National Retarded Children's Week on Feb. 14 to 17.

The day-long camp, called "Camp Pag-ibig 2002", will be participated in by some 2,000 children afflicted with mental retardation, hearing and visual impairment, and physical disabilities from public and private schools and institutions in the National Capital Region.

Camp Pag-ibig is designed to provide special children opportunities to enhance their socializing skills paving the way to full integration and participation in the community. It is also a venue for advocacy for people with disabilities while harnessing support from all the sectors of society for the improvement of their lives.

"Every year, for 25 years already, the Quezon City government has always been an avid supporter of Camp Pag-ibig," Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. declared. "These special children are part and parcel of the city populace and care and concern for them are not only mandatory but willingly expressed," he said.

Serving as camp officials, staff and counselors are government personnel, school officials and civic agencies thus facilitating camp operation. Camp activities will include swimming, outdoor games, mapping and painting.

"To all those involved in the operation of the camp, the help you have provided for the development of children with disabilities is unquantifiable," Belmonte said.

"It is the goal of the city government to provide the greatest number of people. This cannot be achieved if we forsake the special children around us," he said.

A symposium for parents will be held simultaneously with camp activities.

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LOCAL HISTORY

MANILA BULLETIN

Thurs., Jan. 10, 2002

Fun camp for 'special kids' at Balara Plant

The Quezon City government has lined up a number of "fun and adventure" activities highlighted by a day-long camp at the Balara Filtration Plant in Quezon City in celebration of National Retarded Children's Week Feb. 14 to 17 (Thursday to Sunday).

The day-long camp, called "Camp Pag-ibig 2002," will be attended by over 2,000 children afflicted with mental retardation, hearing and visual impairment, and physical disabilities from public and private schools and institutions in Metro Manila.

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Malaya
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Tuesday, February 20, 2001



CAMP PAG-IBIG 2001

Quezon City Mayor Ismael A. Mathay Jr. greets one of the more than 2,000 special children who joined "Camp Pag-ibig 2001" at the Balara Filter Plant in Diliman. The day-long camp is designed to provide special children opportunities to enhance their socialization skills and pave the way for their full integration and participation in community activities. The city government holds the camp yearly as part of the celebration of the National Retarded Children's Week.

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NEWS
Sunday, February 18, 2001

Mathay opens today camp for special kids

Quezon City Mayor Ismael A. Mathay Jr. formally opens today "Camp Pag-ibig 2001" for more than 2,000 special children from Metro Manila at the Balara Filter Plant in Diliman, Quezon City.

Mathay stressed showing affection to the children, especially the physically-disadvantaged, would enhance their integration to the mainstream of society.

"Special children should occupy a special place in everyone's heart," the mayor said, adding "it is but proper for us to allow a week of our lives each year to recognize and improve the lives of handicapped children and their parents."

Since he assumed office in 1992, Mathay has been playing host to special children in the metropolis during the celebration of National Retarded Children's Week, Feb. 14 to 20.

Organizers of the week-long celebration include the Philippine Association for the Retarded (PAR), the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, and the QC Capitol Jaycees.

The celebration started Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, with the theme: "Inclusion, Paving the Way for Independence."

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