QC to dedicate plaza to a Katipunero

A PLAZA in honor of a patriot who helped fund the revolutionary movement against the Spanish regime will soon rise in a *barangay* (village) bearing his name in Quezon City.

Quezon City Mayor Josefina "Joy" Belmonte announced on August 25 this move during the 102nd Anniversary of Barrio Kangkong in Balintawak, Quezon City. The barrio is now known as Barangay Apolonio Samson.

Aside from being a captain of the Philippine revolutionary forces, Apolonio Samson is notable for donating his wealth to fund the revolution.

Speaking at the rites, Mayor Belmonte said that it was in her term as vice mayor when she first dreamt of constructing a plaza dedicated in honor of Apolonio Samson.

The barangay is set to pass a resolution expropriating a property behind the barangay hall where the plaza will be put up.

Meanwhile, after seeing "*Sa Apolonio Samson, Si Apolonio Samson,*" a play about the courage of the Katipunero, Belmonte invited the actors led by Barangay Apolonio Samson Chairman Elizabeth de Jesus to perform in the 80th Founding Anniversary celebration of Quezon City.

"I have seen this (play) three times. I always feel so moved because of the effort you put into the original production about the life of Apolonio Samson and other Katipunero who became part of the Katipunan Movement," Belmonte said.

Belmonte led this year's commemoration, her first as the city's chief executive.

She was joined by the National Historical Commission, Quezon City Police District, Quezon City-Bureau of Fire Protection, Schools Division Office, city department heads, and city barangay officials.

It was in Barrio Kangkong where the Katipuneros hatched the plan to rise against the Spaniards.