

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Schools Drop Birth Certificate Requirement

To increase the enrollment of schoolchildren in the city's public schools, the Quezon City government will no longer require the enrollees to submit their birth certificates as one of the requirements in the next school year.

Dr. Grazon Rubio said the move is done to encourage parents to send their children to school in order for them to gain a strong scholastic foundation.

She said the new rule benefits first-time enrollees mostly aged five years old who intend to enroll in kindergarten even without the official birth records.

In the past, kids without birth certificates were barred from enrolling in the city's public schools. The new rule would only require them to submit the document after enrollment.

Earlier, Rubio sought the assistance of the city's public schools to coordinate with the civil registry office in facilitating the late registration of birth certificates of kids with official birth records.

The Quezon City Division of City Schools and the Department of Education (DepEd) partnered in the massive information dissemination drive in encouraging the parents to enroll their children by having them registered early for next school year. (Chito Chavez)

Birth Certificate
School requirement

Registrars exempted from checking sex change

THE Office of the Civil Registrar-General has acceded to the petition of Quezon City registrar Ramon Matabang not to require civil registrars to certify the authenticity of a document issued by a government physician concerning a person's sex change or transplant.

Matabang, who also chairs the Alliance of Civil Registrars for Reform, has also questioned the Civil Registrar-General's order providing for legislative ratification of the fees to be collected in the implementation of Republic Act 10172 which authorizes the local civil registrar to correct clerical or typographical errors in the birth date and gender on birth certificates without the need for a judicial order.

Matabang asked the QC Regional Trial Court last November to declare as null and void the Civil Registrar-General's Administrative Order No. 1, saying the local civil registrars "are not in a position nor possess the technical expertise" to certify documents pertaining to sex change or transplant.

He also said requiring legislative ratification of fees to be collected runs counter to the mandate of RA 10172.

Matabang said Beth Pilipinas, legal director of the National Statistics Office, has informed him that the Office of the Civil Registrar-General has agreed to delete the two provisions in the administrative order that he questioned.

He said the Civil Registrar-General will also publish an amended version of the implementing rules and regulations of RA 10172 before the scheduled hearing for permanent injunction on January 30.

He said aside from Pilipinas, NSO-East Avenue director Edith Orcilla and the civil registrars of Manila, Valenzuela, Navotas and Mandaluyong were present in a meeting held recently.

Because of this, Matabang said he is "contemplating" dropping the petition he filed before the court against the Office of the Civil Registrar-General.

"Hopefully, we can already implement the law by February 1," he said.

RA 10172, which was signed by President Aquino last August 15, took effect on September 9. It also allowed the local civil registrar to collect reasonable fees for any petition seeking to correct errors in birth certificates. — *Angela Lopez de Leon*

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Civil Registrar
Birth certificate clerical error correction

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QC civil registry explains requirements, fees

THIS IS in reference to the letter about the alleged irregularities in the Quezon City civil registry department. (INQUIRER, 11/3/11)

Applications for late registration of birth are processed immediately by the city's civil registry department, contrary to the claim of the letter-sender, who said that late registration takes several months to process due to red tape and unnecessary pre-requirements.

Clearly, our constituents can appreciate the rationale of requiring the submission of supporting documents, which are all relevant to applications for late registration of birth—e.g., such as baptismal certificate, school records and medical certificate from the hospital/clinic where the child was born—to ascertain the veracity of everything written on the application form.

We also would like everyone, including the letter-sender, to know that there is a 10-day posting period required by law before the birth certificate is entered into the official book of the register of birth. Thus, a certified true copy may be issued to the applicant only on the 11th day, provided that all requirements have been met and complied with.

On allegations of exorbitant fees being charged, our office does not determine the

amount to be charged for the processing of these documents. All these fees are set forth in the Quezon City Local Tax Code.

Pertaining to the submission of requirements for legitimation, the Quezon City civil registry department maintains that the Cenomar, which has been described by the letter-sender as unnecessary, is a requirement imposed by the National Statistics Office (NSO), and not by our department or Quezon City Hall. The NSO will not accept the registration of legitimation without the Cenomar.

Additional documents to support paternity are required only to establish the identity and relationship of concerned parties to each other.

The Quezon City civil registry department charges P400 for legitimation and P150 for legal instrument.

If there are complaints about the fees being charged, my office and I shall appreciate that this matter be immediately brought directly to our attention so we can attend to them personally.

—RAMON M. MATABANG,
civil registrar,
Civil Registry Department,
Quezon City

QC Civil Registry

Monday, November 8, 2010

QC launches state-of-the-art speedy processing of civil registry records

Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista unveiled today the P18-million civil registry data management solution system that will further simplify the process of securing birth, marriage and death certificates in the city.

With the new system, waiting time to secure registered documents in the city will be only five minutes, which is 50 times more efficient than the previous retrieval schedule of two to three days.

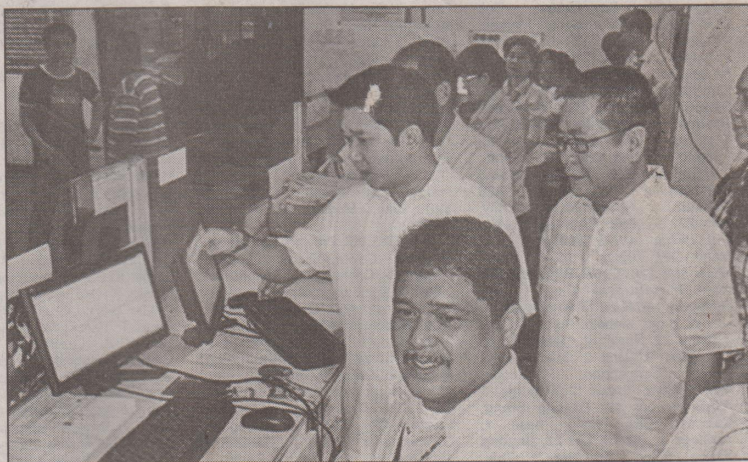
Four million digitized civil registry records from 1945 to 2007 are now available for retrieval.

The new system, the first to be adopted among local government units in the country, is now among the accomplishments of the city government during the first 100 days of the administration of Mayor Herbert Bautista.

In his first state-of-the-city address, the Mayor underscored the importance of harnessing new technologies and systems to improve public convenience in availing of city services.

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QUECON CITY MAYOR HERBERT BAUTISTA inspects the data management solution system.

estimated of P7.2 million annually with the adoption of the new system as this will result in an increase in the volume of transactions.

Matabang said the second phase of the digitization process, which involves 1.5 million registered documents from 2008 to the present, has already been approved by the Mayor.

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QC registered documents.

During the launching ceremony, Matabang reiterated the need for the construction of a new three-storey civil registry building which will also house the satellite office of the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation (BID) and Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) as part of the QC government's continuing effort to bring the government services closer to the people.

QC offers faster release of public documents

By **CHITO A. CHAVEZ**

The Quezon City (QC) government said its acquisition of the P18-million civil registry data management solution system has expedited the retrieval of public documents 50 times more efficiently as it only takes five minutes to secure the registered documents in the city.

With the new system, Ramon Matabang the city's civil registry chief said that the public will now be accorded with a more simplified process of securing birth, marriage and death certificates adding that the two to three days of retrieval schedule is already "a thing of the past."

He added that around four million digitized civil registry records from 1945 to 2007 are now available for retrieval.

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Civil Registry

Investor



February 2, 2010

QC goes online for fast docu processing

By **CHITO CHAVEZ**

With the start of the Documents Management Solution System (DMSS) in Quezon City last December 2009, the city government said the public can now secure copies of birth, death and marriage certificates more easily devoid of the long queues of applicants and circuitous process of obtaining the public documents.

Ramon Matabang, chief of the City Civil Registry Department (CCRD), said that the computerized civil registry documentation encourages the applicants to deal directly with legitimate

city hall personnel instead of transacting business with fixers.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has steadily modernize the city government's facilities to rid city hall of fixers and other unscrupulous groups victimizing unsuspecting taxpayers, business permit applicants and other clients.

The P17 million DMSS involves designing, developing and deploying suitable document management solution system implemented over a dedicated local area network within the City Civil Registry Office.

Matabang stressed the city govern-

ment's system is the answer to the long and tiring queues commonly experienced by Quezon City residents and other applicants at the National Statistics Office (NSO) on East Avenue.

With the DMSS, Matabang said the CCRD can now maintain a digital format, the entry, retrieval and reproduction of all original civil registry documents.

At present, he said that archiving of civil registry documents under the DMSS, which has three stages is still in progress with grooming on its 48 percent performance, scanning 13.34 percent and indexing 5.83 percent.

QC Civil Registry Dept. - document processing

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Civil Registry

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QC launches speedy processing of civil registry documents

Waiting time for the processing of birth, marriage and death certificates in Quezon City will now be reduced to five minutes only.

This came after Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. unveiled the P17.8 million civil registry document management solution systems designed to preserve registered QC documents.

During its launching, the Mayor underscored the importance of adopting a common retrieval system and citywide archiving for QC documents.

"Security is very important," Belmonte said.

According to civil registry chief Ramon Matabang, it will take about six months to fully computerize and digitalize all available registered QC documents, including a trial run of the whole system.

To date, the civil registry office has in its possession 5,072,867 registered birth and death certificates and marriage contracts including attachments, court decrees and other legal instruments from 1945 to 2007.

The city's multi-functional management solution systems is equipped with a complete DMS software, scanning peripherals and hi-speed colored

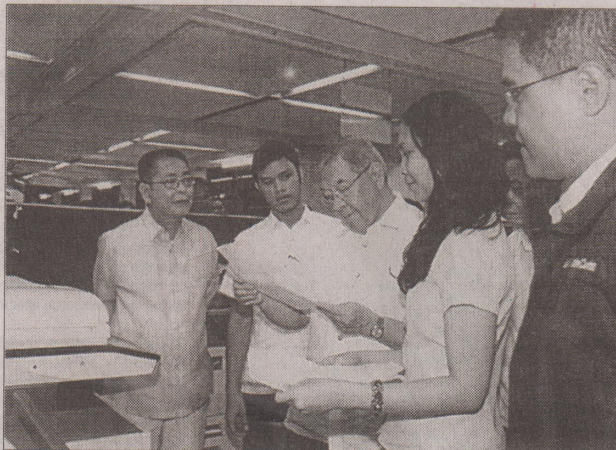
scanners to help systematize the processing and issuance of the registered documents.

With the system now in place, Matabang said, applicants will no longer have to wait for two days to facilitate the processing of their request for a certificate of true copy, or five days for their request for a security paper (SECPA).

Matabang said plans are also already underway to establish linkages with embassies, consulates, consultancy firms and other government agencies such as the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and the Social Security System (SSS) to facilitate request for said registered documents.

The city stands to earn an estimated P7.2 million annually with the adoption of the new system as this will result in an increase in the volume of transactions.

"What we will have will be the recording of correct files in real time," Matabang said.



Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. checks the authenticity of the birth certificate of his grandson, Gael Javier Belmonte-Alimurung, shortly after it was scanned and retrieved from the city's newly-acquired civil registry document management solution systems designed to preserve and digitalized registered QC documents such as birth, marriage and death certificates. With the system now in place, waiting time for the processing of said documents will now be reduced to five minutes only. Joining the Mayor are civil registry chief Ramon Matabang, Councilor Jaime Borres (partly hidden), Information Technology Office head Paul Imjada and personnel of the Ecopy Corp.

QC fasttracking document processing

By **CHITO A. CHAVEZ**

To rid the Quezon City Hall of fixers, the city government yesterday assured that the ₱17.8 million civil registry document management solution system will allow applicants to secure birth, marriage and death certificates in five minutes.

Councilor Jorge Banal Jr. of the city's third district said the system will protect the public from any added financial burden since fixers prey on unsuspecting victims wanting to obtain government documents at the soonest time possible.

He noted that some applicants were victimized by unscrupulous

individuals who passed off fake certificates as genuine documents leading to their failure to travel abroad or secure employment from reputable firms.

Banal who is seeking a congressional seat in the 2010 national elections asked the public not to deal with fixers and to report any city hall personnel conniving with them in duping or charging extra fees from applicants. "This must be stopped. Sobra silang pahirap sa tao. Hindi kailangan ng may kakilala para kumuha lang ng birth, marriage o death certificates."

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The system is equipped with DMS software, scanning peripherals and hi-speed colored scanners to systematize the issuance of registered documents.

In the past, applicants have to wait for at least two days to obtain their registered documents from the city's civil registry office forcing them to deal with fixers to get them on the same day.

Matabang said the city government is planning to establish computer links with embassies, consulates, consultancy firms and other government agencies to facilitate the requests of applicants.

Q.C. civil registry



Tuesday, December 1, 2009

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QC to accept passport applications

By **CHITO A. CHAVEZ**

To help Quezon City residents avoid the long queue at the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), the Quezon City civil registry office has opened a satellite branch that will accept passport applications under the "Serbisyong Bilis Pasaporte Para sa Bayan" project as part of the city's 70th founding anniversary celebration.

Quezon City civil registry office head Ramon Matabang said applicants must submit their applications for pre-processing at the city registry office on or before Sept. 28.

He said the passports that will be issued at the local civil registry office are machine-readable, adding that the old green passports

are valid only up to April 2010.

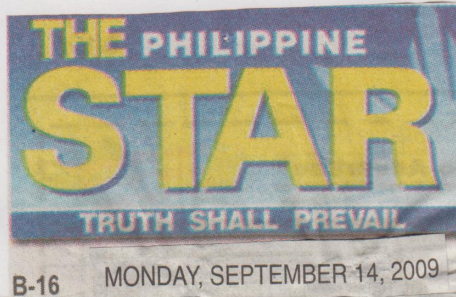
To prevent any confusion, Matabang said from the pre-processing to the releasing of passports, the applicants are required to personally submit themselves at the civil registry office.

Interviews are scheduled on Oct. 10 while the releasing of passports will be on Oct. 24 with the processing fee pegged at P750.

"As a warning to the public, do not deal with fixers," Matabang said.

For further inquiries, applicants may get in touch with Dulce Desirre Estrella or Aumann Sanchez of the administrative division of the Quezon City civil registry office.

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QC starts Sept-Oct Serbisyong Bilis Pasaporte

The Quezon City civil registry office is now accepting passport applications under the Serbisyong Bilis Pasaporte Pasa sa Bayan public service project as part of the city's 70th founding anniversary celebration.

All applications must be submitted for pre-processing not later than Sept. 28 at the administrative division of the QC civil registry office.

To be issued are machine-readable passports. The green passports or the old ones which are not machine-readable, are valid only until April 2010. This is to make the Philippines international compliant in the issuance of passports, said civil registry office head Ramon Matabang.

From pre-processing to releasing of the passports, all applicants are required to appear personally.

Interviews shall be conducted on Oct. 10, which is a Saturday, while releasing shall be on Oct. 24, also a Saturday. Processing fee is only P750.

For inquiries and application forms, applicants are advised to see Dulce Desirre Estrella or Aumann Sanchez at the Administrative Division of the QC civil registry office or call 9297412.

The QC Serbisyong Bilis Pasaporte project is now on its fourth year. It is being undertaken in cooperation and coordination with the Office of the City Mayor, the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Rotary Club of Cubao Business Center.

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

QC civil registrar files raps against 12 fellow registrars

By **CHITO A. CHAVEZ**

The civil registrar of Quezon City has filed charges of malicious prosecution against 12 fellow civil registrars and members of the Philippine Association of Civil Registrar (PACR).

In Civil Case Number 0965017, Quezon City civil registrar and former PACR president Ramon M. Matabang said the complaint of estafa and malversation filed by the defendants against him have brought shame, sleepless nights, wounded feelings and besmirched his reputation as a public servant.

Earlier, State Prosecutor Susan A. Azarcon, after examining the charges against Matabang, concluded that Lucena Flores, one of the complainants, failed to prove that the personal properties of PACR were received in trust, commission or administration by the respondent.

The decision also stated that it was never proven beyond reasonable doubt that Matabang committed any act of misappropriation.

Azarcon said as PCAR president, Matabang has limited powers like presiding meetings, executing the resolutions of the board of directors, creating committees, appointing members, approving expenses and vouchers not exceeding P20,000 and entering contracts approved by the board with the PACR treasurer acting as custodian of all funds and properties of the group.

Azarcon said Matabang was able to account for the alleged misappropriated funds contrary to the claim of the complainants, adding in her resolution that Flores had no personality to institute the grievance.

Flores appealed Azarcon's resolution with the Department of Justice (DOJ) for review but then Secretary Raul Gonzales affirmed the decision of the state prosecutor.

Matabang is asking the 12 defendants to jointly pay him P50,000 for actual damages, P1.5 million for moral damages, P5 million for exemplary damages, P100,000 for attorney's fees and the total cost and expenses of the litigation.

SC - Civil Registry



Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. (second from right) receives from Manolito Baul, a representative of the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU), five boxes containing 316 rolls of digitized images of marriage, death and birth certificates from the city's civil registry during a simple turnover ceremony recently. It took two years for the GSU to complete scanning the documents, starting from the oldest available record. The GSU is an educational institution funded by the Church of Jesus of Latter-Day Saints. Looking on are Pete Adduru, Quezon City stake president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and city civil registry chief Ramon Matabang.



FREE DELAYED BIRTH REGISTRATION IN QUEZON CITY. Quezon City Councilor Janet 'Babes' Malaya (left) presents a copy of an approved birth certificate to a beneficiary of the city's 'Birth Right Operation' program which is supported by Malaya and provides delayed birth registration free of charge to unregistered residents of Quezon City.

Civil Registry

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2008

QC waives fee for registering births

By Beverly T. Natividad

THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT has simplified its registration system to achieve a 100 percent mark in reporting births in the city.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte told the INQUIRER in an interview that they did away with the bureaucratic frills that used to delay birth registration procedures in the city.

"We try to be proactive so we waived all the fees and other bu-

reaucratic requirements," said Belmonte. The campaign is called Operation Birthright Project.

Under the scheme, all unregistered children born in the city may now be registered without paying the P180 regulatory fee, previously provided for in the city's revenue code.

Belmonte said he already ordered the clustering of barangays and directed its leaders to facilitate the process of birth registration in

their jurisdictions.

The city government allocated P1.5 million to the civil registry office for Operation Birthright.

With the waiving of fees, indigent families no longer have to apply for free birth registration.

In the past, city ordinances exempted from birth registration fees parents with a gross annual income below P60,000. But they had to submit a barangay clearance and certificate of indigency from the city's Social Services and Development Department.

Belmonte said it was not the mandated fees but the tedious procedure that prevented residents from registering the births.

"I don't believe the fees were the main consideration. It is the bureaucratic system that hindered people from doing so," he added.

Data from the Quezon City government showed that about 7-8 percent of the city's 2.2 million population are still unregistered.

Metro Manila

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QC OPERATION BIRTHRIGHT. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. presents to Rosele Solis a copy of the pre-registered birth certificate of her one-year and nine month-old daughter Jilli Anne Kate Solis during the launching of Operation: Birthright, which encourages the free birth registration of poor city residents, in rites held at the SB Plaza in Barangay Commonwealth. The program, institutionalized under office Order 21, is expected to benefit 5 percent to 10 percent of the city's 2.6 million population, majority of which resides in urban poor communities in QC's Area 7, constituting barangays Commonwealth, Payatas, Holy Spirit, Batasan Hills, and Bagong Silang. Assisting the mayor are Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, and civil registry chief Ramon Matabang.

The Philippine STAR

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2008

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QC wants 100% birth registration by 2010

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has directed the city's civil registry to conduct free birth registration until the end of the year and the next two years to ensure that all city residents are properly registered by 2010.

The mayor's directive to Ramon Matabang, chief of the civil registry office, came after he learned that seven to eight percent of the city's 2.2 million population reportedly remained unregistered with the Civil Registry or National Statistics Office (NSO).

Belmonte said the city government should zero in on unregistered births to guarantee one of the fundamental rights of the residents enshrined in Article 7 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Philippine Constitution.

Matabang blamed the large number of unregistered birth

on hospitals and birth attendants who failed to register the birth of a child. He said the city council should pass an ordinance to penalize hospitals and other institutions or persons who caused the non-registration of the birth of a child after the 30-day grace period provided by law.

"This is the first right of a child - that is to have his name and status registered. *Walang kasalanan ang mga bata*," he said.

At the same time, he said that a seminar should be conducted among midwives to help increase the rate of birth registration in the city.

The city civil registry office will launch on May 9 its Operation: Birthright project, under which eight well-trained personnel will handle the birth registration of unregistered QC-born constituents free of the P180 charge.

- Perseus Echeminada

Free birth registration in Quezon City begins

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. directed the city Civil Registry Office (CRO) to conduct free birth registration until the end of the year and the coming years to ensure that all city residents are properly registered.

Belmonte's directive to CRO chief Ramon Matabang came after he learned that a high percentage of the city's 2.2 million population of Quezon City was unregistered.

"Kung ganun kadami ang bilang nang hindi nakarehistro, dapat magkaroon ng registration until the end of the year, next year at susunod pang mga taon upang maparehistro na...hindi dapat open-ended ang gagawin nating free

birth registration," the mayor said.

The mayor said that the city should zero-in on unregistered birth to guarantee one of the fundamental rights of the residents enshrined in Article 7 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Philippine Constitution. Matabang for his part, blamed the big number of unregistered birth to some stakeholders such as hospitals and birth attendants who failed to register the birth of a child due to several reasons.

"For instance, hospitals denied the rights for birth registration of the baby after the parents failed to pay

their hospital bills," Matabang said.

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"Kailangan mabig-

Registry Office will launch on May 9 its "Operation: Birthright Project" where an estimated 550 participants will join the event including ABS-CBN Bantay Bata.

yan sila ng accreditation para malaman din nila ang kahalagahan ng birth registration," he said.

The city Civil

NEWS
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QC to microfilm all civil registry records

Plans are afoot for the micro-filming of all civil registry records in Quezon City for free.

This after the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU) agreed to process digitized images of all marriage, death and birth certificates and other genealogical documents registered in the city without cost to the local government.

The filming of documents starts from the oldest available record at the Quezon City Civil Registry Office up to the present.

A check with the city's Civil Registry Office led by Ramon Matabang revealed that from 2001 to 2005, a total of 388,124 births, close to 230,000 marriages and 190,000 deaths were registered.

A memorandum of understanding was signed recently by Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., and Manolito Baul, the Philippine representative of the Genealogical Society of Utah, to facilitate the implementation of the undertaking.

Under the agreement, the Genealogical Society shall process and edit the films produced according to the International Micrographic Standards. The group will donate a negative copy of the film to the Quezon City government free of charge.

After the agreement signing, the Genealogical Society gifted Mayor Belmonte with a souvenir that features his family genealogy.

The GSU, a non-profit educational institution funded by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, has microfilmed important family history sources in 100 countries worldwide.

Today, the church owns the world's largest collection of genealogical records with over three-million rolls of microfilm containing billions of names, over 700,000 microfiche and more than 270,000 books of genealogical data.

Metro

Editor: ROMEL A. LARA
THE PHILIPPINE STAR

20 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2006

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QC - CIVIL Registry



Monday, February 9, 2004

Efficient civil registry services



MALAYA

The Quezon City government will make the public's various transactions with city hall even more efficient and hassle-free once the resolution filed recently by working Councilor Janet "Babes" Malaya of the 4th District receives approval from the Sangguniang Panlungsod (city council). According to Malaya, the resolution calls for the smooth and less time-consuming processing of permits, licenses, birth and marriage certificates, tax payments and other civil registry and business documents being issued by offices at the Quezon

City hall. "We have to improve the quality of service at the city hall, particularly in the issuance of civil registry and business documents to people applying for these," Malaya said, noting "the public has been clamoring for a more efficient processing of their documents by the concerned offices without having to spend a considerable amount of their time securing their documents or having hire fixers to facilitate transactions for them." Concerned with fast approaching enrollment season for this school year, Malaya said "parents will again troop to the civil registrar's office to get certified copies of the children's birth certificates as these are required for school registration, therefore, it is imperative that all make sure there will any problem for them." Aside from fast-tracking the release of documents requested by the public, the councilor in her resolution also called for the provision of ample space for safe keeping of vital public documents as she observed that "even in the hallways and just about every corner of some offices in city hall, you will find public records simply stocked up there."

QC Civil Registry - document processing

December 16, 2001

Indigent QC families to get birth certificates

Thousands of indigent Quezon City residents, whose names have not been registered with the local civil registrar's office, will soon have identities with the recent relaunching of the Operation Birthright in the fourth district.

Fourth District councilor Ariel Inton said the project increases the civil registration rate of indigent children 18 years old and below by enhancing public awareness on birth registration as a child's right, particularly for hard-to-reach minority groups.

The campaign in the district was relaunched last Nov. 30, in Barangay Crus na Ligas near the UP Complex for hundreds of poor residents in barangays Botocan, Sikatuna and Crus na Ligas.

Sponsored by the Mabuhay Lions Club, Rotary Club Cubao Business Center, Quezon City Civil Registrar's Office and Inton's district staff, the relaunching ceremonies kicked-off with a motorcade followed by a mini-program where more than 200 poor and unregistered residents submitted their birth registration applications.

Cost of registration, estimated at P200 per resident, will be shouldered by sponsoring civic groups.

Three days of pre-registration activities were also conducted by Inton's technical staff before the relaunching rites to determine the project's impact in the affected areas.

Inton explained that 12 percent, or about 72,000 of the district's population of about 600,000 have not been officially registered with the local civil registrar's office.

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- * Operation Birthright
- * Civil Registrar - project

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DECEMBER 14, 2001

Birthright project up in QC

THOUSANDS of indigent Quezon City residents, whose names have not been registered with the local civil registrars office, will soon acquire their right to a name, identity and nationality with the relaunching of "Operation Birthright" in the city's Fourth District.

Councilor Ariel Inton said the projects aims to "increase the civil registration rate of indigent children 18 years old and below by enhancing public awareness on birth registration as a child's right, particularly for the minority groups."

Inton explained that 12 percent, or about 72,000, of the district's population of about 600,000 have not been registered with the local civil registrar's office and have, thus, not been issued a birth certificate.

The cost of the registration—P200 per resident—will be shouldered the sponsoring private groups and the city government.

- Birth registration
- Civil Registry

Dec. 15, 2001

'Operation Birthright' in QC

Thousands of indigent Quezon City residents whose names have not been registered with the local civil registrars office will soon enjoy the right to a name, identity, and nationality with the recent relaunching of "Operation Birthright" in the 4th district.

According to 4th District Councilor Ariel Inton, the project aims to increase the civil registration rate of indigent children 18 years old and below.

It was relaunched

on Nov. 30 in barangay Crus na Ligas near the UP campus for the benefit initially of hundreds of poor residents of barangays Botocan, Sikatuna, and Crus na Ligas.

Jointly sponsored by the Mabuhay Lions Club, the Rotary Club of Cubao Business Center, the Quezon City Civil Registrar's Office, and Councilor Inton's district staff, the project kicked off with a motorcade followed by a program where more

than 200 poor and unregistered residents submitted their birth registration applications.

The cost of registration, estimated at P200 per resident, will be shouldered by the sponsoring civic groups.

Inton said that 12 percent, or about 72,000, of the district's population of about 600,000 has not been officially registered with the local civil registrar's office and have, thus, had no birth certificates.

"Birth registration is a requirement for enrollment in schools, for the issuance of passports, and for marriage license application. Without a birth certificate, these residents are denied the fundamental rights for social advancement," he said.

Under the Manila Declaration on Birth Registration, "birth registration represents the State's official recognition of each child's individual importance and identity, a means of securing children's other rights and entitlements."

The project was recently relaunched in barangay Crus na Ligas for the benefit of hundreds of poor residents in the area. Some 200 residents applied for birth registration.

Three days of pre-registration activities were also conducted by Inton's staff to ascertain the project's impact in the affected areas.

The project is jointly sponsored by the Mabuhay Lions Club, Rotary Club Cubao Business Center and the city's Civil Registrar's Office. *M. Punongbayan*

Birth Registration