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QC's Legacy of Leaders

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From the Mayor's Office

Excerpts from the 3rd State of the City Address (SOCA) of Quezon City Mayor Herbert M. Bautista

October 8, 2012 - Carlos Albert Session Hall, Quezon City

QUEZON CITY: THE NEXT GLOBAL GROWTH GENERATOR (3G)

I am as excited as the President of the Philippines should be. Because the resplendent reputation that the Philippines is now gaining, represents an exponential source of opportunities for Quezon City.

I envision Quezon City to be the next 3G City. Citicorp calls the 3Gs, the Global Growth Generators. These are places where the next new economic miracles will take place, a city that will grow above expectations.

Nananaginip ba ako? Tama ba akong mangarap ng ganito?

Quezon City is the choice of the biggest number of businesses.

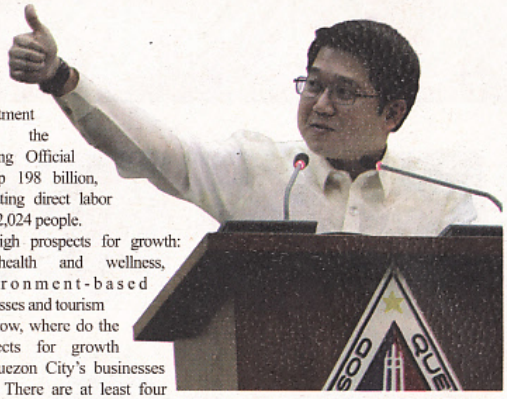
Let us look at Quezon City's own fundamentals. Our city is the choice of business of 61,332 enterprises. This is the biggest number of registered businesses that no other local government in the Philippines can boast of. The number of new businesses rise by increments of more than 12,000 every year. On the aggregate, these businesses represent a pool of capital of more than Php 284 billion, which grows by about Php 5.43 billion each year. Altogether, these enterprises paid business taxes of Php 4.56 billion in 2011, and Php 4.16 billion as of end-September 2012.

We are working to make every piece of land in Quezon City, a productive asset. Our aim is that eventually, none of the 500,000 real property units in our city will be paying an idle land tax, because each of these has become economically useful, including our own City assets. That is why I constituted special task forces to ensure that our city government's real property assets are not simply lists in our ledgers, but are to put to use to achieve socioeconomic good.

To date, our real property tax collections reached Php 1.49 billion in 2011, and has already surpassed this, with collections of Php 1.51 billion as of end-September 2012. Altogether, we expect total revenue collections to reach more than Php 11.3 billion by the end of 2012.

The Bureau of Local Government Finance has declared Quezon City's revenue collections in 2011, the highest it has ever attained since 2008.

We are also expanding the built-up areas of our city. Last June 2011, we began the mandatory requirement for compliance with the Green Building Ordinance. The 2,967 projects started from 2011 to June 2012 projects are resulting in a built-up area of about 3.3 million square meters. We expect all of these to be environmentally compliant structures. Economic activity generated by construction was estimated by the Department of the Building Official at Php 198 billion, generating direct labor for 132,024 people.



High prospects for growth: IT, health and wellness, environment-based businesses and tourism

Now, where do the prospects for growth for Quezon City's businesses lie? There are at least four trends that Quezon City is well positioned to take advantage of. These are the sustained growth in the business process outsourcing industry, the continued expansion of the health and wellness industry, the widescale growth of environment-based industries, and aggressive promotion of tourism worldwide.

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We have already started delineating special areas as tourism hubs. One of these is the South Triangle. I have created a multi-department committee to propose various aspects of this area's redevelopment – looking at urban design, traffic management and safety, flood control, consumer attraction and business promotion. This integrated approach is our template for redevelopment initiatives.

Our city needs a strong, aggressive and deliberate tourism campaign, which is being spearheaded by our Vice Mayor. I want people to come here, because technology has made Quezon City exciting, with all the accoutrements of global-level communication standards. I want people to come here because they will get good and cost-effective healing treatments, while also enjoy the amenities and the interesting culture of a lifestyle city. I want people to come here because in Quezon City, they will learn about the manufacture of a wide array of environmentally pioneering products, and source their business here.

Thus, with the dynamic stimulus provided by information technology, world-class standard medical treatment, creative environment businesses, and exciting tourism, I aspire for our city to become the Global Growth Generator, the 3G City.

On October 12, we shall celebrate our 73rd anniversary as a city. What the city was at the time of its founding, is very different from what it is now. *Matindi ang pangarap ni Manuel Quezon nung panahon na iyon. Abot-langit din ang pangarap ko para sa ating lungsod.* Every leap in progress we attain for our city, must translate into gains for our people. *Sa bawat pangarap nating makamtan, lumalawak ang kaginhawaang napapakinabangan ng karamihan.*

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FROM MY OFFICE WINDOW

By Mary Ruby M. Palma

GAWAD PARANGAL QUEZON CITY OUTSTANDING CITIZENS

For this issue, I'm reserving my space for the following Gawad Parangal Awardees since program inception in 2002 on outstanding QC residents /leaders. Most of the awardees are represented on the cover and back pages. The arrangement of the photos on the cover and back pages are not indicative of the degree of importance of the personalities involved.

2012
MS. Fides Cuyugan- Asencio
Dr. Alfredo Rafael Antonio Bengzon
Jose "Butch" Dalisay, Jr.
Araceli Limcao Dans
Solita Collas Monsod
Enrique T. Ona
Ricky Reyes
Abelardo Tolentino, Jr.
Esther Vibal
Helena Benitez

2011
Charo Santos-Concio
Cheche Lazaro
Rodolfo V. Quizon
Felipe Gozon
Fernando Sena
Fr. Joaquin Bernas
Lea Salonga
Rustica Carpio Aryana

2010
President Benigno Simeon Aquino III
Speaker Feliciano R. Belmonte, Jr.
Teofisto T. Guingona, Jr.
Sec. Jose P. De Jesus
Patricia B. Licuanan, Ph.D.
Dr. Esperanza I. Cabral
Dr. Hermogenes D. Jarin
Abdulmari "Toym" De Leon Imao, Jr.
Ryan Cayabyab
Antonio T. Aquino
Maria Elisa "Boots"Anson-Roa
Willie Nepomuceno
Silvina Del Carmen Laya

2009
Jorge Araneta
Dr. George S.K. Ty
Dean Virgillio Almario
Dr. Florangel Rosario-Barid
Dr. Serafin Quiazon, Jr.
Antonio Meloto
Consuelo Sison
German Moreno
Justice Vicente Mendoza
Dr. Carolina Hernandez
Nelia Gonzales

2008
Eduardo Cojuangco, Jr
Justice Carolina Grino-Aquino
Teresita "Tessie"Sy-Coson
Eddie Romero
Bienvenido Lumbera
Jessica Soho
Amando Tetangco, Jr.
Manuel Morato
Dolores Cabral
Fr. Jaime Bulatao, S.J.

2007
Justice Efren Plana
Dr. Emerlinda Roman
Sec. Estrella Alabastro
Francisco Sionil Jose
Shirley Halili Cruz
Dr. Gerardo Sicat
Sec. Juan Flavier
Dennis Orcollo
Ramon del Rosario

2006
Justice Reynato Puno
Prime Minister Cesar E.A. Virata
Cecile Licad
Gilda Cordero-Fernando
Mauro "Malang" Santos
Rogelio Antonio, Jr.

2005
Amb. Sedfrey Ordonez
Prof. Napoleon Abueve
Dr. Tranquilino Elicano, Jr
Dr. Edna Azurin
Dr. Fe Hidalgo
Prof. Randolf David
Usec. Rene Sarmiento
Erlinda Sapiandante
Raymund Narag
Rogelio Antonio, Jr.

2004
Chairman Haydee Yorac
Chief Justice Hilario Davide, Jr.
Dr. Alfred San Agustin
Maria Lydia De Vega-Mercado
Julie Yap-Daza
Justice Leonor Ines-Luicano
Atty. Persida Rueda-Acosta
Former Sen. Helena Benitez
Dr. Jaime Laya
Lucio Tan

2003
Exec. Sec. Alberto Romulo
Justice Cecilia-Munoz Palma
Dr. Thelma Navarette-Clemente
Jennifer Morales
Mr. Franciso Evangelista
Atty. Charito Planas
Dr. Jose Veloso Abueva
Arch. Eduardo Castrillo
John Gokongwei, Jr.

2002
Pres. Corazon Aquino
Sec. Angelo Reyes
Justice Milagros German
Dr. Fe Del Mundo
Eugene Torre
Carmela Tiangco
Rosa Rosal
Regina Paz Lopez
Dr. Onofre Corpuz
Raymundo Punongbayan
Henry Sy

Center figures (left to right): Melchora Aquino, Manuel Quezon, Corazon Aquino, Mayor Herbert Bautista and Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte.



CONNECTING...

By Domini M. Torrevillas

Getting to know the Joy of QC

I first saw Joy Belmonte, then a very young girl, when she visited The Philippine STAR offices with her mother, the late Betty Go-Belmonte, one afternoon many years ago. She was pert and pretty, and, being one of the papers founder's daughter, was the newsroom's object of attention. The next thing I heard was that Joy had gone to Bukidnon as a volunteer in a Jesuit socio-educational program. Then the next things I learned were that she had gone abroad for graduate studies, and got married, and finally, here she is in our midst, as Vice Mayor of Quezon City.

For this quarter's WeConnect issue, I dropped in at Joy's office to find out how her family celebrated the Christmas holidays. I was surprised when she said the Belmonte family did not celebrate Christmas the way most families did. Her mother was so busy with her job at the STAR and a host of church and non-government activities she did not fuss over putting up a Christmas tree or buntings and lanterns in the balcony and yard.

But the family attended worship service December 24, either at the Church of the Risen Lord on the UP Diliman Campus or at Cosmopolitan Church in Manila, after which the whole Belmonte clan converged at the Espana compound for the Noche Buena. Joy's father, Sonny, is the eldest of eight children, and seemed like the patriarch, to whose home his siblings descended for celebrations.



"Our celebrations involved not just the immediate family, but the whole Belmonte clan," said Joy. (Her mother Betty's siblings were all in the United States.) On Christmas and New Year's Eves, there were lots of food, people exchanging presents, games, singing and dancing. Everyone was asked by Betty to talk of life-changing experiences they had. At the strike of 12 midnight on December 31, a spectacular fireworks display could be seen from the Belmonte compound.

Joy, 41, is a spitting image of Isaac, who looks younger than 51, now executive editor of the STAR. The second brother is Kevin, 50, who is in financial investments. Miguel, 49, is president and CEO of the STAR.

Joy's real name is Josefina, the name of a great grandaunt, Josefina Belmonte, who served as Representative of Albay, and whose husband earlier served as Representative. Joy's grandfather, Feliciano Belmonte Sr., was a court judge. The next relative from whom Joy inherited a passion for service is her father, who has served as Representative twice, then Quezon City mayor, and now Representative again, and Speaker of the House yet.

Joy finished elementary and high school at Proveda, college at Ateneo University, museum studies in the United Kingdom for a master's degree, and a post-graduate program at the University of London's Institute of Archeology (she only has to finish writing her thesis for a PhD.)

Years later, one of her students became mayor of a municipality. Another came to her office in Quezon City, looking for work as her husband had left her and their five children. Joy asked her secretary to help her find employment.

Joy is married to Raymond Alimurung of Pampanga. His father, Dr. Mariano Alimurung, was one of the founders of Makati Medical Center, and an uncle, Benjie Alimurung is a director at Makati Med. A grandmother, Narcisa Alimurung, is also a doctor. Raymond finished medicine as a top graduate at the UP College of Medicine, but after passing the board exams, he decided not to go into medical practice, but be an entrepreneur. He went to Stanford University in California for his MBA. He now has a corporate job in an e-commerce company in Manila.

After they got married, they lived for a while in Seattle, where Raymond was working in Amazon, a leading e-commerce company. Their joy is their three-year-old son Gael Javier. "He is a very special child," said Joy. He does not watch TV. With Raymond's monitoring skill, Gael can tell the flags of the world, capitals of countries, landmarks, and you twirl a globe, and he can tell you continents and remote places.

Joy's face lights up when she talks of projects she is quite proud of. WeConnect has been featuring her projects, so I will not go into the details of these.

The urban farming project, now found in 60 schools, has students producing vegetables organically. This, Joy believes, is a step towards gaining food security and climate change management.

Then there's the women's protection center and the breast-feeding station, where working mothers can breastfeed their babies. A values formation program with DepEd helps parents deal with high-risk children. Recently passed is the Children's Code, the first in the country touching on the city's responsibilities toward children. A night entertainment ordinance is aimed at fighting trafficking of minors.

Joy is grateful for Mayor Herbert Bautista's support of the Tandang Sora project. The heroine's shrine has been moved to the original place Tandang Sora came from, and which the National Historical Commission has declared a national shrine.

I take my job seriously. My gosh, how many people are fortunate to be able to change people's lives? Sayang, if you squander this God-given oppportunity.

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by Dr. Manuel S. Alba
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Leadership plays a fundamental role of governance not only in government but in business, as well as in any type of organizations and institutions. Governance in this respect does not just refer to management and administration, but must comprehend the crucial role of leadership that goes beyond applying operational skills of managers and administrators, but the provision of the vision and the strategic guidance, the inspiration, the motivation, that harmonizes goals and objectives, defines the directions and missions of the organization, and sets the criteria and standards of performance.

Successful organizations and institutions, including government entities, owe much to the effective leadership, i.e., one that gets things done, and done right. This statement suggests that a leader must possess not only management skills as are commonly understood, but special talents, of creativity, innovativeness, capacity to relate to various stakeholders of the organizations, and the talents to motivate, influence and inspire.

A leader must be strategic in orientation and thinking. A leader possessed of a strategic mind must be able to see the whole or the framework and relates the operating parts to such framework in coordinated and harmonized fashion. He thinks globally, but knows how to act locally. He must be able to think outside the box and not be hemmed in by habit, routine, and procedures. He must be able to see interaction among component parts or participating players, and understand the consequences. He must be able to evolve a vision of the future, i.e., where would he want his organization to be in a defined future and what kind of future, and accordingly plan and program the present towards such a planned future.

A leader must be a good communicator, in various ways to deliver his message and inspiration. But communication does not just mean oral/vocal, written or through digital media. But he communicates through his behavior and examples. He demonstrates by actions what he wants done and accomplished.

The leader must, of course, live by the virtues of humility, honesty and incorruptibility, and manifests his commitment and passion to his institution's vision and mission. Many successful leaders do possess the undefinable charisma, a certain quality somehow makes a person an inspirational leader, an effective communicator, with a certain intense passion that engenders awe and obeisance from the followers. However, charisma could work both ways - for good or for evil. One needs not harp on the roles of how Adolf Hitler or Benito Mussolini, Idi Amin, among others, affected the lives of peoples and countries. They were extremely charismatic leaders. But history records that charismatic leaders usually do not last long, particularly the perverse ones, as they generate extreme passions, of either love or hatred. As they say, revolutions and passions consume their own children.

The lives of the great leaders of nations and business exemplify in so many ways the above positive qualities and traits. It is a fascinating and inspiring exercise to look through the inspirational lives of the likes of Mohandas Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Abraham Lincoln, Winston Churchil, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Bill Gates, Henry Ford, Steve Jobs, and among the Filipinos, President Manuel L. Quezon, Henry Sy, Manuel V. Pangilinan, Ramon Ang.

Among those whose organizations were adjudged most outstanding during the Gawad Parangal, their leaders exemplify the qualities mentioned above. Samie Lim of the Philippine Franchising Association, Aniceto Sobrepena of the Metrobank Foundation, Antonino Aquino of Ayala Land, Inc. are acknowledged business and socio-civic leaders. Among the individuals, Secretaries of Health Alfredo Bengzon, Enrique T. Ona, Ricky Reyes, and Architect Abelardo Tolentino, and certainly our Tandang Sora Awardee Helen Benitez, are excellent examples of successful and inspirational leaders.

The country does need leaders in the mold of the above examples. These are great men and women.

And in conclusion, we need to say what Longfellow wrote about that "That Lives of Great Men All Remind Us, We can make our Lives Sublime."

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MAYOR Reconstitutes GAD Council and Technical Working Group



Mayor Herbert M Bautista as he presides the first meeting of the reconstituted GAD Council on June 13, 2012.

by Marilou B. Cerilla

In line with the City's strengthening of its GAD programs, Mayor Bautista issued EO No. 2, Series of 2012: Reconstituting the Quezon City Gender and Development (GAD) Council, Defining its Functions and for other Purposes, on February 21, 2012. This timely gesture signified the city government's efforts in ensuring that its development plans, parograms, and projects, are gender-responsive and consciously mainstreamed in the City's Comprehensive Development Plan and Land Use Plan. Mayor Bautista himself presided the first meeting of the revitalized GAD Council. All the GAD Council member departments/offices were duly represented in the said meeting.

Among the Sections covered by EO No. 2 of Mayor Bautista are the following: Composition of the GAD Council; Duties and Functions of the GAD Council; Composition of the TWG of the GAD Council; Relationship of the QC GAD Council to the Executive and Legislative Departments and the GAD Council Secretariat, which has remained

Per EO No. 2, the QC GAD Council shall be the primary agency/unit of the QC Government to ensure, monitor and evaluate the implementation of the GAD Code.

As specified in EO No. 2, the GADRCO as Secretariat to the GAD Council will take charge of functions 2.4 and 2.5, to wit: 1) Identify policy issues and engage in legislative lobbying for approval of gender-related legislation, acts as resource persons during City Council Committee hearings and Plenary discussions of bills related to gender issues and 2) Conduct and facilitate continuing activities in support of people's consultations, dialogues, meetings and similar activities.

Ordinance No. 1036, s-2002 and the issuance of Executive Order No.16, Series of 2002, mandated the QC government to create the Quezon City Gender and Development Council and the Gender and Development Resource and Coordinating Office (GADRCO) and define its functions and composition. Thus, a GAD Council was formed and activated in 2003 under the leadership of then Mayor Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte (now

QC barangays every October); NGO/PO assembly for GAD Council membership and formation of the GAD Budget study team which conducted "mentoring of mentors" seminar workshop.

In 2007, the GAD Council sponsored the printing of anti-teenage pregnancy posters in 2007 and spearheaded "The Bike to End VAW" as a kick-off activity of the "18 -Day Campaign to End VAW."

The establishment of the Committee on Decorum (CODI) and the GADRCO plantilla – to make it a small but regular office under the Office of the Mayor, remain an unfinished business since 2008.

The GAD Council gradually became dysfunctional as it failed to convene regular meetings. The GADRCO as the designated Secretariat, lobbied for the approval of the QC GAD Code's Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). The IRR was ratified by the QC Council in its 82nd Regular Session

THE YOUNGEST FATHER OF QUEZON CITY

by Choot Ramirez-De Vera

Walking up the stairs of Quezon City hall is not easy. I'm not saying this literally but politically. Having the distinction of being the longest running political leader among the politicians in the city means enjoying the trust and confidence of the people of Quezon City. Trust, having been earned and given to none other than Mayor Herbert *"Bistek"* M. Bautista.

Mayor Bautista started his political career in 1985 as a member of the QC Executive Council to being the Vice Mayor in 1995-1998. Then again, Vice Mayor from 2001 to 2010. He proved himself worthy when he assumed the helm as QC Mayor in July of 2010. He does not only hold the longest running political career but holds the distinction as among the youngest mayors of the country.

Bistek as a public servant personally reaches out to his constituents to know what they need. He is in his element when he provides practical solutions to the city's problems. He is also a consensus builder. His democratic way of decision-making allows for a full and uninterrupted discussion of views and oftentimes conflicting opinions among stakeholders of the city government. The process of reaching



a consensus, sometimes delays the decision-making process, but it serves a purpose of seeing through completed staff work. The Mayor sees to it that the cause and effect of our decisions are for the benefit of the greater number. However, this does not mean that he allows absolute freedom in decision-making. There are circumstances which would require swift executive action. Notwithstanding the whys and wherefores, immediate decisions have to be made, he personally makes them and takes full responsibility for it.

The mayor is a stickler for details, obsessive compulsive if you may. His sheer talent for managing offices is legendary. This is largely credited to his youthful energy and long experience in government. For all his academic preparation, he doesn't claim expertise in all aspect of life and technical decisions. He also allows the executive staff the opportunity to contribute their thoughts and for individual and professional growth.

However, be warned, once tasked he shall breathe down on you and supervise you with an eagle's eye until the task is completed. He knows what he wants and how he wants it done. The waterloo perhaps of new generation leaders is this audacity and determination to test or challenge existing systems. Policies which they feel are the straight jackets to efficiency in service are often times tested and questioned. Impatient? No he is not-just wants things done and accomplished. Pronto!

His future is indeed as vast as the horizons that we gaze upon. Who knows, in time and in the future Mayor Herbert Bautista does not only look at the prospects of the city that he has grown to serve, but these appears to be a higher calling after his service to Quezon City and its people. He sincerely acknowledges his continuing success and credits this to the people of Quezon City.

ANTI-TRAFFICKING STRATEGIC PLANNING IN QC



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The GAD Council is now composed of Mayor Bautista as Honorary Chairperson, and Vice Mayor Josefina "Joy" Belmonte as Honorary Vice Chairperson. The Member Departments/ Offices to be represented by their respective heads/ representatives are the following: the City Council Committee on Women and Family Affairs; Woman member of the City Council (yet to be appointed by the Mayor); City Council Committee on Appropriations; Liga ng mga Barangay Quezon City Chapter; City Planning and Development Office (CPDO); City Budget Department (CBD); City Health Department (CHD); Social Services and Development Department (SSDD); Division of City Schools; Cultural and Tourism Affairs Office (CTAO); Public Employment Services Office (PESO); Public Affairs and Information Services Office (PAISO); Barangay Operations Center (BOC); Quezon City Police District (QCPD); and QC GAD Focal Representative and representatives from the accredited women NGOs/POs.

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Ordinance No. 1036, s-2002 and the issuance of Executive Order No. 16, Series of 2002, mandated the QC government to create the Quezon City Gender and Development Council and the Gender and Development Resource and Coordinating Office (GADRCO) and define its functions and composition. Thus, a GAD Council was formed and activated in 2003 under the leadership of then Mayor Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte (now Speaker of the House of Representatives). The GADRCO was also inaugurated in the same year, with Dr. Mary Ruby Palma as its first designated head and consultant.

From 2002 to 2008, the QC GAD Council held regular meetings. Among the major accomplishments within this period were: inauguration of the GAD Office in 2002, Awarding of the first annual "Most Gender Sensitive Film" (2003) in the MMFF, launching of the City tabloid We Connect; passage of the QC GAD Code, printing of the commemorative envelopes for gender in QC and holding of the first Women's Month Celebration in 2004.

Other accomplishments were issuance of EO No.8 s-2005 re strengthening and redefining the composition of the QC GAD Council; orientation on the QC GAD Code and "Most Gender Sensitive Film Award," creation of the Film Academy of the Philippines; participation in the UN Beijing+10 Conference (with representatives from GADRCO, QCHD and SENTRO ng Manggagawang Pilipina, TUCP-DAWN and Kababaihanng CAPRI; inclusion of the "Best GAD Practice Award" category in the Serbisyong Bayan awards (for the

In 2007, the GAD Council sponsored the printing of anti-teenage pregnancy posters in 2007 and spearheaded "The Bike to End VAW" as a kick-off activity of the "18 -Day Campaign to End VAW."

The establishment of the Committee on Decorum (CODI) and the GADRCO plantilla – to make it a small but regular office under the Office of the Mayor, remain an unfinished business since 2008.

The GAD Council gradually became dysfunctional as it failed to convene regular meetings. The GADRCO as the designated Secretariat, lobbied for the approval of the QC GAD Code's Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). The IRR was ratified by the QC Council in its 82nd Regular Session through Res. No. SP-4827 on March 1, 2010, making it one of the landmark policies issued during the Women's Month 2010 kick-off celebration.

Supporting the GAD Council is the Technical Working Group composed of all the GAD Focal Persons of all the departments/offices named as members of the QC GAD Council. Meanwhile, the TWG has been tasked to assist the GAD Council in revisiting the existing GAD Code and its IRR. A related task is the formulation of the annual GAD Plan of the City based on the GAD Plan and Budget for 2013 earlier approved by the QC City Council last September 2012.

It must be noted that the QC GAD Code, the first to be done by a city government in the National Capital Region, was passed by the QC Council on April 1, 2004, six years ahead of the passage of RA 9710 or the Magna Carta of Women (MCW). The MCW was only passed by Congress and approved by former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in August 2010. As such, certain amendments might be necessary to integrate relevant provisions from RA 9710 with the QC GAD Code.

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The mayor is a stickler for details, obsessive compulsive if you may. His sheer talent for managing offices is legendary. This is largely credited to his youthful energy and long experience in government. For all his

Impatient? No he is not-just wants things done and accomplished. Pronto!

His future is indeed as vast as the horizons that we gaze upon. Who knows, in time and in the future Mayor Herbert Bautista does not only look at the prospects of the city that he has grown to serve, but these appears to be a higher calling after his service to Quezon City and its people. He sincerely acknowledges his continuing success and credits this to the people of Quezon City.

ANTI-TRAFFICKING STRATEGIC PLANNING IN QC



Asec. Joji Aragon of the Dept. of Labor and Employment presents the second National Strategic Action Plan Against Trafficking in Persons (2012-2016) during the Stratplan.

The QC Government thru GADRCO in coordination with the Office of the City Prosecutor conducted a Strategic Planning on Anti-Trafficking last September 6-7 (Phase 1) at Baras, Rizal. Said seminar formulated the vision, mission, goals and structure of QC CAT and the necessary amendments to Ordinance No. 1795 approved last 2007. This was attended by 30 participants and guest resource speakers/ facilitator, documentor, and representatives from different agencies like ECPAT, NBI, POEA, QCPD, DOLE, Visayan Forum, and LGUs.

Results of the Strategic Planning includes the identification of vision, mission, core values, SLOC (Strengths, Limitation, Opportunities and Challenges) of the QC Anti-Trafficking Council as well as update on the Strategic Directions for 2012 to 2016 of the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking.

A continuation of the strategic planning was held last Sept. 19 at QC Hall for discussion of other QC CAT activities and plans. Those who were not able to attend during the 1st phase of the Planning were invited. This included representatives from DFA, CFO, OWWA, PACT and IJM-Ateneo.

ENHANCED JUSTICE ON WHEELS (EJOW) VISITS QC FEMALE DORMITORY AND QCPD, CAMP KARINGAL

by Rommel Manlangit and Marilou B. Cerilla

The Quezon City Female Dormitory, which is under the Bureau of Jail and Management Penology, was visited for the first time by the hands of justice through the launching of the Enhanced Justice on Wheels program, a joint undertaking by the Quezon City Government, the Supreme Court of the Philippines, the Philippine Judicial Academy, and the Gender and Development Resource and Coordinating Office November 9. The event was mainly organized and supervised by GADRCO personnel in cooperation with members from the Quezon City Department of Public Order and Safety, the City General Services Department, and the Engineering Department.

Eleven inmates of QCFD had their cases heard at a rolling courtroom consisting of two buses parked for the day in front of city hall.

The Enhanced Justice on Wheels or EJOW, a program of the Supreme Court, is designed to address decongestion in jails and also declog court dockets. Started as the Justice on Wheels program, it has expanded from hearing only court cases, to include legal, medical and dental services, and jail visitation.

Legal services include consultation of inmates by lawyers from partner agencies, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, and the Philippine Judicial Academy.

A third of the total jail population of QCFD was given medical and dental aid in the facility's health section. A total of 160 out of the 547 inmates were administered medical services. Physicians, dentists, and medical practitioners from the BJMP and the Quezon City Health Department teamed up for the medical activity.

From the female dormitory, members of EJOW proceeded to Camp Karingal in Sikatuna Village for a discussion with police officers on the Five Pillars of the Criminal Justice System. They were welcomed by QCPD Director PSUPT Mario O. de la Vega. SC Associate Justice Mariano del Castillo, chair of the EJOW Committee, delivered the key message. The presentation of participants was handled by PSUPT Dennis L. de Leon, chief, District Investigation and Detective Management Division.

The presenters for each pillar were: 1) PCINSP Ariel Capocao, QCPD District Operation and Plans Division, for law enforcement, 2) Prosecutor Donald Lee; 3) Fernando T. Sagun, Jr. Executive Judge, Branch 78, for the courts, and 4) JSUPT Joseph Vela, chief, QCPD City Jail, for corrections. The 5th Pillar – the Community, was represented by Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, president of Liga ng mga Barangay of QC.

As discussion moderator, Judge Bernelito Fernandez of the QC Regional Trial Court noted that the presentation of Prosecutor Lee as well as of Councilor Ludovica, centered more on education and training. The dialogue fruitfully moved along this concern while Prosecutor Lee, PSUPT De la Vega and Judge Sagun came up with suggestions on addressing not only police officers but also barangay officials to fulfill the aims of the Criminal Justice System.

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Mayor Herbert Bautista acknowledges the Stakeholders of the Enhanced Justice on Wheels Program.



Justice Del Castillo delivering his speech at the 5 Pillars of Justice Forum.



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Every year, awards are given out by the Quezon City Government to its barangays which have the best practices on advocacies dedicated to the development and advancement of their respective communities.

Included in the awards given out annually are the top three barangays "that practiced the best gender-sensitive values, processes, mechanisms, or carried out gender-responsive programs, projects, activities, (PPAs) using their GAD budget". The Gender and Development Resource and Coordinating Office (GADRCO), under its Head Dr. Mary Ruby M. Palma, conducts yearly ocular inspections and documentation to determine the top three winners.

This year, the 1st placer for the "Best Barangay Gender Practices and Responsive Governance" award was Barangay Sauyo followed by Barangay Masambong, second place, and Barangay Payatas, third place. Barangay Sauyo, under the leadership of Barangay Captain Gerardo F. Vitug, topped the five criteria as follows:

- Creation and designation of a GAD Focal Person (FP)/ unit or Technical Working Group unit (TWG) in the barangay.
- GAD Focal Person, TWG or unit as well as the barangay officials having undergone any two of GADRCO orientation-workshops.
- Successful observance and application in the barangay of specific laws and other mandates relative to women/ gender-equality and empowerment as well as presence of organized committees, networks/linkages and procedures to implement the same.
- Presence and submission of a barangay GAD Plan for 2011-2012 and corresponding budget with accomplishment report.
- Creativity, resourcefulness and sustainability indicators.



"Best Barangay Gender Practices and Responsive Governance" first place winner- Brgy. Sauyo, Q.C. with Mayor Herbert Bautista and Barangay Captain Gerardo F. Vitug, Brgy Sauyo GAD focals and Councilor Candy Medina

HUSAY BALANGAY AWARDS EXHIBIT

Mayor Herbert Bautista and city officials led the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the opening of the "Photo Exhibits of Husay Balangay Awards" held in line with the kick-off of Quezon City's 73rd founding anniversary celebration held October 8

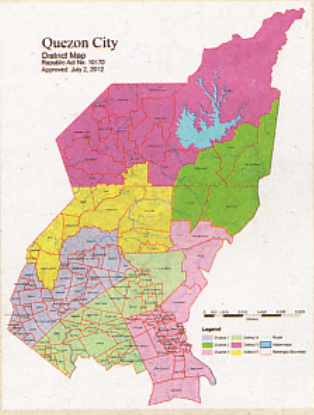
The photo exhibits, bearing the theme "Barangay Ko, Mahal Ko! Barangay Ko Dangal Ko!" mounted at the Quezon City Hall covered walk, featured the winning barangays of Quezon City during the recently held 17th Barangay Day Celebration. Each of the barangay's exhibits visually showcased their practices on advocacies dedicated to the development and advancement of their respective communities during the past year.



Top 3 Bgys. on GAD practices: Bgy. Sauyo, Bgy. Masambong, and Bgy. Payatas.

Ang pagkakapasa ng RA 10170 noong ika-2 ng Hulyo, 2012 ay nagbigay daan sa pagkakabuo ng dalawang panibagong congressional districts sa Quezon City – ang District 4 at District 5.

Ang Batas na ito ay nagpapatibay sa demokratikong representasyon ng lumalaking populasyon ng Quezon City. Ang dalawang bagong distrito ay ang 5thth and 6th Congressional Districts at mangangailangan ng dalawang halal na kinatawan sa Kongreso at tig-anim na halal na konsehal sa bawat bagong distrito.



DALAWANG BAGONG DISTRITO, BINUO NG QUEZON CITY

ni Marilou B. Cerilla

Ang aksiyong ito ay susog sa Section 5, Article VI ng 1987 Philippine Constitution kung saan nakasaad na kailangang magkaroon ng isang kinatawan sa Kongreso para sa bawat 250,000 mamamayan. Noong 2010, ang District 2 ay may kabuuang bilang ng populasyon na umaabot sa 1.6 milyon.

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QC MARKS 73RD FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

by Rico De Leus

The Quezon City government recently marked its 73rd founding anniversary with activities featuring local traditional games like the mud-drawing "agawang biik" and the muscle-cramping pabitin during Employees Day, job and trade fairs and promoting products and service-oriented programs to make the October celebration memorable to city hall employees and visitors.

This year, the QC founding anniversary celebration was not only a 12th day of October event; it was a month-long series of events showcasing the what-have-been and what-shall-be-done by the city for the benefit of its constituents.

Among the calendared activities that colored October red were: The Filipino Inventors Expo and Trade Fair (Oct. 1-15) that bannered the creativity and ingenuity of Filipinos, Novena to Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary of La Naval (October 3-12), QC Micro and Small Entrepreneurs Trade Show (October 8-19), and Cooperative Trade Show (October 22-26).

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The occasion was also highlighted with the simultaneous flag-raising ceremonies in all QC barangays on Oct. 12, 15, 22 and 29 , and with the awarding of outstanding elementary and secondary QC principals, and opening of photo exhibits.



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PERFECTLY CHOCOLATE CAKE

ni Glenda Dalag ng QC PESO



Ingredients

1 cup vegetable oil
4 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 cups boiling water
2 cups milk
3 teaspoons baking soda
2 teaspoons salt
3 -1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cup Alcalized Cocoa powder
3 teaspoons baking powder
3 cups sugar
4 eggs

Directions

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 9x3-inch loaf baking pans.
2. Stir together sugar, flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt in large bowl. Add eggs, milk, oil and vanilla; beat on medium speed of mixer 2 minutes. Stir in boiling water (batter will be thin). Pour batter into prepared pans.
3. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool 10 minutes; remove from pans to wire racks. Cool completely..

VARIATIONS:

6 loaf baking pans. : Grease and flour 3 X 9-inch baking pan. Heat oven to 350° F. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake 35 to 40 minutes. Cool completely. Frost.

"PERFECTLY CHOCOLATE" CHOCOLATE ICING

1/4 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine
2/3 cup HERSHEY'S Cocoa
3 cups powdered sugar
1/3 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Melt butter. Stir in cocoa. Alternately add powdered sugar and milk, beating to spreading consistency. Springle with white and choco chips.



THE JOY OF PUBLIC SERVICE

BUILDING A CHILD-FRIENDLY QC

Delivering QC's Gift to Children: *The Quezon City Children's Code*

By Amabel Lucena

The Quezon City Government acknowledges its role, obligation and commitment to ensure the child's survival, development and protection and should be given high priority by actively pursuing programs and mechanisms for the welfare of children.



In 2010, the 1st QC Children's Summit was organized by the Office of the Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte where stakeholders as well as child-advocates were gathered to identify the priority issues and concerns of our city's children. One agenda that was formulated is a ***STRONGER COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING AND ENSURING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS.*** All children have the same rights and all rights are interconnected and of equal importance. The LGU is actively working together to strengthen its mechanisms in ensuring children's right by reconstituting the Local Council for the Protection of Children as well as reinforce- legislation and implementation. Last year, the QC Government reiterated its commitment in the pursuit of building a child-friendly city. A city that protects children's rights, helps meet their basic needs and expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.

The QC children's code was drafted and underwent a thorough study, from an internal assessment of existing laws and ordinances, external assessment of other national and international legislation and a review of the situation of the QC's children through 106 community workshops held last year. The final draft was presented in the series of consultations with NGO's PO's and other government offices/departments District-wide consultations together with the Barangay Councils for the Protection of Children. Community leaders and child advocates were also organized to gather community voices, most especially the voices of our young ones to take part in local legislation. In May 2012, the 18th City Council has passed landmark ordinance that will cover child rights and ensure the protection and development of all QC children. This ordinance will become the basis for program development and implementation and a guide for our QC Council for the Protection of Children and the drafting of the Local Development Plan for Children.

The Children's Code is the City's guiding principle in promoting and protecting the rights of our children. The code was officially signed by Mayor Herbert M. Bautista last October 15, 2012 during the Children's Month Celebration.

**** A full copy of the code is available at the children's corner of the official website of the city council, please visit:**
www.quezoncitycouncil.ph

LETTERS AND RANDOM THOUGHTS





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TREE PLANTING AND INSTALLATION OF MARKERS (West Valley Fault Line)

By Rommel Manlangit

The Quezon City Government is very keen on updating and warning its residents on disaster preparedness the instance an earthquake occurs which would be caused by the West Valley Fault Line that runs from the down slope area near Violago Parkwoods through Bagong Silangan, Batasan Hills, Pansol, Blue Ridge B, White Plains, Green Meadows, Bagumbayan and Ugong Norte in Quezon City up to the towns of San Mateo and Rodriguez of Rizal province.

According to the Metro Manila Earthquake Impact Reduction Study (MMEIRS), a magnitude 7.2 earthquake originating from the area is possible in the future. As part of the city government's preparations, the surrounding areas most likely to be affected by movements of the fault line have already been declared not fit for human tenancy and are being transformed into parks. The construction of structures within the 5- meter wide borders of the fault line, which is also considered as non residential, is being discouraged so as to avoid further damages in case an earthquake actually occurs.

As part of a monitoring program by the Quezon City Government and the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) within a 50-hectare property owned by Banco Filipino at Barangay Bagong Silangan. The exposed trench walls indicated that there have already been at least two to three earthquake events in the past. The PHIVOLCS adds that the fault is ripe for movement as it has not moved for 200 years.

In connection with the National Disaster Consciousness Month, last July 27, the Quezon City Risk Reduction Management Council (QCDRRMC) chaired by Mayor Bautista, led a tree planting and marker installation activity at Brgy. Bagong Silangan, the area that is said to have the highest susceptibility to earthquakes.

According to Vice Mayor and QCDRRMC Vice Chair Joy Belmonte, the activity was done primarily to symbolize the city government's commitment in keeping the people safe against the threat and dangers posed by the West Valley Fault Line. The vice mayor also led the unveiling of a ceremonial marker which will serve to remind the threat of surface rupturing and ground shaking the

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A letter from a MAN to his SON dated August 25, 1973 written while in prison during the Martial Law Regime. ***Note:*** *This is from a compilation of important facts by ALBERTO M. GALARPE, head LLRB on HOW & WHY President PNOY became President of the Philippines so suddenly, destiny?*

Senator Benigno Aquino wrote a letter to his son Benigno Cojuangco Aquino III while he was in prison during the martial Law time in the Philippines informing the young Noynoy that after a lengthy conference with his lawyers Senator Jovito Salonga and Lorenzo Tañada not to participate anymore in the proceedings of the Military Commission assigned to try the charges filed by the government against him since the military trial will be a completely one-sided affair. He expected to be sentenced to imprisonment for the rest of his life or possibly be sent to stand before a firing squad.

Ninoy in his life told his teen son the reason for his sacrifice. He said he did it as a protest against the structures of injustice that have been imposed upon his hapless countrymen. It may be futile and puny to many but he said it will be his last act of defiance against tyranny and dictatorship.

Regretting his inability to secure his son's and four daughters financial future, Ninoy wrote that the only valuable asset that he can bequeath to his son Noynoy is the name he carry. He added that he tried his best during his years of public service to keep that name untarnished and respected, unmarked by sorry compromises for expediency. " I now pass it on to you, as good, I pray, as when my father, your grandfather, passed it on to me", he added.

But Ninoy apologized for "passing unto your young shoulders the great responsibility for our family. I trust you will love your mother and sisters and lavish them with care and protection I would have given them. I was barely fifteen years old when my father died. His death was my most traumatic experience, I love and hero-worshipped him so much. I wanted to join him in his grave when he passed away.

"Finally stand by your mother as she stand beside me through the buffeting winds of crisis and uncertainties, firm and resolute and uncowed I pray to God, you inherit her indomitable spirit and her rare brand of silent courage.

Ninoy's parting words asked to Noynoy to bear his legacy of heroic service. "The only choice I can give you: Live with honor and follow your conscience. There is no greater nation on earth than our motherland. No greater people than our own them with all your heart. With all your might and with all your strength. SON, the ball is now in your hands."

Like his mother, Noynoy had no plans of seeking the presidency. He was contented to support the ambition of his friend Senator Mar Roxas. But destiny beckoned. The death of his mother on August 01, 2009 altered history and catapulted him to the presidency of our country, as written by former Chief Justice Artemio V. Panganiban in his "With Due Respect" column at the Philippine Daily Inquirer issue of Sunday, May 30, 2010.

Rodriguez of Rizal province.

According to the Metro Manila Earthquake Impact Reduction Study (MMEIRS), a magnitude 7.2 earthquake originating from the area is possible in the future. As part of the city government's preparations, the surrounding areas most likely to be affected by movements of the fault line have already been declared not fit for human tenancy and are being transformed into parks. The construction of structures within the 5- meter wide borders of the fault line, which is also considered as non residential, is being discouraged so as to avoid further damages in case an earthquake actually occurs.

As part of a monitoring program by concerned and designated agencies, installation of physical markers has been placed on various points of the actual sites of the fault line. In addition, Elmo San Diego, action officer of the QC disaster risk reduction management council and head of the city's department of public order and safety (DPOS) is reiterating QC Mayor Herbert Bautista's call to declare the 7-kilometer stretch of the fault line a danger zone.

To produce evidence of ground displacement to validate the warning that the West Valley Fault Line is indeed active, a joint excavation trenching activity was recently done last July 27, the Quezon City Risk Reduction Management Council (QCDRRMC) chaired by Mayor Bautista, led a tree planting and marker installation activity at Brgy. Bagong Silangan, the area that is said to have the highest susceptibility to earthquakes.

According to Vice Mayor and QCDRRMC Vice Chair Joy Belmonte, the activity was done primarily to symbolize the city government's commitment in keeping the people safe against the threat and dangers posed by the West Valley Fault Line. The vice mayor also led the unveiling of a ceremonial marker which will serve to remind the threat of surface rupturing and ground shaking the fault line might cause. Present with Belmonte at the ceremony were representatives of the Quezon City Gender and Development and Coordinating Office (GADRCO), QC Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (QCDRRMC), various Quezon City heads and officials, PHIVOLCS and and officials of Barangay Bagong Silangan.

QC Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte leads the marker installation ceremony with representatives from PHILVOCS, QC Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (QCDRRMC) and QC officials in Brgy. Bagong Silangan.



Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte leads the marker installation ceremony with reps from PHIVOLCS, QC DRRMC and QC officials



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!







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