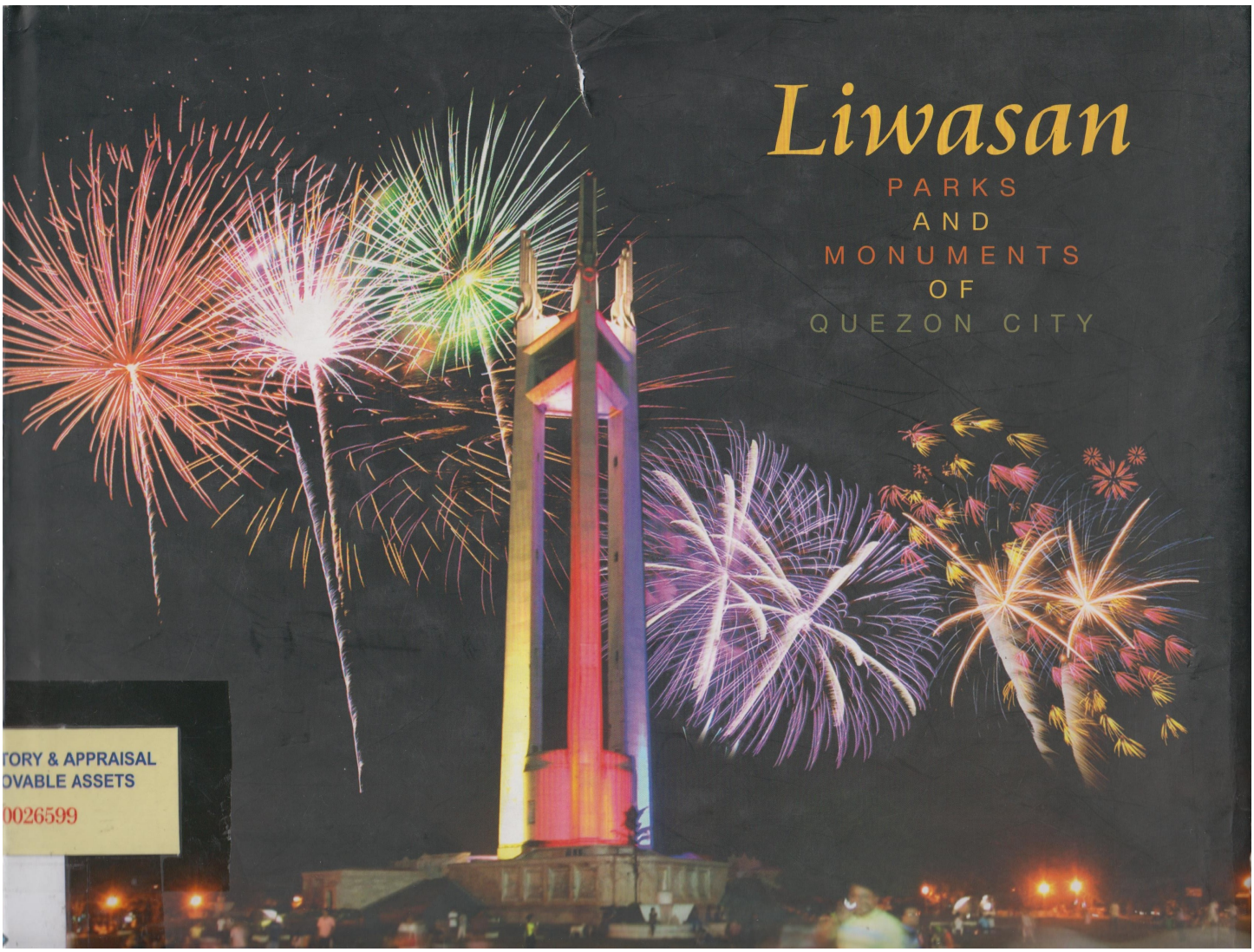
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ABOUT THE FRONT COVER

Celebration is an essential ritual in human life, and parks are the best places to hold them. Quezon City is bountiful with these places of human activity and convergence, as the cover shows night life at the Quezon Memorial Circle, the city's premier public park and important tourist destination. Fireworks displays during the Yuletide season serve as backdrop to the three-pylon Quezon Memorial Shrine, a majestic symbol of the city's glorious past and bright future.

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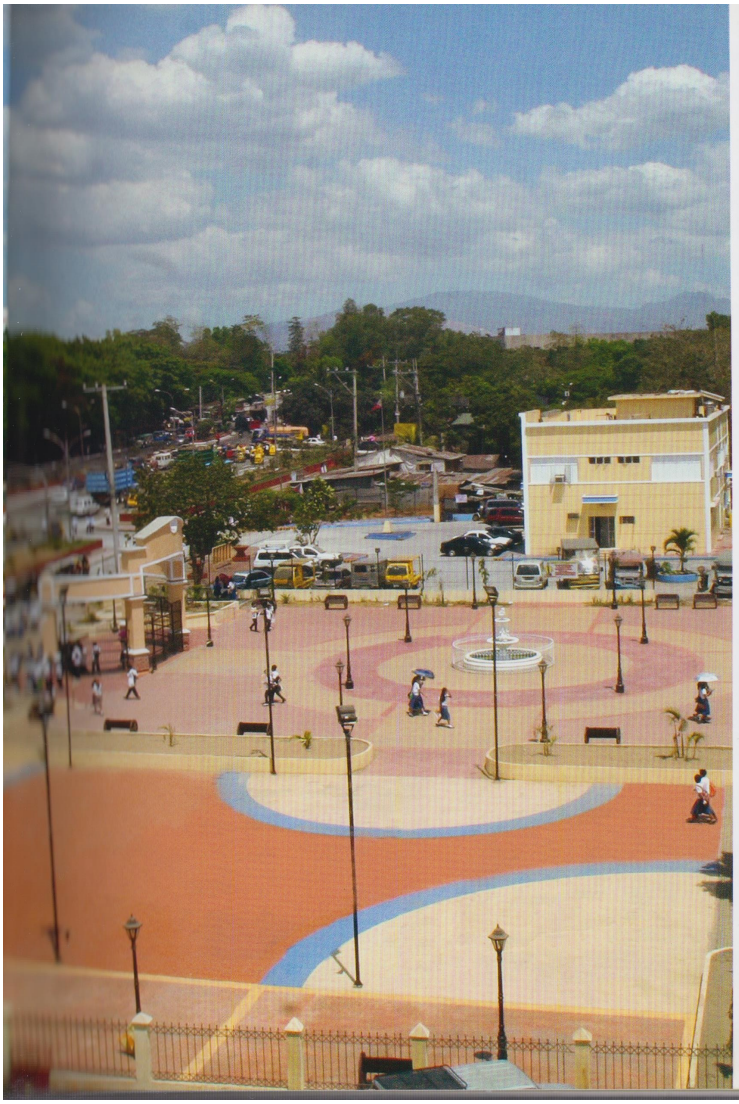

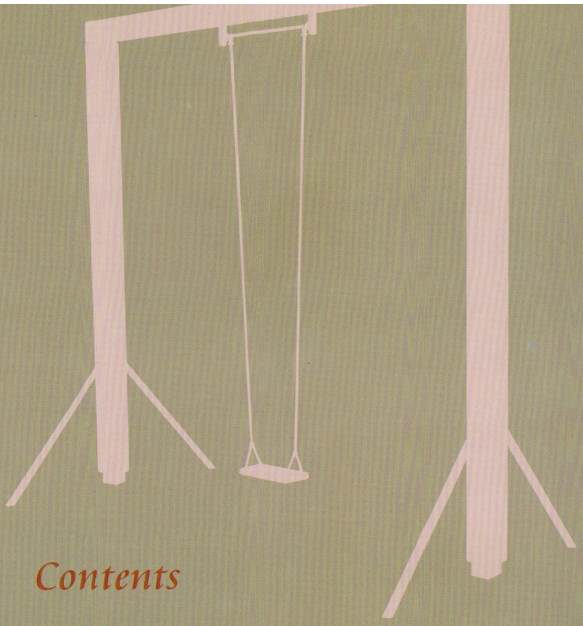

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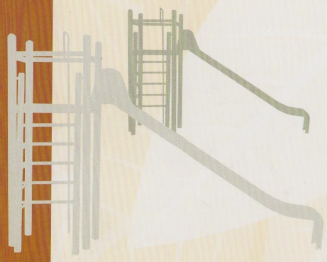
INTRODUCTION

Sanctuaries of Life and the Human Spirit

In a contemporary world constantly influenced by technology and modernization, nature has always taken the backseat to give humans the space to pursue urban development.



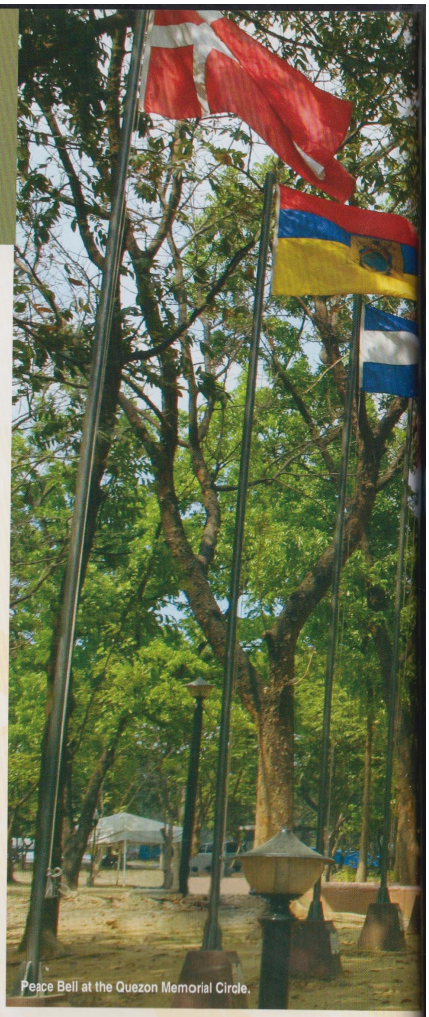
Activities that pursue extensive commerce, industry and human settlement dismantle the natural architecture of livable land, as ecological and geographical resources are exploited. Open spaces are often targeted by city planners and real estate developers, in the name of more housing and employment opportunities and promised economic gain. One major risk in this endeavor is the endangerment of the natural beauty and historical importance of a place.

Quezon City, as one of the biggest cities in the country, is blessed with an immense territory by which it can equitably distribute areas for human settlement and commerce without compromising the need for spaces dedicated solely for ecological preservation and recreation. It is one of the few cities in the country where patches of forest and greenery still abound — thanks to natural and man-made parks.

These parks provide a diverse and quantifiable range of benefits that immeasurably improve the residents' quality of life. The trees that grow in man-made parks help reduce urban pollution. The parks provide people a breathing space for rekindling family ties and friendship, a venue for sports and recreation, or simply an opportunity to enjoy nature's priceless gifts of fresh air, eye-catching scenery, and a relaxing atmosphere.

Also a place of historical significance, Quezon City is home to many shrines and monuments that pay tribute to great men and women who have made their city proud. These shrines underline the importance of individual achievements and historic events toward the good of the city and to a large extent, the country as well. These shrines and monuments serve more than just physical symbols of heroism; they also define a people's character and aspirations for nobility and greatness.

Liwasan — Parks and Monuments of Quezon City, is conceptualized based on the principle that respect for nature is essential to the development of a place and its people. This book showcases the many different images of places within Quezon City that are dedicated solely for human recreation and historical commemoration. It tries to capture the importance of maintaining the pristine beauty of



Peace Bell at the Quezon Memorial Circle.





the city's parks as these are places of human convergence. It also recognizes efforts to recognize individuals and groups whose work also uplifts the city's reputation and renown, through the construction of monuments in their name.

The Quezon City government, under the wisdom and guidance of its Mayor, Feliciano 'Sonny' R. Belmonte, Jr., recognizes the need to maintain spaces for human activity and achievements of historical and national significance. Through rehabilitation and careful maintenance, these places of human convergence are spared from the natural course of wear-and-tear, social neglect and onslaught of modernization out of respect for the parks and monuments' importance to national and cultural development.

This book is not only a testament to the many achievements in urban planning and development, but also a celebration of these sanctuaries of life and the human spirit — two essential elements of human and social development.

Creating a Garden Landscape for a Progressive City

Improving the urban landscape is such a formidable task that the Quezon City government has taken leaps and bounds in developing programs and plans to accomplish this. Aside from the improvement of city infrastructure, the maintenance and improvement of existing open spaces like historical landmarks and parks not only enhances the visual appeal of a place; it also promotes the well-being of its dwellers and maintains peace and order in the community.



Mayor Belmonte with Engr. Dela Rosa (right) at the inauguration of an SB Park.

For its dauntless efforts in successfully implementing such a massive urban renewal program, the Quezon City Government's Parks Development and Administration Department (PDAD) has been awarded the Galing Pook Award for its achievements in transforming Quezon City into a Garden City. While it may seem to be just another prize to cap the Quezon City Government's long roster of achievements, this fourth Galing Pook Award underscores a strong program aimed at developing open spaces like historical sites and upgrading and maintaining existing parks, monuments and shrines. At the same time, the recognition also enjoined community leaders, the private sector, non-governmental organizations and citizens to



President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo presents the Galing Pook plaque. From left: Mayor Belmonte, Vice Mayor Bautista, Engr. Dela Rosa, Brgy. Captain Joe Bisaya, Engr. Mallillin, Arch. Esguerra, Ms. Rivera, Engr. Mercado, Ms. Tello, and Mr. Chay.

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participate in endeavors related to park development.

About a decade ago, many of Quezon City's public parks and playgrounds suffered dilapidation due to natural wear-and-tear and improper maintenance. Through the initiative of the Belmonte administration, the city government started an intensive parks development program aimed at identifying and mapping the city's open spaces. Under the program, 111 of the city's 243 existing parks were rehabilitated and developed as *Serbisyong Bayan* or "SB" parks. Now, there is one park for every community cluster, as the city's 142 *barangays*, being direct beneficiaries of the program, help the city government maintain the upkeep of these parks. Some of these parks that underwent rigorous transformations are the La Mesa Eco Park, the C. P. Garcia Park, the North Olympus Park and the Tandang Sora Shrine, and the stories behind these major makeovers are truly inspiring.

The area that is now the C. P. Garcia Park, named after a former Philippine president and the busy street beside it, was once an unsavory dwelling of informal



Inauguration of C.P. Garcia Park led by Mayor Belmonte, UP President Dr. Emerlinda Roman, Congresswoman Nanette Daza, Engr. Dela Rosa, Councilor Ariel Inton and Councilor Edcel Lagman, Jr.

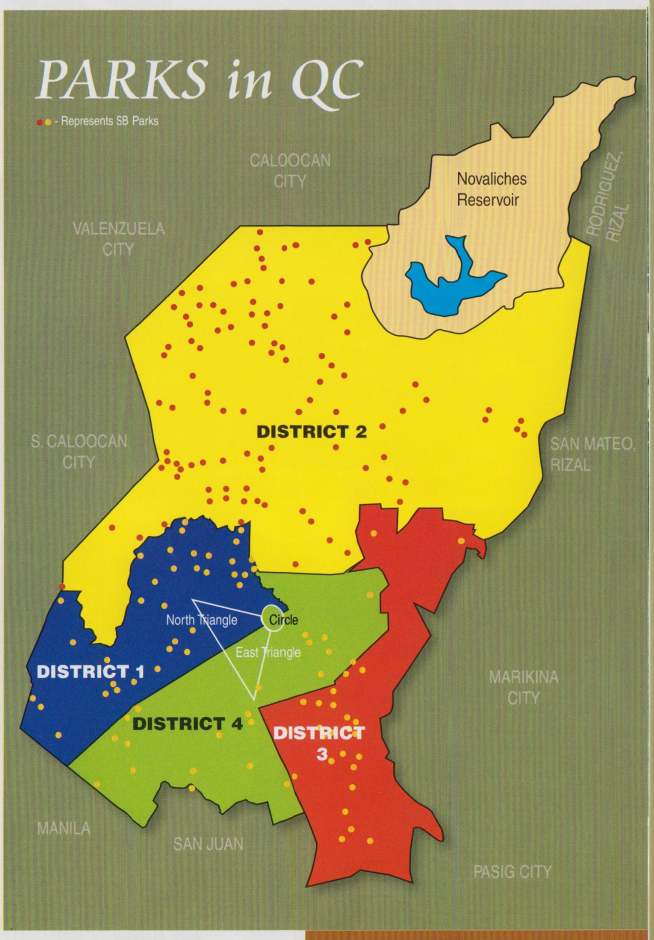


Mayor Belmonte with Antonio Aquino, President of Manila Water and Diosdado Allado, Administrator of MWSS.



Mayor Belmonte with Orlando Honrade, former MWSS administrator and Gina Lopez of ABS-CBN Bantay Kalikasan.


Remarville Park



settlers, a venue for makeshift businesses like auto-repair and junkshops, a parking area and a dumpsite. In 2003, the three *barangays* that share the area, namely UP Campus, Teacher's Village East and Krus na Ligas, requested the city government for the development of the lot into a mini park and playground. Today, the C. P. Garcia Park is a place of convergence and leisure not only to its residents but also to other people as well.

The old Tandang Sora Shrine located along Banlat Road was choked by the confluence of illegal dwellers surrounding it. On 2005, an ordinance was passed approving the transfer of the shrine to a bigger area along the same road and its further development, with coordination from the National Historical Institute, Kaanak ng mga Bayaning Pilipino Foundation, and the heirs of Melchora Aquino, whose name and legacy has been lent to the shrine. The new shrine is now a fitting tribute to a national heroine.

The La Mesa Eco Park is one of the last few forested areas in Metropolitan Manila, home to a watershed which sprawls over 2,700 hectares and very rare species of flora and fauna. Together with the ABS-CBN Foundation and the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS), the city government under the Belmonte administration gave the park a new



Don Antonio Park



Project 4 Park



From top to bottom: Playground facilities in an SB Park





lease in life by turning it into an ecological resort. The 33-hectare park is one of the few spaces in Quezon City where people can enjoy the pleasures of nature through a boat ride, a swim in its pools, or a walk through its woods.

While the Quezon City Government assures an annual appropriation for various parks' repairs and maintenance, the program's success lies in the empowerment of people and communities and the encouragement of government and private enterprise by helping in the maintenance and development of these spaces. It effectively decentralized and devolved the management of the parks and playgrounds, enabling community leaders and members to be responsible for their good condition and upkeep.

More than anything else, Quezon City's parks and playgrounds are essential in the city's progress, as they provide aesthetic and environmental benefits to the residents.

They also ensure the economic and emotional benefits of the



Top and bottom: Diamonon Park





North Olympus Park



Nursery in QMC









city since communities thrive where parks are. These venues guarantee increased property values, attract businesses to stay and thrive, and entice homebuyers to establish residences near them. The parks development program has successfully provided for more breathing space and helped spread the benefits of beautiful scenery in a city that is geared for progress.

Treeplanting

Treeplanting projects initiated by the PDAD have become seamless with the establishment of linkages with national and local agencies, thus contributing to a "greener" atmosphere in Quezon City.

From 2003 until 2009, a total of 26,147 tree saplings of different species have been planted all over the city through tree-planting activities like the Green Philippine Highway and Philippine Arbor Day.

The Department also undertakes the trimming or cutting of trees for various reasons, mostly for road widening, need of right of way, construction of new structures and dangers posed to human life and property.



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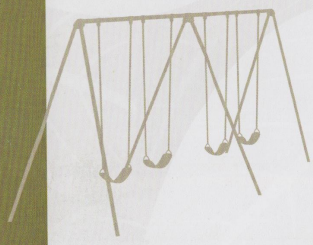
Treeplanting activities

THE SB PARKS

Mayor Sonny Belmonte's 'Green' Legacy

The C. P. Garcia Community Park is one of the most popular hang-out spots for the residents of its surrounding villages – its well-manicured lawns and charming playground a favorite place for children, students, and ordinary citizens looking for a green spot in the middle of urbane Quezon City.



Prior to its rehabilitation though, the same area which is actually owned by the government was being illegally occupied by informal settlers and enterprises such as canteens, auto repair shops and junk shops. The property was even used as a parking area and a dumpsite.

In 2003, a joint resolution was filed by the adjacent *barangays* of UP Campus, Teachers Village East and Krus na Ligas, for the city government to appropriate funds for the development of the lot into a mini park and playground. Completed in 2004 at a cost of PhP4.9 million, the residents around C.P. Garcia Park have since then reaped the advantages of their own community park.

The C.P. Garcia Park is one of Serbisyong Bayan or "SB" Parks put up during the administration of Mayor Sonny Belmonte, Jr. Since 2001, Mayor Belmonte's administration, through the Quezon City Parks and Development and Administration Department (PDAD) has created more than 100 of these public parks for the benefit of the residents who get to enjoy an "extended" garden outside their home.

According to Mayor Belmonte's Secretary, Tadeo Palma, Quezon City has the most number of parks in the Philippines and even in Asia. "We are the biggest city in Metro Manila, so by default we should take advantage of our size and fill certain spaces with public parks. At the same time, we also have a huge number of subdivisions, which have their own parks as well," he noted.

Aside from C.P. Garcia Park, other popular SB Parks are the Don Antonio Heights Park in Brgy. Holy Spirit, Green Heights Park in Brgy.



C.P. Garcia Park consists of 3 barangays - U.P. Campus, Krus na Ligas, and Teachers Village East.



Serbisyong Bayan Park in Batasan Hills.







Serbisyong Bayan Park in Batasan Hills.

San Bartolome, Blue Ridge B Park in Blue Ridge Subdivision, SB Nova Park and Doña Isaura Park in Nova Proper, North Olympus Park in Brgy. Kaligayahan, UP Village Park, Damar Park, Diamonon Park in Brgy. Bahay Toro, Tierra Verde Park in Brgy. Pasong Tamo, Paradise Village Park in Brgy. Sangandaan, Remarville Subd. in Bagbag, Villa Verde Subd. in Sta. Monica, IBP Park in Batasan Hills, and the Quezon City Hall Lagoon at the City Hall Compound.

The SB Parks are also installed with the latest in architecture in design, such as paver blocks and tiles for the ground, decorative stones for the landscaping, low-consumption lights, and other durable materials for easy maintenance.

Various recreational amenities are put in place for the residents' use, among them a playground for children and sports facilities like basketball, volleyball, or tennis courts. Landscaped areas are added for the park visitors to appreciate some nature elements, along with benches and seating areas where they can rest and trails where people can jog or do leisurely walks on.

Palma said that Mayor Belmonte believes it is the responsibility of the city to create these pleasant public spaces, especially for those who are fulfilling their real property tax obligations. At the same time, the public parks provide opportunities for the marginalized sector to enjoy the environment and better park facilities.

"Whenever we build infrastructure, the Mayor sees to it that it will be for the benefit of the majority. That is why with regards to infrastructure, the normal share allotted for the parks from the total budget is at least 10 percent. He knows the value of having such amenities for the citizenry," he added.

Creating parks for the city

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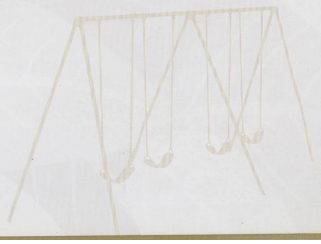

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likewise falls under the tourism mandate of the Belmonte administration. This is especially applicable for the city's centerpiece park development: the Quezon Memorial Circle.

"The improvement of the QC Circle fulfills three objectives: to develop it into a national landmark by preserving the integrity of the Quezon monument and upgrading its aesthetic value; to improve the venue into a world-class park especially for lovers of environment and ordinary citizens, and third, to make it the center of tourism in Quezon City," Palma explained.

The enhancement of the QC Circle and the SB Parks will eventually lead to the ultimate goal of Quezon City to attain a "garden city" status.

Palma added: "Mayor Belmonte's vision is for Quezon City to be a livable city, meaning free from pollution and shrouded with green elements. He wants everything to be pleasant to look at, so that for the residents, everyday life can be a little bit more inspiring."





SB Nova Park



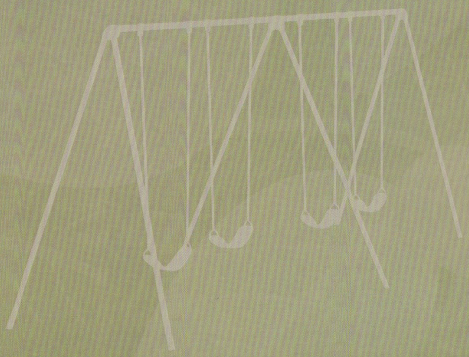
Cruzville Park



SB Nova Park



Mayor Belmonte with Engr. Dela Rosa at the inauguration of an SB Park.





Top and bottom: Blue Ridge Park





Manresa Park



QC officials at the inauguration of Manresa Park.

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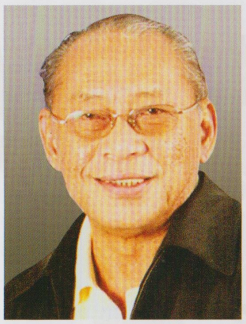
QUEZON MEMORIAL CIRCLE

A Paradise in the Heart of the City

All great cities in the world like New York, Paris, Moscow and San Francisco are frequented not for their malls or boutiques but for their urban parks. Urban parks offer the world-weary city denizen the opportunity to enjoy nature in action.



Secretary to the Mayor Tadeo Palma who is also the QMC Administrator.

Some of them are the product of sound city planning and engineering, creating ecosystems that temper the city's congested air and geography. However, parks are like endangered species — slowly becoming scarce in the metropolis as more public spaces are converted to accommodate the growing population, along with structures like malls, business offices and condominiums.

Quezon City's main urban park, the Quezon Memorial Circle, is not only a place of convergence; it is also a prominent historical landmark, a shrine that houses the remains of a former president and eminent statesman. Strategically situated at the center of the city, it is surrounded by a busy network of roads, government buildings, and even a zoo. Smaller in area than Manila's Luneta Park, it nevertheless boasts of amenities and comforts. While facilities inside the park may not be entirely free, Quezon Memorial Circle is very accessible as there are no entrance fees being charged.

Day starts before the break of dawn, when the guards start unlocking the different gates as early as five in the morning. As the cold night air slowly dissipates, solitary and group joggers start coming in; some of them carrying water bottles and music players strapped on their sides. The crisp cold air refreshes the joggers, now joined by a company of police and military trainees who start assembling in front of the white shrine for training. Then they start jogging around the circle while mouthing a military ditty.

As the sun slowly casts its warm light onto the 26-hectare park, more and more people start their morning exercises at the very heart of the Circle. Families, often driving in on their stainless jeeps or sleek vans, are clad in their running shorts, sweat shirts and rubber shoes. A group starts to assemble adjacent to the shrine, as the loud speakers start pumping bass-heavy techno music. The morning exercises commence as the aerobic instructors on stage begin their cadence of counts and beats.

As one walks around, one can




Salvador

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Playground



Picnic Area



Soccer field



Basketball court



see the basketball courts slowly being filled by players. Students taking their CMT (citizens' military training) classes converge in various spots, clad in urban camouflage and boots. Cyclists gather in groups inside and outside the Circle. Couples bring along their infants, walking them in strollers or in baby carriages. Older men and women also abound the park, whether they prefer to sit down to play chess or do some crocheting on the stone benches, or move around in a gazebo doing their steps for ballroom dancing.

By the time the glow of the morning sun starts to become lukewarm, food stands will have begun opening. Small eateries offer simple breakfast fare of fried rice, eggs, *longganisa*, hotdog and a hot cup of coffee for hungry visitors. A nice glass or two of cool *buko* (young coconut) juice provides relief after three rounds of jogging or walking.

By mid-morning, blankets are already unfurled on the dry lawn. The grass during early January is usually withered and therefore free of creepy-crawlies. On top of these blankets or tarpaulins are families with their picnic baskets full of lunch food, a couple sharing a bottle of iced tea and potato chips and chocolates, or a solitary park visitor doing some reading on a dog-eared paperback novel.

Before noon time, restaurants







Underpass connecting QC Hall to QMC.





inside the Circle are already filled with customers. Most business lunches and meetings are done either in Serye (which for many years was known here as Aristocrat) or Max's. On weekends, baptismal parties and wedding receptions are common events that take place in the restaurant zone of the park.

At the height of the warm noon, one can enjoy a view of the three-pylon shrine from the comforting shades of trees that guard it. Under the sultry blaze, boxed ice-cream carts circle around as their peddlers make the most of the long lines of thirsty and sunburned faces, wanting to get a cone of ube and quezo ice cream.

One can take refuge at the landscape or botanical gardens. Protected from above by tall acacia and narra trees, the landscape gardens are a refreshing sight. Bonsai trees and trimmed bushes almost looked manicured at the landscape garden, now enclosed in a gate to protect the plants from vandals.

By afternoon, more and more people start coming in. Schoolchildren on a field trip crowd toward the shrine. The benches once occupied by picnicking families are replaced by couples on their dates, who linger around even long into the night.

The newly-opened theme park 'Circle of Fun', which stands at the gazebo where ballroom dance rehearsals were once held, becomes the highlight of the park as the evening starts to envelop the sky. Although open as early as 10 a.m., it looks best at dusk, when all the luminescent lights are turned on. A small roller coaster reverberates with screams as it does a gut-wrenching loop, but all ends too soon as the riders get replaced by eager, often impatient customers.

Parents tired of looking after their young children leave them at amusement park rides as they start looking for snacks. As night finally settles in, the lamps burn bright. The couples are still there, camouflaged by the dark, while they exchange sweet affectations. By 10 p.m., the siren of the security guards riding on their motorcycles signals the

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closing of the park. Strangers begin to disperse, spilling to the streets of Elliptical Road, as the sound of metal locks conclude a typical day at the circle.

The shrine, imposing as it looks, stands prominently as beams of neon purple and green shoot from below. The three mourning angels that guard Quezon's shrine glow with rubies on top of their heads — as if quietly gazing at the disquieting movement of an ever-restless city.



Circle of Fun

LA MESA ECO PARK

Enjoying Nature at its Finest

The beautiful La Mesa Eco Park found inside the heart of Quezon City offers a treat often only found in suburban areas: the chance to enjoy nature at its finest.



Engr. Francis Mallillin at the welcome area of La Mesa Eco Park.

The park is embraced by the La Mesa Watershed – the primary source of drinking water of about 12 million Metro Manila residents, and owned by the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS). The area is 2,700 hectares wide — 700 hectares of which is the reservoir with the rest covered by the surrounding forest. This forest is the last remaining of its size in Metro Manila, and is aptly called the "lungs of the city."

The forest had its share of trying times, plagued mostly by illegal settling, poaching and logging. These activities almost killed the forest, with most of its natural reserves slowly deteriorating. In 1999, ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc. created Bantay Kalikasan (Nature Watch) and formed a partnership with the MWSS to save La Mesa Watershed. The foundation created a project aimed at rehabilitating 1,500 hectares of the rainforest and preserving its natural landscape. Eight years since the project started, only 158 hectares remain to be planted. Bantay Kalikasan's strategy of actively involving the general public in the project, through its Adopt/Protect-A-Tree/Hectare programs, was the key to its success. Various corporations and private groups have pledged their commitment to ensure long-term maintenance and sustainability of the park.

To sustain the "Save La Mesa Watershed Project," Bantay Kalikasan, in partnership with the MWSS and the QC Government, rehabilitated and renovated a 33-hectare public park located right outside the boundaries of the watershed and 40 meters below the reservoir. In September 2004, the La Mesa Eco Park was opened, giving city dwellers the chance to both enjoy and take care of the forest.

The Eco Park has also been transformed into a living classroom that teaches children the importance of nature conversation. La Mesa provides an outdoor venue for both recreation and true forest experience. It is a living classroom and laboratory for environmental



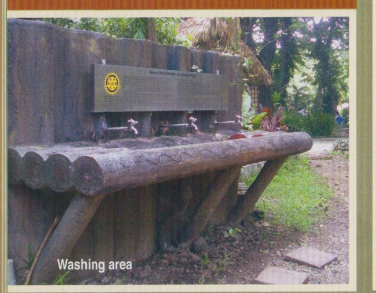


Boating



Salt water swimming pool





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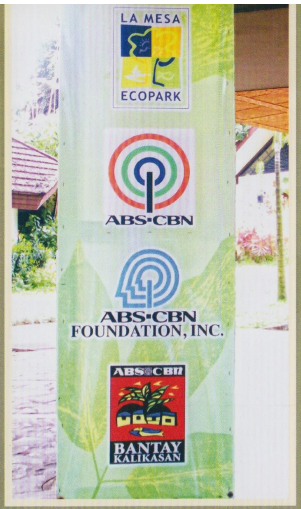



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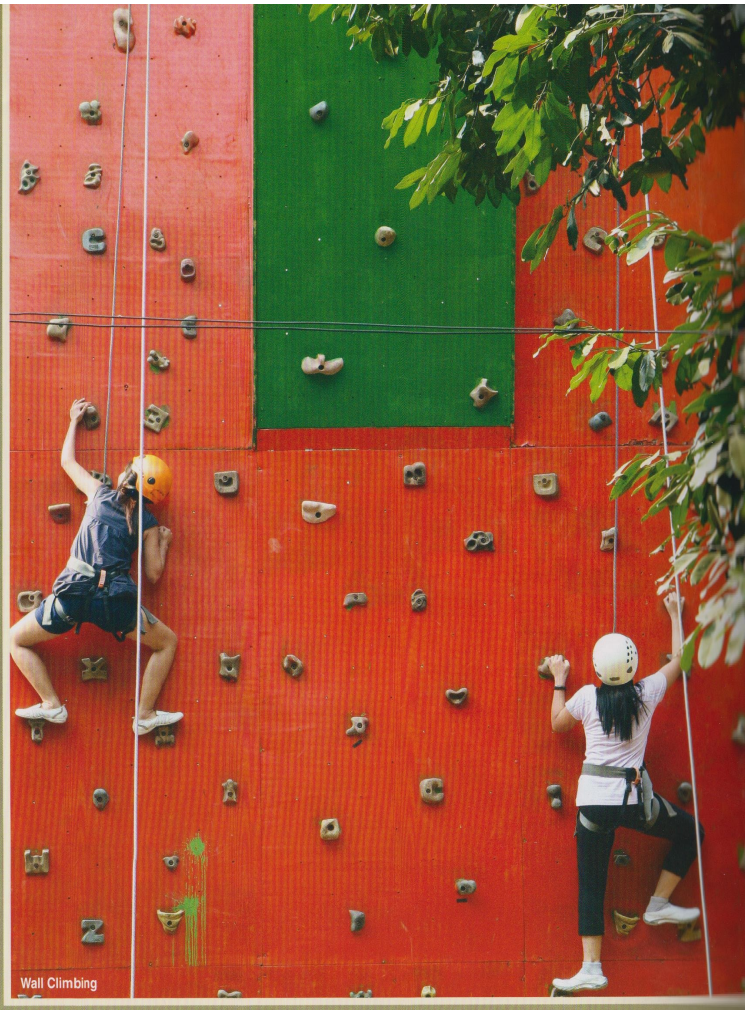


Wall Climbing


Horseback ride


Camping grounds



education and aims to be a center for biodiversity conservation. In 2006, over 280 different schools from all over the country, some coming from as far as Laoag, Bohol and Cebu, has already visited the La Mesa Eco Park for their educational field trips.

The La Mesa Eco Park offers various facilities for nature activities, ensuring that every visitor will find a way to enjoy his or her time while visiting the famous park area.

Families simply wanting to spend the day together are sure to enjoy the Lopez Picnic Grounds — five hectares of picnic spots with grilling facilities underneath the watershed's tall trees.

The Salt Water Swimming Pool on the other hand is a hit among kids, particularly during summer. Salt granules are used instead of chlorine to make the water safer and less toxic.

A boat ride at the Superferry Boating Lagoon invites one to commune with nature. The serene surrounding of greens and clear water makes it almost hard to believe that only a few minutes away are the bustling highways of Quezon City – an idea no short of a miracle!

Do you miss the experience of fishing in the province? The Fishing Lagoon offers the experience to anyone who hopes to relive those good old days.

If you're a fitness buff hoping to find a change of scenery for jogging and mountain biking, then the Petron Fitness and Mountain Bike Trail is the place to visit. Here, one can enjoy a full-body workout under the shade of trees. The fitness trail has 17 exercise stations and connects to a forested 1.2-kilometer mountain bike trail.

If you love flowers, then drop by the Shell Flower Terraces — two hectares of flower fields that cover the wall of the reservoir.

The Butterfly Trail and Hatchery on the other hand offers an educational trail of nature that teaches the miracle of life through the colorful world of butterflies.

A mini-golf course also offers a venue for visitors who enjoy the sport. Provisions for camping and group activities such as team-building and conventions are also offered at the La Mesa Eco Park.

In its entirety, La Mesa Eco Park embodies the spirit of a forest coming alive with the shade of tall trees, the colors of lush foliage, and the sound of wildlife thriving within the vicinity. It also highlights the *bayanihan spirit* between the concerned corporate entities, the local government and the community to ensure that this last existing natural forest in the city will retain its pristine beauty for future generations to enjoy.



BALARA FILTERS AND BERNARDO PARKS

Breathing New Life to Old Parks

Part of the parks improvement endeavor of the Quezon City government includes two of the city's earliest parks. These parks, once popular destinations in their heyday, have gradually diminished as people found other venues for recreation.



Balara Filters Park



Through the efforts of the Belmonte administration, under the Parks Development and Administration Department (PDAD), these two parks were given a new lease in life through the rehabilitation and creation of new facilities.

The rehabilitation of these two parks speaks well of the Belmonte administration's respect for these places of history and recreation and the unrelenting spirit to bring back to life what were once popular venues.

BALARA FILTERS PARK

The Balara Filters Park used to be a popular destination for sports and recreation in the 1950s to the 1970s. It once boasted of excellent amenities such as picnic grounds, a children's park, an amphitheater and swimming pools. However, wear and tear and neglect caused the deterioration of this place of convergence and only a few remained to be used.

In 2002, a Memorandum of Understanding for the rehabilitation of the area was signed by the Quezon City Government, Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS), Manila Water Company, MC Defensor Foundation and Billion Trees Movement to revive the glory of this park. The QC Government developed infrastructure particularly the A. Gideon Playground, Windmill Park and the Picnic Grove. It also spearheaded the cleaning and beautification of the area, and the repair/repainting of the gazebo and perimeter fence.

By April 2003, a revitalized Balara Filters Park was inaugurated and continues to attract people as it once did before.

BERNARDO PARK

More than half a decade ago, a hill situated along a relatively undeveloped Highway 54 (now EDSA) caught the attention of a dreamer, Ponciano A. Bernardo. Later on, he was appointed Mayor of Quezon City by President Manuel A. Roxas and he led the construction of a park that was situated near the old City Hall.

Bernardo Park was inaugurated in 1948 and became the venue of weekly concerts by the Army and Constabulary Bands at the time. Its location near a national highway made it visible and attractive to people who enjoyed its cool greenery and entertaining concerts. As time went by, the stature of Bernardo Park as a people's destination waned as people gradually moved to other places of convergence and EDSA became too congested with air and noise pollution.

Mayor Belmonte instructed the PDAD to prioritize the rehabilitation of the park and by December 2003, the park was reintroduced to the public.



Top and bottom: Bernardo Park



MONUMENTS

The Serious Business of History and Heritage

Dr. Manuel S. Alba considers himself an interested student of history, and a diligent one at that. His office shelves are filled not so much with the expected pile of office documents, but with books, books and more books.

From hardbound coffeetable books to thick volumes of biographies, one could not imagine how so many books can be read by someone so busy with managing the local affairs of a city as he is, after all, a Senior Adviser to the Mayor.

But this man is no stranger to combining tedious work with serious reading. He was a former government minister under the Marcos regime, handling the powerful Budget Ministry. His wisdom and expertise have guided the local administrations from the time of Ismael G. Mathay, Jr. to Feliciano 'Sonny' R. Belmonte, Jr. Despite these heavy credentials, he is very much a quintessential learner, eager to discover the novelty while deeply rooted in history's lessons.

Besides the usual affairs of city administration, he is also chairman of the city's Committee on Memorials, Monuments and Landmarks (CMML), which was constituted in May, 2009 under Executive Order No. 9. "Mayor Belmonte seriously sees the need to honor national personages and events in history through the creation of this committee. After all, Quezon City is rich in history, created no less by and named after a president, and was also a former capital of the country," he explained.

Indeed, as many significant events in history transpired in Quezon City, various shrines and monuments have marked different sites in the city, but only now has there been a comprehensive and careful approach to the development and creation of such. "In the past, there were no guidelines and proper approaches," he said, but since the CMML was formed, many memorials, monuments and landmarks all over Quezon City were finally given the



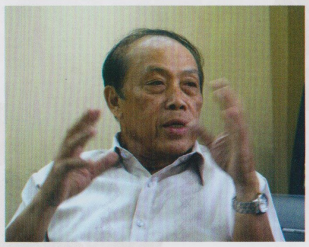


inaugurated in August 23, 2004 to commemorate
the Katipuneros through the tearing of their cedulas.

"Establishing monuments, especially those of important figures, should not be done haphazardly. What is important is where to strategically place a monument so that people can appreciate or value them."



Bonifacio Monument in City Hall compound.



Dr. Manuel Alba

attention and makeover that they very much deserved.

Within the year, the CMML, through the Parks Development and Administration Department (PDAD), funded the restoration of the Tandang Sora Shrine in Banlat, the General Geronimo Monument in Bagong Silangan, the installation of the Ninoy Aquino Monument at the corner of Quezon and Timog Avenues, and the replacement of the Jose Rizal and Andres Bonifacio statues within the Quezon City Hall premises.

Dr. Alba often receives proposals as to which memorials or monuments would be erected in the near future.

"Of course, that included (the late) President Cory Aquino," he mused, noting that other local governments have already outdone them by erecting monuments of her in their localities. But he is unfazed by this.

"Establishing monuments, especially those of important figures, should not be done haphazardly," he elaborated, since they seek the advice of the National Historical Institute before any plans are put to execution.

"What is important is where to strategically place a monument so that people can appreciate or value them."

He is also spearheading a cultural mapping of Quezon City, wherein significant sites where historical events have taken place will be identified so that proper



Dr. Jose Rizal Monument in City Hall compound.



Bantayog ng mga Bayani in Quezon Avenue.

road networks are defined leading to these potential tourist spots.

"It would be easier to tell visitors to our city where historical shrines are located," he explained. Also, a move to rename streets is part of this drive. "Street names are landmarks, after all," and the plan also considers names important personages in the city's history whose contributions to the city and the country are great.

The CMML is also considering the maintenance of certain structures and buildings that have historic appeal and significance, like old houses and school buildings. They have talked to the families who owned these old mansions if they would consider the proposal to convert these dwellings into heritage houses, which could become tourist attractions.

"It certainly appealed to them, but of course, we leave it to them whether to consider it or not," Dr. Alba said, elaborating that they have talked to families of former Senator Helena Z. Benitez and the Pimentel and Puyat families who owned houses and mansions in the city.

They are also advocating the preservation of Gabaldon-style school buildings, which were created during the American occupation in the 1920s and 30s, which are becoming a rarity. These structures are often demolished to give way to sleek, multi-level buildings that could cater to a



Gen. Licerio Geronimo Park in Brgy. Bagong Silangan commemorates the gallantry of Gen. Geronimo against the American troops in the Battle of San Mateo.



Boy Scout Monument in Tomas Morato Avenue.



Ninoy Aquino Monument, designed by noted artist Ed Castrillo, was inaugurated on November 27, 2009 during the Senator's birth anniversary.



Bonifacio Monument in Ballintawak.

growing student populace.

Finally, there are also plans to establish shrines or monuments to commemorate certain unfortunate events that befell within the city's confines, such as the Ozone Disco and Payatas tragedies, "so that people are reminded of the impact of these events, as these events define experiences that can be learned from."

Dr. Alba was a frontline witness to these events, and he said these unforgettable moments in history should be chronicled. He said that he is already writing his memoirs and even though he doesn't expect them to be published very soon, there is already much anticipation and he too is excited.

"I have already a third of these memoirs in my laptop computer," he said. After all, this humble student has already become a player and witness to the unfolding of history in Quezon City and this country.



Tandang Sora Shrine was designed by artist Abdulmari Imao, Jr. and was inaugurated during the 106th birth anniversary of Melchora Aquino - the 'Heroine of Quezon City' - on January 6, 2009.

PARKS DEVELOPMENT AND
ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT (PDAD)

Laying the Groundwork for a 'Garden City'

A greener city enhanced by the proliferation of public parks, landscaped spaces, and other areas teeming with endearing aesthetic attributes has always been an aspiration of the local government of Quezon City. If our Asian neighbors such as Hong Kong and Singapore can integrate urban progress with ecological elements, why can't the city replicate the same feat?



The PDAD Team headed by Engr. Zaldy dela Rosa (center) with the Galing Pook plaque.

The quest for such an idyllic vision was actually initiated during the administration of former Mayor Adelina Rodriguez, who served from 1976 to 1986. According to Quezon City Parks and Development and Administration Department (PDAD) Head Engr. Zaldy A. Dela Rosa, Mayor Rodriguez first pursued a plan for the development and beautification of the city's public parks.

"Before, the parks development was just a division under the City Engineer's Office. Then Mayor Rodriguez, who was intent on the beautification of Quezon City, elevated us into an office. When Mayor Jun Simon took over, he also saw the importance of parks. He further upgraded our office into its own department," Engr. Dela Rosa related.

Mayor Simon's frequent trips to Singapore influenced his dream to pursue the greening of Quezon City, but it was already on his last year (1990) when the PDAD was created,



Standing, from right: Engr. Dela Rosa, Arch. Esguerra, Ms. Rivera, Engr. Mercado, Ms. Tello. On top: Engr. Mallillin.



PDAD Head Engr. Zaldy dela Rosa



Assistant Department Head Arch. Nancy C. Esguerra sees to it that all the mandates of the Department are attended to in absence of the Department Head.



The Landscape Development Division, headed by Engr. Francis Mallillin (right), is in charge of the formulation of plans, programs and projects for the development and maintenance of the various parks and playgrounds, historical landmarks, monuments and center islands all over the city.

"It's always heartening to see the people getting very excited to use their park, especially the children who use the playground and run around freely. That's what the park is for: to gather the residents in the spirit of community."

so that when the next mayor took over, the department's functions were again stalled.

"Under Mayor Mel Mathay, we were able to construct some new parks but we had limited funding so they did not turn out quite as well as we wanted," Engr. Dela Rosa noted.

DAWN OF A GREENER CITY

Everything changed in the year 2001 – when Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. took on the role of Quezon City's chief executive. As soon as the good Mayor fixed the city's finances and virtually overhauled the local bureaucracy into a professionally sound corporate firm, he shifted his attention to a long-neglected aspect: Greening the city.

"It was around 2003 when we were able to start a comprehensive program to improve the public parks and other open spaces around the city. We haven't stopped since then," Engr. Dela Rosa proudly stated.

The PDAD's official functions are to develop open spaces and historical sites, prevent and remove informal settlers, and ensure public safety, cleanliness and neatness. Parks are considered essential in the quest for a greener city since they provide environmental, aesthetic, and recreational benefits to the residents. At the same time, they can also help enhance property values, increase the city revenues, and attract homebuyers, workers, and retirees. Massive parks development contributes to urban renewal and answers the clamor for breathing space amidst the stressful concrete jungle.

To date, the department has identified 553 open spaces all over the city, with almost 50 percent already developed into *Serbisyong Bayan* or "SB" Parks.

With Mayor Belmonte's directive for the city's beautification, funding allocated to the PDAD has tripled as compared to previous administrations. Since 2001, around P700 million has been spent for the creation, repair, and refurbishment of the public parks. For this endeavor, Mayor Belmonte came up with the brilliant idea of tapping the *barangays* as partners in the upkeep and maintenance of the parks.

"Once we finish construction of a park either for a *barangay* or a subdivision, we sign a memorandum of agreement with the community heads or the homeowners' association for them to become the direct beneficiaries of the park. In turn, they get the responsibility of maintaining the park," Engr. Dela Rosa explained.

PARKS AND THE CITY

Private subdivisions on the other hand are mandated to allot a certain percentage of the property for parks and playgrounds. For developers who neglect to fulfill this provision, the homeowners' association can request the PDAD to construct such amenities for them.

Aside from the community parks, the PDAD is also responsible for the restoration and upkeep of the major parks of the city, including the Quezon Memorial Circle Park, the La Mesa Eco Park, Bernardo Park, and the C. P. Garcia Park.

Out of the 142 *barangays* in Quezon City, around 40 still do not have available space for conversion into a public park. That is why the PDAD is conducting further research and working on the prioritization of certain areas to get their own park. Open spaces that are left vacant or undeveloped are often prone to the uncontrolled encroachment of informal settlers.

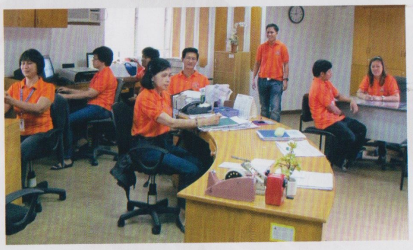
The challenge for the community is to educate residents about the conservation and proper usage of the parks. Engr. Dela Rosa said that they are conducting awareness campaigns that include energy conservation and prevention of unscrupulous elements from vandalizing the parks.

He also added that it is always fulfilling for him and his department to see the fruits of their labor. "It's always heartening to see the people getting very excited to use their park, especially the children who use the playground and run around freely. Even adults and senior citizens like to just sit on the benches, relax and chat with each other. That's what the park is for: to gather the residents in the spirit of community."









The Administrative Division, headed by Zenaida Rivera, handles the regular day-to-day activities concerning the administrative affairs of the department such as recording, filing and other functions.
From top: The Construction & Maintenance Division, led by Engr. Teresa Mercado, is reponsible for the proper implementation of all the projects for the development and improvement of parks and the maintenance of all the facilities within the parks. The Nursery & Arboretum Division, with Teresita Tello at the helm, is in-charge of all landscaping, tree trimming, and cutting requests. Certification and permits are likewise issued being the local counterpart of the DENR. The Nursery Division is also concerned in the establishment of a nursery garden that will provide planting materials for the city's beautification project. The staff of the Quezon Memorial Circle are now responsible for the park since its turn-over to the city government. Vast improvements have been implemented since their administration.

The Future

The work is not yet over. A lot of projects are on the pipeline to ensure the constant blooming of a 'garden city.' The Quezon City Museum will soon rise to become a landmark that every resident can be proud of.



Artist's rendition of the future center islands of major Quezon City roads





BEAUTIFICATION OF CENTER ISLANDS

To date, there are 15 center islands under the jurisdiction of the Quezon City government, with a total length of more than 30 kilometers, ranging from half a meter to nine meters and covering a total of 9.44 hectares. For these center islands, a landscaping plan has been specifically developed, which included the identification of the foliage or tree varieties planted on them. Another six center islands, presently maintained by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), with a total length of 34.789 kilometers and an area of 12 hectares, shall likewise be developed and/or rehabilitated. Discussions have been made with MMDA over jurisdiction of these islands, and the DOTC with regard to the MRT/LRT lines.



Artist's rendition of the future Quezon City Circle. The city's Special Design Group (SDG) headed by Architect Virgilio Regala is the one responsible for the preparation of various re-development plans for the Quezon Memorial Circle.



Artist's rendition of the Quezon City Museum.

THE QUEZON CITY MUSEUM

In July 2008, the QC government resumed management control over the Quezon Memorial Circle, considered to be Quezon City's central park, after 20 years of management by the Quezon City Parks Development Foundation under former Vice Mayor Charito Planas. Mayor Belmonte envisioned QMC as the centerpiece of the city and a symbol of collective pride. Palafox and Associates was commissioned to create a new master plan for the park, incorporating the proposed Quezon City Museum as a special feature of what is planned to be a modern park, with distinct environmental features.

The proposed QC Museum will play a significant role in projecting the City's position as a balanced urban center that is globally competitive yet mindful of the richness of its history. The goal is to showcase the City's significance in the history of the nation, its present contributions to the economic development of the country, and the potential role of Quezon City and the Philippines in the international community.

With an area of about one hectare at the right side of the Circle's Quezon Avenue entrance, which in itself will be developed as an attractive gateway to the park, the museum is conceived to become a two-storey structure to complement the Quezon Shrine's grand pylon. The wide courtyards will serve as walkable areas and a possible site for transient art galleries. The proposed museum design complies with the requirements of modern, green architecture standards.





List of Open Space for Development

Pursuant to its mandate in the development of open spaces in the city, the PDAD envisions to develop the remaining 341 open spaces and convert it into parks and playgrounds.

DISTRICT I

NO	NAME OF PARK	LOCATION	BARANGAY	AREA (sq.m)
1	Proj. 7 O/S	Calumpit St.	Veterans	1,335.60
2	Proj. 7 O/S	Proj. 7	Veterans	5,454.70
3	North Bago Bantay O/S	Bago Bantay	Bago Bantay	5,755.20
4	North Bago Bantay O/S	Cotabato St.	R. Magsaysay	9,828.40
5	North Bago Bantay O/S	Balayan St.	Bgy. Alicia	5,818.00
6	North Bago Bantay O/S	Balayan St.	Bgy. Alicia	6,633.60
7	Roosevelt Ave. Subd.		Sta. Cruz	601.50
8	West Ave. Park Strip	Baler St.	Paltok	1,521.90
9	West Ave. Park Strip	Catanduanes / West Ave.	Paltok	514.00
10	Roosevelt Park Strip	Mangga St.	Katipunan	1,308.00
11	Roosevelt Park Strip	San Antonio St.	Bgy. S. A.	2,358.20
12	West Ave. Park Strip		Paltok	2,789.90
13	West Ave. Park Strip	Asset St.	Bahay Toro	588.90
14	Proj. 6 Park Strip	Road 3	Proj. 6	3,318.90
15	West Ave. Park Strip	Bulacan	Bungad	1,027.80
16	West Ave. Park Strip			810.40
17	Proj. 8 Park Strip	Herefund	Bahay Toro	1,475.70
18	Proj. 8 Park Strip	Sta. Gertrudes	Bahay Toro	3,104.00
19	Proj. 8 Park Strip	Congressional Ave.		294.20
20	Veterans A & B Subd. O/S		Veterans	311.70
21	Veterans A & B Subd. O/S			6,270.40
22	Veterans A & B Subd. O/S			7,388.50
23	Veterans A & B Subd. O/S			8,327.10
24	Nayong Kaunlaran O/S	Visayas Ave.	Proj. 6	241.90
25	Nayong Kaunlaran O/S		N.K.	4,768.00
26	Nayong Kaunlaran O/S	Bulacan St.	N.K.	5,454.70
27	Fil-Homes Subd.		Bahay Toro	1,203.66
28	Morelos Subd.		West Triangle	2,949.00
29	Heroes Hill Park 1	Gen. Segundo St.	Sta. Cruz	2,538.00
30	Heroes Hill Park 2	Gen. Segundo St.	Sta. Cruz	3,508.50
31	West Ave. Park Strip	Park Strip	West Ave.	1,525.50
32	West Ave. Park Strip	Park Strip	West Ave.	1,836.90
33	Balingasa O/S	Harmony St.	Balingasa	1,196.00
34	Sta. Cruz Park	Roosevelt Ave.	Sta. Cruz	3,560.50
35	Deropa Park	M. Deropa St.	Bahay Toro	1,209.00
36	Proj. 6 O/S	Alley 3	Proj. 6	1,742.40
37	Proj. 6 O/S	Road 3	Proj. 6	6,254.00
38	Proj. 7 O/S	Lanutan St / Halang St.	Proj. 7	1,328.10
39	Proj. 7 O/S	Lanutan St / Halang St.	Proj. 7	1,361.00
40	Bagong Pag-asa O/S	Road 1	Bagong Pag-asa	4,723.30
41	Bagong Pag-asa O/S	Road 13	Bagong Pag-asa	757.90
42	Bahay Toro O/S	Shothon St.	Bahay Toro	1,517.20
43	Bungad O/S	Bulacan	Bungad	148.60
44	Bungad O/S	Bulacan	Bungad	181.60
45	Kaunlaran O/S	Masbate St.	Kaunlaran	6,076.00
46	Kaunlaran O/S	Zamboanga St.	Kaunlaran	1,837.00
47	Veterans Village O/S	Road - A	Veteran's Vill	1,335.60
48	Veterans Village O/S	Road - A	Veteran's Vill	2,845.40
49	Damar O/S	Dancalan	Damar	3,306.00

DISTRICT II

NO	NAME OF PARK	LOCATION	BARANGAY	AREA (sq.m)
1	Alemars Cong. View Park	Don Mariano St.	Commonwealth	2,005.92
2	Angela S. Vda Del Villonco		Payatas	1,891.38
3	Baetiong, Beatriz Subd.		San Bartolome	711.18
4	California Village	Katipunan Ave.	San Bartolome	6,881.44
5	Capitol View Subd.	Capitol	Payatas	5,821.98
6	Capitol Site Subd.		Payatas	5,764.32
7	Carreon Clemente Subd.		San Bartolome	1,091.46
8	Coconut Groove Village	Capitol	Payatas	1,721.70
9	Concordia Subd.		Bagbag	631.10
10	Congress Park		Payatas	2,028.00
11	Dantes Benito Subd.	Nova	Nagkaisang N.	240.01
12	Dolor Estate	Sitio Talanay	Batasan Hills	5,184.07
13	Dantes Pascual		San Bartolome	660.06
14	Doña Mariana Subd.		Payatas	1,203.04
15	Don Carlos Heights	Capitol		17,652.78
16	Doña Juana Subd.	Capitol		5,704.59
17	Evergreen Subd.		Pasong Tamo	1,327.68
18	Faustino Pedro Subd.			6,301.38
19	FM Magno Subd.	Agoncillo St.	Sta. Monica	1,657.00
20	Francisco Village	Novaliches		1,413.24
21	Galler Heights	Banlat		2,632.38
22	Gabriel Asuncion Subd.		San Bartolome	1,800.00
23	Gomezville Subd.	Capitol		3,852.36
24	Rufina Subd.	Capitol	Payatas	2,533.00
25	Capitol Homes II		Batasan Hills	11,297.00
26	Capitol View Park		Commonwealth	7,132.00
27	Doña Carmen Park		Payatas	6,756.00
28	Empire View Park I	Payatas	Payatas	12,264.00
29	Empire View Park II	Payatas	Payatas	6,125.00
30	Joyous Hts. I	Payatas	Fairview	3,327.00
31	Fairview Park II	Pearl St.	Fairview	8,607.00
32	Fairview Park III	Ruby St.	Fairview	60,477.00
33	Fairview Park IV	Pearl St.	Fairview	17,327.00
34	West Fairview VI	Chesuit St.	Fairview	6,245.00
35	West Fairview IV	Chesuit St.	Fairview	8,020.00
36	West Fairview VII	Chesuit St.	Fairview	1,327.00
37	Apo Brother Subd.		Tandang Sora	658.00
38	Centerpille Subd. Park I	Daniel St.	Pasong Tamo	1,290.00
39	Centerpille Subd. Park II	Gaudecio St.	Pasong Tamo	1,215.00
40	Catalina Garcia Subd.	Capitol District	Batasan Hills	935.00
41	Certeza Ville Subd. I	Capitol District	Batasan Hills	4,450.00
42	Certeza Ville Subd. II	Capitol District	Batasan Hills	4,528.00
43	Certeza Ville Subd. III	Capitol District	Batasan Hills	5,440.00
44	Certeza Ville Subd. IV	Capitol District	Batasan Hills	4,800.00
45	Certeza Ville Subd. V	Capitol District	Batasan Hills	6,992.00
46	Certeza Ville Subd. VI	Capitol District	Batasan Hills	3,990.00
47	Ciocon Manuel Subd.		Tandang Sora	300.00
48	Congress Park II	Doña Juliana St.	Commonwealth	1,504.00
49	Damong Maliit	Trinidad Nova	Nagkaisang N.	2,260.00
50	Doña Ana Subd.	Capitol District	B. Silangan	2,905.00
51	Gerryville Subd.	Capitol District	Nagkaisang N.	731.00
52	Gonzales RT Village		San Bartolome	1,841.00
53	Greenheights Subd.		San Bartolome	2,600.00
54	Greenheights Subd.		San Bartolome	3,951.00
55	La Mesa View Subd.	Capitol District		5,374.00
56	Lazaro Subd.	Novaliches	N. Nayon	200.00
57	Alejandro De Jesus		Nagkaisang N.	4,456.00
58	Florence Ville		Nagkaisang N.	186.00
59	Maligaya I	Ilang-ilang	Pasong Putik	10,169.00
60	Maligaya II	Champaca	Pasong Putik	13,177.00
61	North Fairview Park	Lot 17, Blk 55	Pasong Putik	21,499.00
62	North Fairview Park I	Neopolitan Ave.	Pasong Putik	18,074.00
63	North Fairview Park II	Bristol St.	Pasong Putik	12,841.00
64	North Fairview Park III	Lot 31	Pasong Putik	8,004.00
65	North Fairview Park VI	Lot 8, Avon St.	Pasong Putik	13,069.00
66	North Fairview Park VIII	Lot 19	Pasong Putik	6,083.00
67	North Fairview Park XI	Lot 105	Pasong Putik	20,011.00
68	North Fairview Park XII	Lot 50	Pasong Putik	6,861.00
69	North Fairview Park XIII	Lot 767	Pasong Putik	22,681.00
70	North Fairview Park XIV	Lot 147	Pasong Putik	6,375.00
71	North Fairview Park XV	Lot 106	Pasong Putik	7,666.00
72	Doña Petronia Subd.	Consuelo St.		510.00
73	Evergreen Subd.		Pasong Putik	1,328.00

74	Gloria Subd. III	Jasmin St.		917.00
75	Gloria Subd. IV	Emerald St.		1,200.00
76	Jem II	South St.	Pasong Putik	1,336.00
77	Maria Village		Pasong Putik	8,278.00
78	Villa Donata		Pasong Putik	7,000.00
79	Doña Soledad	Carmen Loop	San Bartolome	1,169.00
80	Merry Land Subd.		San Bartolome	2,029.00
81	Hilda Village		Tandang Sora	638.00
82	Reyes Compound	Capitol District		1,961.00
83	St. Dominic Subd.		Tandang Sora	2,237.00
84	Tancino Maria Cruz	Novaliches		1,677.00
85	Palmera Homes		Sta. Monica	918.00
86	Palmera Homes III		Sta. Monica	1,900.00
87	Palmera Homes		Sta. Monica	1,589.00
88	Palmera Homes		Sta. Monica	1,793.00
89	Playground			181.00
90	Sta. Perpetua Village	Pearl St.	Tandang Sora	1,390.00
91	Socialized Housing	Tawid Sapa	kaligayahan	4,430.00
92	Socialized Housing	Tawid Sapa	kaligayahan	20,642.00
93	Socialized Housing	Tawid Sapa	kaligayahan	19,088.00
94	O/S		kaligayahan	10,000.00
95	Urbien Subd.	Urbien St.		794.00
96	De Jesus F.B.	Terio St.	Nagkaisang N.	288.00
97	Don Antonio Hts.	Don Gregorio St.	Holy Spirit	325.00
98	Hilltop Subd, Park	Esperanza St.	Greater Lagro	6,451.00
99	Neopolitan Britany	Neopolitan Ave.	Pasong Putik	18,074.00
100	Philand Subd.	Philam Drive	Pasong Tamo	
101	Doña Petronia Park	Consuelo St.	Pasong Tamo	3,893.00
102	Silver Land Park	Pearl Silvulaine St.		312.00
103	Hermosa Heights	Capitol		5,537.22
104	Jem Subd. No. 10	Banlat	Tandang Sora	1,740.00
105	Joyville Subd. No.4	Algebra St.	Sauyo	617.58
106	Jesus S. Vujuico	Novaliches		1,071.00
107	Kalaw Hill		Culiat	2,683.72
108	Kapalaran Subd.	Capitol		6,015.72
109	Kasiyahan Subd.	Capitol		7,886.50
110	La Unica Hija Subd.	Capitol		2,036.76
111	Lazaro Cruz Subd.		Tandang Sora	1,200.00
112	Ledesma Subd.		Tandang Sora	1,200.00
113	Legislative View Park	Capitol	Payatas	4,350.30
114	Legislative Subd.	Capitol	Payatas	2,073.06
115	Maharlika Subd.		Tandang Sora	1,051.64
116	Maligaya Park	Novaliches	Pasong Putik	20,571.64
117	Maria Luis Park		Tandang Sora	600.00
118	Mendoza El.	Novaliches		4,818.00
119	Merry Land Homes I		Sauyo	1,540.00
120	Merry Ones Subd.			2,069.00
121	Merry Land Homes II			2,070.00
122	Nieva Paz Erona		Tandang Sora	6,186.00
123	Northville	Capitol		27,734.00
124	Nova	Novaliches	Tandang Sora	600.00
125	RSC Village	Balitawak	Tandang Sora	935.76
126	Parkway Village	Antonette St.	Apolonio Samson	8,217.00
127	Pascual Mariano		Bagbag	600.00
128	Pork Chop Hills	Capitol	Payatas	2,026.92
129	Queensland Subd.	Princess Margaret St.	Nagkaisang N.	3,157.32
130	Rommer Village	Diamond/ Sapphire St.	Tandang Sora	1,097.00
131	Ramirez Blas		San Bartolome	738.06
132	Ramirez Miguela	Novaliches		933.30
133	Remar Subd.		Tandang Sora	600.00
134	Reyes Subd.	Capitol		2,001.78
135	Richland No. 2		Sauyo	600.00
136	Rosalia Villa. No.2	St. Joseph	Tandang Sora	2,400.00
137	Sadang Homesite		San Bartolome	765.36
138	Salome Hieghts		San Bartolome	970.06
139	Samson Boat	Capitol		600.00
140	Sarangaya Pablo Subd.		Tandang Sora	1,719.24
141	San Antonio Subd.	Culiat	Tandang Sora	2,344.02
142	San Jose Cmpd.		San Bartolome	600.00
143	Carlos Village		San Bartolome	4,078.44
144	St. Dominic 6		Pasong Tamo	1,200.00
145	St. Dominic 8		Tandang Sora	600.00
146	Tancino Mama Vda. De Cruz		San Bartolome	717.41
147	Tierra Bella Subd. No.2		Culiat	14,038.42
148	Tofemi Subd. No. 2	3rd, 4th St.	Pasong Tamo	8,257.56
149	Toribio & Sons Subd.		Payatas	1,959.06
150	UP Morels Homes	Capitol	Payatas	4,495.92
151	UP Proffessors Subd.		Tandang Sora	2,614.38
152	UP Site Subd. No. 1		Tandang Sora	14,110.02
153	UP Site Subd. No. 2		Tandang Sora	11,967.12
154	UP Springfield Subd. No. 2	Capitol	Payatas	4,656.18
155	Urban State		Tandang Sora	17,023.74
156	Villa Matilde Subd.		Tandang Sora	632.66
157	Villa Donata Subd.		Tandang Sora	1,000.02
158	Zulueta Subd.		Tandang Sora	1,725.00
159	Woodland Manors	Capitol		36,131.76
160	Consuelo Cmpd.	Aquarius St.	Tandang Sora	107.00
161	Don Antonio Hts. No.2	Capitol District		325.00
162	Escalona Cmpd.	Zabarte Dr.	kaligayahan	809.00
163	Grace Village I		Apolonio Samson	2,800.00
164	Grace Village II		Apolonio Samson	1,196.00
165	KM 12 Proj. Subd.		Baesa	1,966.00
166	Visayas Ave. Subd.	Banlat	Tandang Sora	1,216.00
167	Cesar Ledesma One II	Ledesma St.	kaligayahan	960.00
168	San Antonio Subd.		Tandang Sora	1,748.00
169	St. Judes Park	Cardinal St.	Tandang Sora	3,378.00
170	Culiat Open Space		Culiat	240.00
171	San Bartolome Playground		San Bartolome	523.60
172	San Gabriel Subd. Strip	Panganiban	Sta. Lucia	606.00
173	Lazaro Subd.			200.00
174	Sta. Lucia Village II		Sta. Lucia	3,565.00
175	San Gabriel Subd. II	Aquino	Sta. Lucia	5,172.00
176	San Gabriel Subd. IV	Panganiban	Sta. Lucia	819.78
177	San Gabriel Subd. I	Jose Abad Santos	Sta. Lucia	140.80
178	San Gabriel Subd. V	A. Calderon St.	Sta. Lucia	1,115.90
179	Tandang Sora Open Space		Tandang Sora	428.00
180	Tierra Pura Open Space	Culiat High School	Sta. Lucia	572.00
181	Tierra Pura O/S	do	do	653.00
182	Tierra Pura O/S	do	do	742.00
183	Tierra Pura O/S	do	do	691.00
184	Tofenio Open Space			332.00
185	Tierra Eva (Tierra Bella)		Culiat	793.00
186	Urban Village	Novaliches		794.00
187	Villa Florencia	Palmera St.		1,339.00
188	Villa Angelina		Tandang Sora	1,207.00
189	Villa Corrina		Tandang Sora	
190	Mario Subd.	Capitol District		2,005.00
191	Mario Subd.	Capitol District		777.00
192	Mario Subd.	Novaliches		2,177.00
193	Mario Subd.	Novaliches	Tandang Sora	3,862.00
194	BIR Village 4		Sauyo	5,000.00
195	Everlasting Park	Everlasting St.	Payatas	
196	Sushila Subd.		kaligayahan	1,648.00
197	Capri Phase I	Sampaguita St.	Capri	
198	Capri Phase II	Sampaguita St.	Capri	
199	Pleasant View Subd.	Carolinea St.	Tandang Sora	240.00
200	NPC Subd.	Loboc St.	Tandang Sora	1,696.00
201	NPC Subd.	Gen. Santos	Tandang Sora	959.00
202	NPC Subd.	Dingle St.	Tandang Sora	2,480.00
203	Fil. Hieghts Subd.	Joshua St.	Bagong Silangan	960.00
204	Fil. Hieghts Subd.	Ezra/Micha St.	Bagong Silangan	1,219.00
205	Capitol Estate II	Justice St.	Batasan Hills	962.00
206	Greenfields III Subd.	Doña Azucena	San Agustin	708.00
207	Greenfields III Subd.	Doña Azucena	San Agustin	1,200.00
208	Greenfields III Subd.	Doña Alejandro Ave.	San Agustin	429.00

209	Greenfields III Subd.	Socorro Ave.	San Agustin	6,172.00
210	Amlac Subd.	Bert St.	Payatas	2,976.00
211	Rolling Meadows II	Ganet/Cardinal St.	Sauyo	1,611.00
212	Rolling Meadows II	King Fisher	Sauyo	
213	Rolling Meadows I	Lily St.	San Bartolome	833.00
214	Greenview II	Paris	Sauyo	2,280.00
215	Greenview III		Tandang Sora	5,643.00
216	Napocor Subd.	Caliraya	Tandang Sora	988.00
217	Napocor Subd.	Polagui	Tandang Sora	1,331.00
218	Napocor Subd.	Calaca	Tandang Sora	2,625.00
219	Napocor Subd.	Calaca	Tandang Sora	2,756.00
220	Violago Homes		Bagong Silangan	3,904.00
221	Fil-Invest II	Inca St.	Bagong Silangan	7,309.00
222	Fil-Invest II	Hailey St.	Bagong Silangan	11,238.00

DISTRICT III

NO	NAME OF PARK	LOCATION	BARANGAY	AREA (sq.m)
1	Bagumbayan (Proj. 4 O/S)	Evangelista St.	Bagumbayan	382.70
2	Bagumbayan	Kamias Creek	Bagumbayan	2,502.90
3	Bagumbayan (Proj. 4 O/S)	Evang. Cor 21 Ave	Bagumbayan	105.20
4	Duyan-duyan O/S	Kamagong St.	Duyan-duyan	250.40
5	Libis O/S	Santolan Rd.	Libis	126.00
6	Loyola Hts. O/S (Park 10)	Katipunan Rd.	Loyola Hts.	10,042.50
7	Bagumbayan	P. Tuazon	Bagumbayan	1,973.90
8	Ugong Norte O/S	Ortigas Ave.	Ugong Norte	1,547.30
9	Loyola Hts. O/S (Park 10)	R.S. Alvaro St.	Loyola Hts.	5,772.20
10	Loyola Hts. O/S (Park 8)			4,578.00
11	Quirino 2-A O/S	Along Diliman Creek	Quirino 2-A	206.00
12	Quirino 2-A O/S	Along Diliman Creek	Quirino 2-A	290.00
13	Quirino 2-A O/S	Along Diliman Creek	Quirino 2-A	508.00
14	Quirino 2-A O/S	Along Diliman Creek	Quirino 2-A	2,916.20
15	Quirino 2-A O/S	Along Diliman Creek	Quirino 2-A	1,899.50
16	Quirino 2-B O/S	Tampoy	Quirino 2-B	3,978.10
17	Quirino 2-B O/S	Durian St.	Quirino 2-B	210.00
18	Green Meadows IV-A	Green Meadows Ave.	Ugong Norte	31,689.00
19	Kamias Greekside O/S	K-10th cor. Kasing	East Kamias	2,671.20
20	Kamias Greekside O/S	Along Diliman Creek	East Kamias	4,380.00
21	Villa Beatriz	Doña Filomena St.	Old Balara	2,189.00
22	Quirino 2-B O/S	Durian St.	Quirino 2-B	210.00
23	Quirino 2-C O/S	Paso St.	Quirino 2-C	631.00
24	Quirino 2-C O/S	Langka St.	Quirino 2-C	3,866.00
25	Quirino 3-A O/S	Anonas Creek	Quirino 2-A	1,048.00
26	Quirino 3-A O/S	Anonas St.	Quirino 2-A	779.20
27	Bayanihan O/S	T. Mascardo St.	Bayanihan	1,716.00
28	Bayanihan O/S	T. Mascardo St.	Bayanihan	1,531.60
29	Bayanihan O/S	P. Pelaez (Alley)	Bayanihan	560.20
30	Blue Ridge -B O/S	Evening Glory St	Blue Ridge	311.70
31	Bagumbayan O/S	Kalantiaw St.	Bagumbayan	587.20
32	Quirino 2-A	Kaimito St.	Quirino 2-A	1,096.00
33	Project 4 O/S	Evangelista cor./A Luna St.	Bagumbayan	573.90
34	Quirino 3-B	Anonas / Tindalo	Claro	226.30

DISTRICT IV

NO	NAME OF PARK	LOCATION	BARANGAY	AREA (sq.m)
1	Damayan Lagi O/S	Ermitanya Cuelo	Damayan Lagi	358.00
2	Damayan Lagi O/S	Ermitanya Cuelo	Damayan Lagi	6,440.00
3	Damayan Lagi O/S	Ermitanya Cuelo	Damayan Lagi	4,289.00
4	Roxas	Waling-waling St.	Roxas	5,052.70
5	Roxas - 9	Jasmin St.	Roxas	4,600.31
6	Roxas - 10	Narcisa St.	Roxas	3,101.00
7	Roxas - 15		Roxas	574.00
8	Roxas - 4	Quince St.	Roxas	155.40
9	Roxas - 2	Azucena St.	Roxas	188.40
10	Roxas	Waling-waling St.	Roxas	306.16
11	Roxas - 6	Azucena cor. Waling	Roxas	188.00
12	Roxas	Along Dil. Creek	Roxas	824.00
13	Roxas - 8	Campupol, Azucena	Roxas	1,228.50
14	Roxas - 7	Campupol, Camia	Roxas	5,280.00
15	Roxas - 18	Gumamela St.	Roxas	10,180.00
16	Roxas - 11	Along Dil. Creek	Roxas	161.20
17	Roxas - 13	Gum. Along Riverside	Roxas	74.00
18	Roxas	Gumamela St.	Roxas	154.40
19	Roxas - 20	Jasmin St.	Roxas	247.10
20	Roxas - 5	Waling-waling St.	Roxas	1,629.00
21	Roxas	Champace St.	Roxas	1,816.00
22	Roxas - 16	Gumamela St.	Roxas	968.30
23	Unang Hakbang San Isidro	Unang Hakbang	San Isidro	187.50
24	Obrero	Along San Juan River	Doña Imelda	
25	Imelda Open Space	Matiwasay St.	Old Imelda	1,262.00
26	Old Capitol O/S		Old Capitol	401.60
27	Pinagkaisahan O/S		Pinagkaisahan	413.00
28	Pinagkaisahan O/S		Pinagkaisahan	418.00
29	Pinagkaisahan O/S		Pinagkaisahan	738.00
30	Pinagkaisahan O/S		Pinagkaisahan	336.00
31	Pinagkaisahan O/S		Pinagkaisahan	135.00
32	Open Space		Pinagkaisahan	2,040.00
33	San Isidro		San Isidro	150.00
34	San Isidro	Luzon St.	San Isidro	187.50
35	San Vicente	Maliwanag St.	San Vicente	
36	P. Tuazon	P. Tuazon		1,027.00

SCHOOL PARKS TO BE DEVELOPED

DISTRICT 1	
Bagong Pag-Asa Elementary School	Bagong Pag-Asa
Sto. Cristo Elementary School	Sto. Cristo
San Francisco High School	Sto. Cristo
Quezon City Science High School	Sto. Cristo
Project 6 Elementary School	Project 6
Ramon Magsaysay Elementary School	Lourdes
Esteban Abada Elementary School	
DISTRICT 2	
GSIS Village Elementary School	Sangandaan
DISTRICT 3	
Pura V. Kalaw Elementary School	Milagrosa
Quirino High School	Duyan-duyan
DISTRICT 4	
Carlos Albert High School	Santol
Kamuning Elementary School	Kamuning

DEVELOPED / REHABILITATED SB PARKS

DISTRICT I		
No.	NAME OF PARK	BARANGAY
1	Diamonon Park	Bahay Toro
2	GSIS Park	Bahay Toro
3	Pugad Lawin Shrine	Bahay Toro
4	Sanggumay Park	Bahay Toro
5	Toro Hills Park	Bahay Toro
6	Bonifacio Monument	Balingasa
7	Damar Village Park	Damar
8	Katipunan Park	Katipunan
9	Manresa Park	Manresa
10	Masambong Park	Masambong
11	Nayong Kanluran Park	Nayong Kaunlaran
12	N.S. Amoranto Park	N.S. Amoranto

13	Malaya Park	N.S. Amoranto
14	Phil-Am Park (Phase 1 & 2)	Phil-Am
15	Project 6 Park	Project 6
16	Imelda Park	Ramon Magsaysay
17	San Antonio Park	San Antonio
18	Heroes Hills Park	Sta. Cruz
19	Dapitan Park	Sta. Teresita
20	Embassy Garden Homes I	West Triangle
21	West Triangle Park	West triangle
22	Vasra Park	Vasra
23	Visayas Avenue Park	Vasra

DISTRICT 2

No.	NAME OF PARK	BARANGAY
24	Manotok Park	Baesa
25	Goodwill Homes II Park	Bagbag
26	Kingspoint Park	Bagbag
27	Remarville Park	Bagbag
28	Bagong Silangan Park	Bagong Silangan
29	Geronimo Park	Bagong Silangan
30	Humanity Village	Bagong Silangan
31	SB Park (San Jose St. near Calamiong Creek)	Bagong Silangan
32	Violago Homes Park	Bagong Silangan
33	Teacher's Bliss	Balumbato
34	IBP Park (Phase 1 & 2)	Batasan Hills
35	Const. of Covered Court (Filinvest 2)	Batasan Hills
36	Capri Park	Capri
37	Dona Faustina Park	Culiat
38	Interville Park	Culiat
39	Sagana Homes Park	Culiat
40	Sanville 4 & 5 Park	Culiat
41	Ideal Park	Commonwealth
42	SB Commonwealth	Commonwealth
43	Commonwealth Heights Park	Commonwealth
44	Don Jose Hts. Park	Commonwealth
45	La Mesa Eco Park	Greater Lagro
46	Lagro Blk. 10 Park	Greater Lagro
47	MWSS-La Mesa Subd Park	Greater Lagro
48	BF Homes Park	Holy Spirit
49	Don Antonio Heights Park	Holy Spirit
50	Mapayapa Vill. 2 Park	Holy Spirit
51	Cruzville Park	Kaligayahan
52	Greenfields 1 Park	Kaligayahan
53	Hobart 1 Village Park	Kaligayahan
54	North Olympus Park	Kaligayahan
55	Zabarte Park	Kaligayahan
56	Gerryville Park	Nagkaisang Nayon
57	Nagkaisang Nayon Park	Nagkaisang Nayon
58	Villa Nova Park 2 (St. Jude St.)	Nagkaisang Nayon
59	Villa Nova Park 1	Nagkaisang Nayon
60	Villa Nova Park 2	Nagkaisang Nayon
61	Jordan Hts. Park	Nagkaisang Nayon
62	Fairville Open Space	North Fairview
63	SSS Village Park	North Fairview
64	Multi - Purpose Hall	North Fairview
65	Dona Isaura Park	Novaliches Proper
66	SB Park, Novaliches	Novaliches Proper
67	Sacred Heart I Park	Pasong Putik
68	San Pedro V Park	Pasong Tamo
69	Tierra Verde 2 Park	Pasong Tamo
70	Paes Santosville Park	Payatas
71	Mendoza Village Park	Sangandaan
72	Paradise Village Park	Sangandaan
73	Greenfields III Park (Phase 1 & 2)	San Agustin
74	Millionaires Village Park	San Agustin
75	Nomar II Park	San Bartolome
76	Greenheights Park	San Bartolome
77	Rockville I Park	San Bartolome
78	Rockville II Park	San Bartolome
79	RT Gonzales Park	San Bartolome
80	University Park (QCPU)	San Bartolome
81	Del Nacia IV Park	Sauyo
82	DRJ Park	Sauyo
83	Richland II Park	Sauyo
84	Merry Homes / Homeland Park	Sauyo
85	BIR Village Park	Sauyo
86	Greenville Park	Sauyo
87	Villa Verde Park	Sta. Monica
88	Palmera Homes I Park	Sta. Monica
89	Jordan Plains I & II Park	Sta. Monica
90	Northridge Park	Sta. Monica
91	Palmera III Park	Sta. Monica
92	Palmera Homes Ph. 4 Park	Sta. Monica
93	Jordan Plains Ph. 3 Park	Sta. Monica
94	Jordan Plains Ph. 4 Park	Sta. Monica
95	Cresta Verde Park	Sta. Monica
96	Carreon Park	Talipapa
97	Villa Florencia Park	Talipapa
98	Villilia Park (Phase 1 & 2)	Talipapa
99	Del Nacia III Park	Talipapa
100	Pleasantville Park	Talipapa
101	St. Dominic 9 Park	Talipapa
102	Congressional Park /	Tandang Sora
103	Pilarville Subdivision	Tandang Sora
104	Delta Village Park	Tandang Sora
105	Rosalia Village Park	Tandang Sora
106	Tandang Sora Shrine	Tandang Sora
107	Ramer Village Park	Tandang Sora
108	Gloria I Park	Tandang Sora
109	Villa Orion Open Space	West Fairview

DISTRICT 3

No.	NAME OF PARK	BARANGAY
110	Lower Bugallon Park	Bagumbuhay
111	Upper Bugallon Park	Bagumbuhay
112	Blue Ridge B Park	Blue Ridge B
113	Camp Aguinaldo Mini Park	Camp Aguinaldo
114	Dioquino Zobel BC	Dioquino Zobel
115	Escopa III Park	Escopa III
116	Loyola Hts. Park 9	Loyola Heights
117	Africa Park	Loyola Heights
118	Xavierville Park	Loyola Heights
119	Camerino Park	Marilag
120	Marilag Park	Marilag
121	Villa Beatriz Park	Matandang Balara
122	Project 4 Park	Milagrosa
123	Balara Filters Park	Pansol

DISTRICT 4

No.	NAME OF PARK	BARANGAY
124	Rizal Monument	Central
125	Bonifacio Monument	Central
126	Dona Imelda Park	Dona Imelda
127	Bernardo Park	Kamuning / Pinagkaisahan
128	C. P. Garcia Commuity Park	Krus na Ligas / UP / Teacher's Village East
129	Krus na Ligas Covered Court	Krus na Ligas
130	Heroes Park	Mariana
131	Roces Circle	Paligsahan
132	Mo. Ignacia Pocket Parks	Paligsahan
133	Pinyahan Park	Pinyahan
134	Galas Park	San Isidro Labrador
135	San Vicente Park	San Vicente
136	Tatalon Park	Tatalon
137	Hilltop Open Space	Tatalon
138	People's Park	Tatalon
139	UP Village Park	UP Village

Greener Parks and Grander Monuments: The SB Legacy

Mayor Feliciano 'Sonny' R. Belmonte, Jr. should be acknowledged as Quezon City's 'Father of Parks and Monuments' for his great contributions in improving the conditions of existing parks and creating new ones.



He advocated for the improvement and 'greening' of his beloved city, motivated by the idea that great cities in the world have spaces that provide people not only a place for convergence but also ecological benefits.

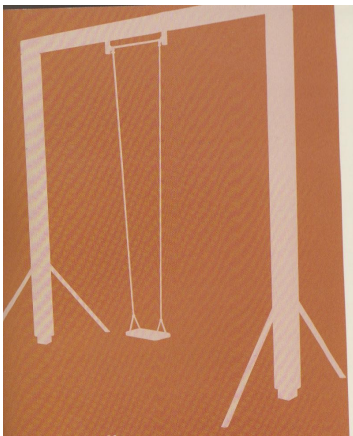
In his nine-year administration, he successfully brought about a big transformation to Quezon City's landscape not only through the construction of public infrastructure like roads, sidewalks and bridges, but also through the establishment and fortification of parks and monuments that serve as breathing spaces to a city that is constantly choked by pollution and increasing population.

The rationale for these endeavors is not only for purposes of aesthetics or beautification; they also relieve the area of urban congestion and provide recreational areas for everyone to enjoy. Also, Belmonte's parks improvement projects reawaken a sense of *bayanihan* or community spirit by enjoining the leaders of *barangays*, people's organizations and individuals to help in maintaining the upkeep and maintenance of these venues.

Mayor Belmonte emphasized this in his Eighth State of the City Address (SOCA) in 2009: "We have carved out public parks in blighted areas, *yung iba ginagawang paradahan, tambakan o negosyong illegal* (some turned into parking areas, dumpsites or sites for illegal business). In the city with the most public parks, we have significantly upgraded and redeveloped 89 of them and repaired 276 others. And, of course, we have made substantial contributions for the development of the 33-hectare La Mesa Eco Park, and the 26-hectare Quezon Memorial Circle, which we are now managing. *Ngayon, dahil sa ating pagpapaayos, pinakikinabangan ito ng nakararami, bata man o matanda* (Now, because of our improvement projects, they have been utilized by many, both by the young and old)."

He also spearheaded the rehabilitation of existing monuments of Quezon City's heroes and commissioned the creation of new ones. The grandest so far has been the 1,000-sqm. shrine dedicated to the heroine Melchora 'Tandang Sora' Aquino, near the site of her home in Banlat. More recently, the new Ninoy Aquino Monument, designed by renowned sculptor Ed Castrillo, was erected at the corner of Timog and Quezon Avenues. Other monuments, including that of former President Corazon Aquino, are in the works.

For Mayor Belmonte, these parks and monuments are not only odes to greatness; they are "reminders of the heights of achievement that are possible for all of us."



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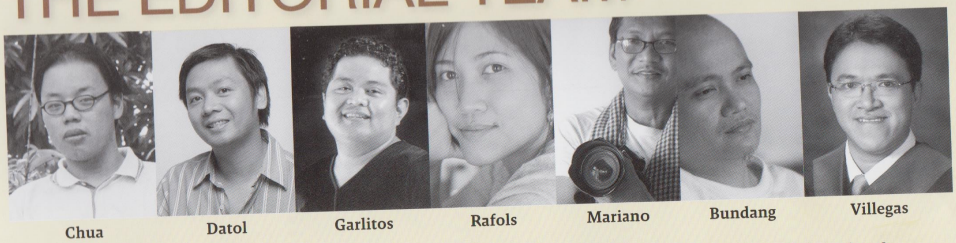
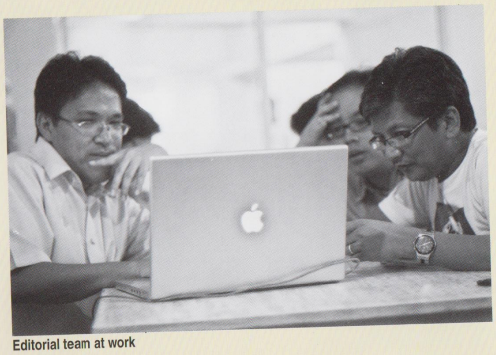


Chua Datol Garlitos Rafols Mariano Bundang Villegas

This is the third collaboration by this professional team of writers and creative artists for the Quezon City government under Mayor Feliciano 'Sonny' R. Belmonte Jr. Their first coffeetable book project published in 2007, ***The Quezon City Council: History and Legacy***, chronicles the contribution of 139 city councilors from 1939 to 2007. ***Pamana: Milestones in Infrastructure under the Belmonte Administration*** (2009), their second coffeetable book commissioned by the Quezon City Engineering Department, charts the major achievements of the Belmonte administration in infrastructure development. The team's projects have been recognized and commended for their compelling writing style, vibrant photography and dynamic book and cover designs, which have won for them major writing and publication awards.



Editorial team at work

Johannes L. Chua works for a major newspaper and has won the Palanca Awards and Amado V. Hernandez Awards for his short stories. **Christopher A. Datol** is a freelance writer, magazine editor and consultant for corporate projects. **Raymund 'Rhandee' Magno Garlítos** has authored several award-winning children's books and writes for several newspapers and magazines. **Mae Lorraine S. Rafols** is a writer for a newspaper and a travel magazine and a stylist for fashion shoots. **Romeo P. Mariano** is a seasoned photographer who has witnessed the growth and development of Quezon City behind his camera lens. **Allan 'Bong' Bundang** has designed several books and is presently connected to a publishing house. **Roberto 'Robbie' Villegas** finished journalism at the University of Santo Tomas and has been working with a publishing house for more than a decade.

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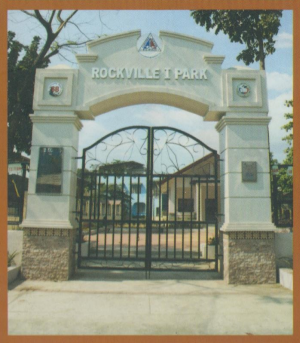





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