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QC councilor seeks split of Barangay Commonwealth

A Quezon City councilor is seeking the split of the city's most populous barangay to improve the delivery of services to the residents.

Councilor Precious Hipolito-Castelo filed an ordinance that will allocate P500,000 to cover the expenses in the holding of a plebiscite to divide Barangay Commonwealth into two.

"The splitting of Barangay Commonwealth will result in a more manageable smaller barangays, thereby enhancing the delivery of the basic services to the residents," said Hipolito-Castelo.

Barangay Commonwealth, based on the 2010 data from the National Statistics Office, has a population of more than 186,500 residents. This represents 6.7 percent of the entire Quezon City population of more than 2.7 million.

Hipolito-Castelo said the number of residents in the said barangay has reached more or less 200,000 since the latest census. She said the number is comparable to the population of entire municipalities in other parts of the country.

Barangay Commonwealth also receives the largest Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) in Quezon City.

Data from the Department of Budget and Management showed that more than P68 million was allotted for Barangay Commonwealth this year.

The allocation is the second largest IRA share for barangays in the entire country, next to Barangay 176 in Caloocan City, which has more than P89 million IRA this year.

In her proposal, Hipolito-Castelo suggested that one barangay – which will be called Barangay Commonwealth East – would cover the areas currently known as Units 1 and 2. The five other units composing the current barangay will be known as Barangay Commonwealth West.

Once approved, the boundaries of the two barangays will be determined by the city planning and development office and the city assessor's office.

A plebiscite will be conducted not later than 120 days following the approval of the proposed measure.

– **Janvic Mateo**

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QC barangay aides to act as preservers of nature

By **CHITO A. CHAVEZ**

The Quezon City government in a bid to enforce environment-friendly ordinances is set to deputize barangay personnel to restore cleanliness, reduce household discards and enforce correct measures in disposing waste materials in the community.

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte said high school graduates connected with the 142 barangays in the city will be required to undergo an eight-hour seminar and workshop in the hope of inculcating in them environmental laws that they may find useful in their cleanliness campaign.

He noted that the city's Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD) will supervise the barangay personnel's training where the qualified applicants will be placed under the three-month probationary period for evaluation.

The EPWMD will issue tickets that will be used by barangay personnel who passed the training to cite errant individuals found violating environmental laws like littering, illegal garbage disposal and the like.

Should the barangay employees be accused of abuse of authority, the EPWMD can demand the return of the tickets after conducting a thorough investigation to ensure that they are not victims of frame-ups or harassment.

EPWMD chief Frederika Rentoy said the proposed deputizing of barangay personnel as preservers of nature gives the barangays the power to enforce environmental ordinances. The barangay personnel will also be given the authority to cite erring individuals for any environmental violations.

She said to expedite the deputation process, the EPWMD is recommending that the city's barangays present their respective environment enforcement plans for the scrutiny of the city government where the proposal may be submitted during the seminar on local and national environment laws from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has recommended the strict implementation of the door-to-door garbage collection scheme where local residents are required to take their household refuse only upon the arrival of the garbage truck personnel.

MMDA Chairman Bayani Fernando said the system prevents dogs, cats and other stray animal from scattering the mostly non-biodegradable wastes on the roads and sidewalks.

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CYBER CITY. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. (left photo) announces his bid before 200 representatives of the 37 barangays of the first district to make Quezon City the first cyber city in the country during the launching of the Barangay e-Governance Systems (BeGS) recently at the Walter Mart in Muñoz, Quezon City. District 1 Councilor Ricardo 'RJ' Belmonte (right photo) was cited during the same event for saving his allocation to fund the project that will benefit some 400,000 residents in facilitating government transaction and quicker response to emergency situations. (Chito A. Chavez)

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QC hopes to become first cyber city

The Quezon City government said that all 37 barangays in the first district are now computerized enabling its 400,000 resident to benefit from the city's electronic governance.

Councilor Ricardo "RJ" Belmonte said that the milestone the first ever district-wide Barangay e-Governance Systems (BeGS) aims to facilitate government transactions doing away with the circuitous and less accurate scheme of transacting business.

"The project aims to facilitate transactions at the barangay level by the sensible use of technology," Belmonte said before 200 barangay officials and staff during the recent launching of the computerization in Walter Mart in Muñoz, Quezon City.

He explained that the BeGS seeks to provide automated issuance of pertinent documents like financial transactions, inventory of supplies and equipment, barangay council proceedings and other relevant documentations.

Belmonte stressed that the BeGS provides a fast, effective and responsive system of governance that are key essentials in running a progressive locality like Quezon City.

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. who is the uncle of councilor Belmonte, started the computerization program at the Quezon City Hall in when he first assumed office 2001. (Chito A. Chavez)

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Redistricting of QC pushed; dean cites need to study move

By BEN R. ROSARIO

Barangay officials in Quezon City are up in arms against the city's congressmen for allegedly ignoring appeals from local government officials to push for a bill that would increase its congressional districts from four to eight.

Resolutions appealing for the filing of such bill before the House of Representatives are currently being drafted by various barangay groups who noted that congressmen have been snubbing redistricting proposals aired by city officials for nearly two decades now.

Quezon City Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista is among the principal proponents of the redistricting proposal but his outspoken crusade had earned him the ire of certain lawmakers.

However, Kagawad (barangay councilman) Raul Addatu, spokesman of the Liga ng mga Kagawad sa Distrito III, said that there is indeed a need for the conduct of a congressional study to determine whether or not four more congressional district should be created.

Addatu, dean of the Philippine School for Business and Arts and a member of the Sangguniang Barangay of Marilag, proposed the conduct of citywide consultations on the issue, adding that such caucuses should be initiated by the 138 barangay units comprising Quezon City.

He pointed out that pros and cons of redistricting proposals should be carefully studied but stressed that local officials and congressmen should confront the fact that many barangay leaders are for the creation of new districts.

Addatu lamented that while congressmen in various Metro Manila localities have been pursuing the enactment of bills for the creation of congressional districts in their areas, there appeared to be no effort being conducted by their Quezon City counterparts to move towards this direction.

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QC barangay execs to catch litterbugs

By Julie M. Aurelio

BARANGAY OFFICIALS IN Quezon City will soon have a new task on their hands—to catch unruly litterbugs.

The Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department will deputize barangay personnel as "greenie policemen" to enforce the city's environmental laws.

EPWMD head Frederika Rentoy said they would undergo an eight-hour workshop on environmental protection before they are sent to catch people who wantonly throw their trash around.

"This program will also complement our campaign on cleanliness and waste reduction," she said.

Barangay personnel must be high school graduates in order to be considered as deputized environmental policemen.

Once deputized, the greenie cops will undergo a three-month probationary period after which they will be evaluated for their performance.

Earlier, Rentoy launched "Sinop Bulasi sa Eskwela" project which would allow students at public schools to exchange recyclable materials such as plastic bottles, cans and used paper in exchange for school supplies.

The program, she said, would to teach students to practice solid waste management especially in their schools and homes.

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OUTSTANDING QC BARANGAY HEAD: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. congratulates punong barangay Isabelita Gravides (with medal) of Barangay UP Campus who was chosen as one of four outstanding top QC barangay heads in a search spearheaded by the Young Women's Christian Association of QC on the occasion of its 37th founding anniversary in cooperation with the city's barangay operations center. Other honorees are PB Ricardo Corpuz of Barangay Bungad; PB Rosario Dadulo of Barangay Payatas and PB Raulito Datiles of Barangay Bagumbuhay. Aside from barangay chairmen, the group also honored outstanding senior citizens groups in the city. Assisting the Mayor during the occasion are Councilors Bayani Hipol, Vincent Belmonte, Victor Ferrer Jr., Ariel Inton Jr., Francisco Calalay Jr., and Toto Medalla, YMCA president Dr. Edna Garcia and former councilor Jorge Banal Sr.

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Quezon City awards 24 model barangays

By RAUL V. GONZALES

The Quezon City government has awarded model barangays in various categories believed to be the most extensive contest ever among the city's 142 barangays.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. led Quezon City officials in celebrating the 14th Quezon City Barangay Day at the city's Performing Arts Theater at the Amoranto Sports Complex.

Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista and city's congressional representatives Bingbong Crisologo, Mat Defensor and Nanette Castelo Daza assisted Mayor Belmonte in presenting the 2008 Quezon City Serbisyong Bayan Model Barangay Awards to 24 winners, three in each of the eight categories.

The awardees are for Best Barangay Lupong Tagapamayapa -- Pasong Tamo in District II (Chairperson Ma. Victoria C. Pilar), first place; Pansol in District III (Chairperson Dominic P. Flores), second place; and Matandang Balara in District III (Chairperson Beda T. Torrecampo), third place.

For Best Barangay Peace and Order Committee -- Pansol, District III (Chairperson Dominic P. Flores), first place; Sta. Lucia, District II (Chairperson William R. Bawag), second place; and UP Campus, District IV (Chairperson Isabelita P. Gravides), third place.

For Best in Solid Waste Management Practice -- Bagumbuhay in District III (Chairperson Raulito R. Datiles), first place; PhilAm in District I (Chairperson Jose A. Diaz), second place; Pansol in District III (Chairperson Dominic P. Flores), third place.

For Best Barangay Council for the Protection of Children -- Central, District IV (Chairperson Rosa D. Magpayo) first place; Bagbag, District II (Chairperson Carlito R. Bernardino), second place; and UP Campus, District IV (Chairperson Isabelita P. Gravides), third place.

Best Barangay Nutrition Council, Most Health-Friendly Barangay, Best Barangay Gender Development (GAD) and Most Kasambahay-Friendly Barangay were also awarded to various barangays.

Cash and certificates of recognition were awarded to the winners during the awarding ceremonies which highlighted the city's annual celebration Barangay Day on October 2.

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QC honors barangay executive in Taiwan

By RAUL GONZALES

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. said that a city barangay executive has been honored in Taiwan for best practices on the use of information and communication technology recently.

Barangay Captain Nestor Reyes of North Fairview was one of four Filipinos conferred with the award which was given to participants who excelled during their training in all APEC Digital Opportunity Centers (ADOC) across the Asia-Pacific Region.

At present, the ADOC project, established primarily to facilitate the bridging of the digital divide within the APEC community, collaborates with seven APEC economies including Chile, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Vietnam and Thailand.

In the Philippines, two centers were represented in the competition. These are the ADOC Centers housed at the Commission of Information and Communications Technology – National Computer Center (CICT-NCC) building along Roces Avenue and the Smokey Telecenter at Tondo, Manila.

Aside from the award, Reyes has also been invited by ADOC secretariat general manager Gary Gong to serve as guest speaker during the 2008 ADOC Week celebration held at the Institute for Information Industry located at Ming Sheng East Road, Taipei, Taiwan.

Mayor Belmonte has initiated the teaching of information communication technology education in all the city's public elementary and high schools to make them globally competitive since he assumed office as mayor of Quezon City in 2001.

The city's government's pursuit for excellence in the areas of education and information technology was further bolstered by the establishment of the Korea-Philippines (KorPhil) Information Technology Training Center in Barangay San Bartolome in 2003.

Today, Quezon City now lays claim as the country's ICT Capital.

Other Filipino recipients were Arvin Eugenio, Darryl Jones Estrella and Rubylinda Cabides, all of whom were out-of-school youth.

Aside from Taipei trip, the winners were also provided with brand-new laptops.

The ADOC-Philippines secretariat has formed a board of jurors to oversee the selection of the awardees.

The board of jurors are Dr. Gigi Alfonso, chancellor of the UP Open University, Myra Jill Siason, creative arts specialist of the Diliman Interactive Learning Center and Director Raul Nilo and Ma. Lourdes Aquilizan of the CICTNCC.

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QC LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA SEMINAR: Quezon City Feliciano Belmonte Jr. congratulates a member of the QC Lupon ng Tagapamayapa in District II who successfully completed a two-day enhancement training seminar on the barangay justice system at QC Hall Bulwagan recently. All lupong tagapamayapa members from QC's four districts have been required to undergo said seminar, which was organized by the city's barangay operations center. The Mayor was assisted by Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista and other city and barangay officials.

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'Operation Tule'

QUEZON CITY: Barangay Bahay Toro in District 1 in Quezon City was the venue of a recent "Operation Tule" (Oplan: Circumcision) by a team of practicing surgeons from a public hospital, led by a doctor-member of the city council. On May 10, a Saturday, Councilor Dr. Dorothy "Doray" Delarmente, will lead the team anew for a similar undertaking for boys, 8 to 12 years old, residing in Barangay Ramon Magsaysay, also in District 1. Delarmente said close to 100 boys were circumcised in Barangay Bahay Toro while 150 others are slated to undergo the "pre-manhood ritual" in Barangay Ramon Magsaysay on May 10. Operation Tule, according to her, is a regular summer project she literally inherited from her mother, former Quezon City Councilor Elizabeth "Tita Beth" Delarmente. Antibiotics and pain reliever are given free to young "Oplan Tule" beneficiaries in collaboration with various drugstores and manufacturing firms within the city. The young Delarmente said the team is composed of practicing doctors and surgeons from the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) and health centers. Would-be beneficiaries are required to secure their parent's consent before they undergo the free circumcision. (Sel A. Baysa)

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Raps vs QC barangay official

By Jeannette I. Andrade

TWO BARANGAY COUNCIL members filed charges of grave threats and violation of the Commission on Elections-imposed gun ban in the Quezon City prosecutor's office against an incumbent barangay captain in the locality.

Barangay Teacher's Village West council members Serafin Sison and Jose Jimbo Saret claimed that Barangay Capt. Federico Jong, brandishing a .45 caliber pistol, had threatened them with harm.

In their sworn statements, the pair alleged that at around 6 p.m. of Oct. 1, before the adjournment of a regular session of the Sangguniang Pambarangay, Jong told them that he had learned there were some council members who were planning to file charges against him on the suspicion that he (Jong) was hiring "flying" voters.

Jong reportedly said that the persons planning to harm him should reconsider their move because he would hurt them.

Threat

The barangay official allegedly pulled out a pistol from his drawer and threatened those who were against him.

He also reportedly challenged Sison and Saret to settle the score immediately.

Apart from the criminal offenses, the complainants likewise charged Jong with grave misconduct, oppression and conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service.

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Six SB Parks inaugurated

At least six parks, aptly called "SB Parks," were inaugurated in Quezon City recently, in line with Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr's., program of putting up "SB Park" in each of the 142 city barangays.

The newly inaugurated parks brought to 51 the total number of parks built by the city government to enhance beauty to the barangay and to establish a place where residents could while their time away.

Belmonte led city officials and community leaders during the blessing and inauguration of the Imelda, Katipunan, Proj. 4, UP Village, Greenville and Delta Parks.

The mayor has standing order to the Parks and Development Administration Department (PDAD) to check and identify the so called "areas of neglect and decay," in the city as site for parks and playgrounds.

Until converted into public parks, according to Belmonte, these areas cause security and safety problems, downgrade property values of surrounding areas and are unhealthy place to live in.

The upgrading of cityscape was complemented by road network development and street-lighting and signage program.

Zaldy dela Rosa, PDAD head, said the city's target is to develop one SB Park in each barangay in the premier city. (Sel A. Baysa)

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38 QC barangay chiefs to finish term Oct. 29

At least 38 barangay captains in Quezon City are no longer running for reelection on barangay polls on Oct. 29, after having served three consecutive terms since 1994.

The QC chapter of the Liga ng mga Barangay said of the 38 "graduate barangay officials," 10 are from District I, 6 in District II, 13 are from District III, and 9 in District IV.

Among those who are no longer eligible for reelection are Barangay Chairmen Xyrus L. Lanot of South Triangle and Felicito Valmocina of Holy Spirit.

The third term of these village executives began after the barangay elections in 2002 but was extended up to Oct. 29 this year because there was no barangay poll from 2005 to September this year.

As president of the Liga ng mga Barangay, QC chapter, Lanot also serves as an ex-officio or sectoral representative-member of the city council.

Valmocina ran for city councilor but lost during the May local elections this year.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte thanked the outgoing 38 barangay chairmen for their commendable service to their constituents during the 2007 QC Barangay Day celebration.

For his part, Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista congratulated all the grassroots level officials for doing their part in good governance work.

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QC folk appeal for foot bridge

Concerned residents of Pook Masagana and other populous neighboring areas in Barangay Bahay Toro in Quezon City have appealed to the QC government for a foot bridge connecting the busy Mindanao Avenue and Road 20.

They said that a street corner is reportedly fast becoming a delinquent place on the account of persons fatally bumped by speeding vehicles at any given time.

It was gathered that the latest victim was a 20-year-old male criminology student, of Pook Masagana.

Mourners at his wake said that the situation is aggravated by the absence of a pedestrian crossing near the notorious corner.

They (mourners) claimed that at least a dozen persons have died when bumped by speeding cars while crossing from Road 20 and Mindanao Ave.

"Kaya talo po kami rito pag may nabundol at namatay habang tumatawid sa Mindanao Ave mula sa Road 20 dahil ang totoo po ay bawal ang tumawid dito," a lady mourner said.

It was learned that the latest bumped victim was hit by a delivery van when he braved to cross Mindanao Ave. from Road 20 on his way home from the school.

Pook Masagana residents urged Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., and the City Council to lend an ear to their plea for a foot bridge in the area "before more lives are claimed." (Sel Baysa)

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BARANGAY FOOD TERMINALS IN QC
President Macapagal-Arroyo and Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap award certificates to operate Barangay Food Terminals to a barangay chairman in Quezon City. The awarding, held in Project 6 Elementary School, was attended by Rep. Vincent Crisologo and Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte.

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Quezon City barangay chairman shot dead

BY JEFFERSON ANTIPORDA
Reporter

SIX armed men killed a barangay chairman in Quezon City while conducting a meeting inside the barangay's multipurpose hall Monday night.

Police identified the victim as chairman Ronnie Sikat, 40, of barangay Central, and a resident of 4 Maaralin Street in the city.

The victim sustained multiple gunshot wounds in different parts of the body and was declared dead on arrival at the Lung Center of the Philippines.

Based on the initial investigation conducted by the Quezon City Police District-Criminal Investigation Unit, the incident happened about 7:45 p.m. inside the multipurpose hall of Barangay Central located on Agham Road.

Sikat was conducting a meeting with other barangay officials when six armed men barge in and open fired at the barangay head.

Witnesses said they were not able to stop the gunmen because some of the assailants pointed their guns to them while others fired at Sikat.

Sikat's supporters believed that the killing has something to do with the coming barangay elections this October wherein the victim is planning to seek reelection.

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Politics angle eyed in Quezon City barangay chair's slay

By Jeannette I. Andrade

POLICE ARE EYEING POLITICS in the killing of a Quezon City barangay chair Monday night.

Ronnie Sikat, 40, chair of Barangay Central, was shot seven times in front of his constituents by a still unidentified armed man as he was presiding over the weekly "Ugnayan sa Barangay" forum.

According to SPO1 Demosthenes Rebancos of the Quezon City Police District Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit (QCPD-CIDU), the incident happened at 7:45 p.m. inside the barangay multipurpose hall at the corner of Quezon Avenue and Agham Road.

Rebancos said that a man approached Sikat and shot him with a .45 caliber pistol while two other men served as lookouts.

The gunman then fled on foot while his companions got on a passenger jeepney bound for the Quezon City Hall.

Residents in the area rushed Sikat to the Lung Center of the Philippines where he was declared dead on arrival.

Members of the Scene of the Crime Operations who went to the site of the shooting recovered six empty shells from a .45 caliber pistol and a slug.

Rebancos said that none of those present at the meeting were able to get a good look at the faces of the suspects because they were all wearing baseball caps.

The witnesses added that the dim lights in the multipurpose hall did not help at all in identifying the suspects.

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QC barangay captain shot dead

A barangay captain in Quezon City who was very active in anti-drug campaigns was shot dead while conducting a meeting in the multi-purpose hall of Barangay Central Monday evening, a top police official said yesterday.

Quezon City Police District chief Senior Superintendent Magtanggol Gatdula identified the victim barangay chairman Ronnie Sicat.

Gatdula said initial investigation showed that Sicat was having a meeting at about 7:45 p.m. when three gunmen shot him at close range while two others acted as lookouts.

After the shooting, three of the suspects fled on foot and the two others immediately boarded a Fairview-bound jeepney.

Sicat, who sustained five gunshot wounds in the head, was declared dead by Dr. Arman Sarmiento at the Lung Center of the Philippines.

Gatdula said Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has given orders for the QCPD to prioritize the case and track down the suspects, believed to be members of drug syndicates operating in the area.

Gatdula said he has assigned Superintendent Franklin Mabanag, chief of the Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU), to personally handle the case.

He said QCPC homicide investigators are working closely with crime scene investigators in scrutinizing the physical evidence recovered at the crime scene.

"We will also release sketches of the suspects as soon as our investigators finish their interview with the witnesses," Gatdula said.

– Perseus Echeminada

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MODEL BOTIKA. Mayor Sonny Belmonte, Undersecretary Berna Romulo Puyat and Department of Health (DoH) representative Dr. Antoineta Inumerable award the first prize of ₱25,000 worth of medicines to Bgy Capt Erlinda Madrilejo and Kgd Tess Montalbo of Bgy Balingasa. This year's awardees include Botika ng Barangays (BNBs) UP Campus, Kamuning Senior Citizens Group, Bgy Kaligayahan, and Pasong Putik Senior Citizens Group. The Search for the Model Botika ng Barangay is an annual undertaking of the BRP foundation together with Mayor Sonny Belmonte and the Department of Health.

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QC barangay men to train on governance

By SEL A. BAYSA

The 142 barangay officials in Quezon City will undergo a two-month training course at the University of the Philippines (UP) to improve their managerial and governance capability.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. said that as grassroot partner of the city government in transforming the city into a quality place to live in, the barangay heads need a training course to help them cope with the rising expectation of their constituencies.

Belmonte thanked barangay officials for doing their share in making the city "not only the richest local government unit (LGU) but also the best LGU in governance."

"May synergy at pagtutulungan ang QC Hall at ang mga barangay, walang boundary o pader sa pagitan ng QC Hall at mga barangay, everybody is doing well."

The Barangay Governance Capability Training Course is envisioned to provide barangay officials adequate know-how on barangay management and operations, to enhance their administrative capabilities and harness these capabilities in handling accountabilities, problems and other related issues, and to enhance their legislative skills.

The training modules will focus on challenges and concerns of barangay governance and sustainable development, revenue generation and resource mobilization, development budgeting, economic transformation, and effective communication skills.

The two-month course, which will start on the third week of the month, is a partnership project of the QC government and the Center for Local and Regional Governance of the UP National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG).

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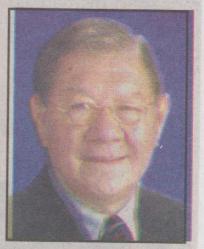
142 Quezon City barangays get ₱46.4-M share of taxes

By RAUL V. GONZALES

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has transferred to the city's 142 barangay officials some ₱46.4 million representing the barangays' real property tax shares for the second quarter of the year, bringing to ₱1.81 billion the total amount turned over to the village leaders since the mayor assumed office in July 2001.



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Making the top 10 in the list are Barangays Bagumbayan with a share of ₱1.43 million; Loyola Heights with ₱1.35 million; Piñahan receiving ₱949,070.98, Soccoro with ₱848,149.05, South Triangle with ₱839,123.75, Apolonio Samson ₱800,465.38; Kaunlaran ₱799,877.64; Matandang Balara ₱768,235.08; Ugong ₱765,374.92; and Kaunlaran ₱702,229.67.

Barangay Bagumbayan, considered the city's industrial center, along with Barangays Ugong Norte and Socorro, has been getting the biggest real property shares for the past six years.

"We are happy to see that many of these funds are translated into thriving projects that add to what the city government can do to address the needs of its constituents," Belmonte said.

The mayor has always reminded the barangay chairmen to allocate their money on worthwhile projects beneficial to the people.

The Local Government Code of 1991 provides the barangays with a 30 percent share in the collection of real property taxes. Poor fiscal management had hampered its distribution during the previous administrations.

Records showed that during Belmonte's administration, the city's barangays finally got their shares in the collection of the real property taxes.

The city government usually remits a bigger share to the barangays during the first quarter when city residents settle their annual real property tax obligations.

Quezon City registered a ₱1-billion collection in real property taxes for the first time in 2005.

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Barangays back QC condo project

Majority of the barangays within the vicinity of a high-rise condominium project of Federal Land Inc. endorsed the real estate company's "The Capital Towers" to be built along E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue.

Led by Barangay Kalusugan where the project will be located, the barangay kagawads submitted their common manifesto to the office of Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. and the city council to convey their full support for the Federal Land project.

"We believe that the Capital Towers project of Federal Land will bring much-awaited progress not only to our Barangay Kalusugan but also to the rest of District 4 barangays and the whole of Quezon City," according to officials of Barangay Kalusugan.

The barangay officials appealed to the mayor and city council to approve the project.

In addition to the real estate taxes that will contribute to the improvement of the city's fiscal position, the manifesto further states that Federal Land's project will bring numerous benefits in line with the national administration's program to increase employment especially at the barangay level, housing in the city through private sector participation, livelihood opportunities and business of and from commercial establishments.

The enhanced economic activity and productivity will help move forward various programs for the health care and education of the barangay communities. (PR)

The barangay kagawads expressed satisfaction on the merits of the project which were discussed in a thorough and comprehensive public consultation proceeding last October 26, 2006. During that consultation, the issues of flooding, traffic, garbage, water supply, pollution, etc. were deliberated on not only by Federal Land's technical team but by the city government and other LGU's as well as regulatory agencies like the Department of Energy and Natural Resources and the Laguna Lake Development Authority.

Other stakeholders present in the public consultation were the commercial establishments, the residential villages and educational/religious institutions from the area.

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QC barangays back Federal Land project

COMMUNITIES around a project of Federal Land Inc. have endorsed the firm's "The Capital Towers" to be built along E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue in Quezon City.

Led by Barangay Kalusugan where the building would rise, the local councils submitted their common manifesto yesterday to Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte and the city council to convey their full support for Federal Land's condominium venture.

"We believe that the Capital Towers project of Federal Land will bring much-awaited progress not only to our Barangay Kalusugan but also to the rest of District 4 barangays and the whole of Quezon City," according to Barangay Chairman Eduardo Payumo and fellow *kagawads* Robin Porlaje and Walter Somebang, who spoke in behalf of the communities.

The barangays appealed to the city authorities to approve the project that is reportedly being blocked by a couple of enclaves of well-to-do families.

In addition to the real estate taxes that will beef up the city's fiscal position, the manifesto states that Federal Land's project boost the national administration's program to increase employment especially at the grassroots, housing through private sector participation, livelihood opportunities and the overall business environment.

The enhanced economic activity and productivity will help move forward various programs for the health care and education of the barangay communities.

The barangays lauded the project which was discussed in a public consultation Oct. 26 last year. During the proceedings, the issues led by flooding, traffic, garbage, water supply and pollution were taken up not only by Federal Land's technical team but by the city units, including regulatory agencies like the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Laguna Lake Development Authority.

Other stakeholders present in the consultation were the commercial establishments, the residential villages and educational/religious institutions from the area.

Barangay Kalusugan has issued a clearance to Federal Land "allowing them to construct the project, The Capital Towers" and with the completion of the public consultation "interposes no objection" as the project will "become an immense income contributor to the barangay."

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Holiday meal fatal to Quezon City girl

Victim's kin, neighbors down after eating leftover spaghetti

By DJ Yap

CHRISTMAS DAY ENDED ABRUPTLY FOR the family of 12-year-old Angelica Corminal who died after eating leftover spaghetti in their house at Sto. Nino Extension, Barangay Holy Spirit, Quezon City.

Ten members of her family and their neighbors also fell ill and were admitted to different hospitals, including Corminal's uncle who had cooked the meal on Christmas Eve, according to police.

Toxins

A report from radio station dzBB quoted Dr. Licerio Santos of the Quezon City General Hospital as saying that the victims suffered from acute gastroenteritis because of food toxins.

Based on initial reports, Corminal, a grade school pupil, was enjoying the pasta dish with her family at around 2 p.m. on Dec. 25 in their home when she suddenly complained of stomach pains.

Investigators said the girl also complained of a headache and then started to vomit.

At least 10 relatives and neighbors came down with the symptoms, including her uncle Alberto Lubiano who had cooked the spaghetti the night before, police said.

Treatment

Relatives and neighbors rushed them to hospitals, including the East Avenue Medical Center for treatment, according to a report by case investigators PO2 Julius Rempillo and Pascual Fabreag.

Corminal was later transferred to the New Era Hospital but she died at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, police said.

Critical

Some of the victim's relatives who were hospitalized have been declared out of danger, but others are still in critical condition, said SPO2 Rafael de Peralta, a desk officer in the criminal investigation division of the Quezon City Police District.

Their names were not immediately available.

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QC barangays get real property tax share

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. recently turned over P46 million to the city's 142 barangay executives their barangays' share in the real property taxes for the second quarter of the year.

This brought to P1.81 billion the total amount turned over to the city barangays since Belmonte assumed office in 2001.

Making up the top 10 in the list in the latest fund releases are barangays Bagumbayan (P1.43 million), Loyola Heights (P1.35 million), Piñahan (P949,070.98), Socorro (P848,149.05), South Triangle (P839,123.75), Apolonio Samson (P800,465.38), Kaunlaran (P799,877.64), Matandang Balara (P768,235.08), Ugong Norte (P765,374.92) and Greater Lagro (P702,229.67).

Bagumbayan, considered as the city's industrial center, along with Barangays Ugong Norte and Socorro, continue to enjoy the biggest real property tax share among the city's barangays for the past six years.

"We are happy to see that many of these funds are translated into thriving projects that add to what the city government can do to address the needs of its constituents," Belmonte said.

He reminded barangay chairmen to allocate their money on worthwhile projects beneficial to constituents.

The Local Government Code of 1991 provides that 30 percent of real property taxes collected go to barangays.

It is only during Belmonte's administration that the barangays are getting their share. Poor fiscal management had hampered its distribution during the previous administration.

The city government usually remits a bigger share to the barangays during the first quarter when city residents usually settle their annual real property tax obligations.

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QC barangay execs cited

By SEL A. BAYSA

"Let us help plan for the future."

With this, Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. ordered the city's 20-man technical group to prepare primers, among other things, that would help entice fresh capitals for the city.

Also, the city government is reportedly mulling the idea of tapping the city's barangay officials in its bid to attract new investors through a comprehensive barangay-based do-your-business-easy in the city campaign.

Barangay officials, according to Mayor Belmonte, are the best sources of information and their participation in the endeavor would greatly boost the program.

He called on city officials "to study your own procedures and make some streamlining to be able to cope up with the fast changing times."

Quezon City has reportedly laid down the foundation in extending invitation for investors to put up their business in the city by requiring them easy procedures in the issuance of business and building permits.

Belmonte said business and building permits are issued from two to three days after the filing of applications.

For adopting the simplified business permit procedural processing, the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc., and the Quezon City Chamber of Commerce and Industry have cited QC as the "Most Business-Friendly City" for the past three years.

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QC campaign vs freon

By SEL A. BAYSA

The Quezon City government has mobilized the city's 142 barangays in urging local air-conditioning and refrigeration shop owners to stop using ozone-depleting substances (ODS) like freon in their operation.

Under the World Bank (WB)–assisted Voucher System grants scheme, owners and operators of these establishments are awarded financial assistance to purchase equipment and tools to observe environment-friendly servicing practices.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. said, "the barangays must help in this effort, not to punish these shops but to persuade the owners to avail themselves of government assistance."

Belmonte reminded city residents that everyone must do his part in preserving the ozone layer. "The solution to the problem starts with me, with you."

Earlier, the mayor joined Undersecretary Demetrio Ignacio and other officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in awarding vouchers worth ₱100,000 each to 132 shop owners and operators in the city.

Regional Director Arnulfo Z. Hernandez of the Environment Management Bureau in the National Capital Region (NCR) said the total amount of the grants was ₱13.2 million.

The awarding ceremony at the QC Hall grounds was one of the activities of the DENR and the QC Environment and Waste Management Department (EPWMD) for the celebration of Philippine Ozone Month.

Air-conditioners and refrigerators are said to contain ozone depleting substances called chlorofluorocarbons (CFC), a family of chemicals that contain chlorine, fluorine and carbon. They account for about 29 percent of CFC usage.

The national government has already come up with a Revised Chemical Control Order for ODS that provides the legal foundation to meet the National CFC Phase-out plan objectives, primary of which is the gradual reduction of the ODS.

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QC barangays join anti-freon drive

By PERSEUS ECHEMINADA

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has mobilized the city's 142 barangays to help pinpoint air-conditioning and refrigeration shops, which have yet to comply with the prohibition against the use of ozone-depleting substances (ODS) like freon.

"The barangays must also help in this effort, not to punish those refrigeration shops, but to persuade owners to avail themselves of government assistance," he said.

Under a World Bank-assisted Voucher System grants scheme, owners and operators of air-conditioning and refrigeration shops are awarded financial assistance for the purchase of equipment and tools so they can observe environment-friendly servicing practices. There are about 700 such shops in Quezon City.

"Everyone of us must do our part in preserving the ozone layer," Belmonte said.

The mayor joined Undersecretary Demetrio Ignacio and other officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in awarding vouchers worth almost P100,000 each to 132 shop owners and operators in the city.

Quezon City is the first local government unit to benefit from the World Bank-funded grants programs being implemented by the DENR.

Regional Director Arnulfo Hernandez of the Environment Management Bureau-NCR said the total amount of the grants for 132 awardees was P13.2 million. The grants were for shop equipment for environment-friendly servicing.

Tools and equipment for the grant awardees include a portable leak detector, a recovery and recycling machine including a recovery cylinder, vacuum pump, vacuum meter and nitrogen regulator.

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QC to honor top taxpayers

The Quezon City government, in celebration of the city's 67th foundation anniversary, will pay tribute to the top taxpayers for year 2005 for their significant role in making the city the richest local government unit in the country today.

Dr. Victor Endriga, city treasurer, said Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. and Finance Secretary Margarito Teves will lead the "QC Salute to Top Taxpayers" to be held on Tuesday at the Grand Ballroom of the Crown Plaza Galleria, Ortigas Avenue corner ADB Road in Quezon City.

"The taxpayers' significant contributions helped earn for the city the prestige and recognition of being the richest city in the last four years and most business friendly for three consecutive years," he said.

Nathan Zulueta, Quezon City Chamber of Commerce and Industry Foundation (QCCCI) president and in charge of the annual recognition rites, said Quezon City is now one of the country's major investment and commercial hubs.

Recently, Quezon City was again cited again by the Commission on Audit as one of the best performing LGUs in terms of total equity and net income.

Business taxes account for the biggest share of revenue for the city government. Reports reaching the treasurer's office showed that once again, the Shoemart Group of Companies and its holding company, SM Mega Holdings Inc., were the top business and real property taxpayers.

The 2005 top business taxpayers are Shoemart, Manila Electric Co., ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp., Mercury Drug Corp., Jollibee Foods Corp., GMA Network Inc., IBM Philippines, Araneta Group of Companies, Pacific Paints (Boysen) Philippines, and Golden Arches Dev't Corp. (McDonalds).

In the real property category, the 2005 honorees are SM Mega Holdings, Araneta Group of Companies, ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp., Robinsons Land Inc., Megaworld Corp., Philippine Long Distance Company, Manila Electric Co., Nestlé Philippines, GMA Network Inc., and Citibank, NA.

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Quezon City to honor top biz taxpayers

By SEL A. BAYSA

The Quezon City government will honor leading business and real property taxpayers in ceremonies at the ballroom of the Crown Plaza Galleria on October 3, with Finance Secretary Margarito Teves as guest of honor and speaker.

On hand to assist Secretary Teves in presenting the awards to the top taxpayers are Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., and Quezon City treasurer Victor B. Endriga.

Endriga, concurrent president of the Philippine Association of Local Treasurers and Assessors (PHALTRA), identified the top business taxpayers as the Shoemart Group, Manila Electric Co., (Meralco), ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp., Mercury Drug Corp., Jollibee Foods Corp., GMA Network. Inc., IBM Philippines, Inc., Araneta Group of Companies, Pacific Paint Phils., Inc. and the Golden Arches Development Corp. (McDonalds).

The other awardees in the real property list are the SM Mega Holdings, Inc., Araneta Group of Companies, ABS-CBN, Robinsons Land Corp., Megaworld Corp., Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT), Meralco and Nestle Philippines.

The list of top taxpayers has been consolidated by the Quezon City Chamber of Commerce and Industry Foundation, Inc., (QCCCIF), led by Nathan Zulueta, based on the computerized records submitted by the Quezon City Treasurer's Office.

Endriga said that the taxes collected by the city government from these business firms represent 80 percent of the total revenue collection incurred last year.

Also, Endriga cited the effort of his men to the "very impressive" revenue collection which made the city maintained its billing as the "Richest City in the Philippines" for four consecutive years.

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Top barangays search on

The search for Outstanding Barangays in Quezon City is on.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. directed Donato Matias, head, Barangay Operation Center (BOC), and the awards steering committee, to finalize the documentation and selection of winners during the culminating activities on October 2.

Winning barangays will be categorized as Best Barangay in Governance, Best Barangay in Child Protection, Best Barangay in Lupong Tagapamayapa, Best Barangay in Peace and Council Committee in Good Practices, Best Barangay in Gender Practice and Responsive Governance, Best Barangay in Anti-Drug Abuse Program and Best Barangay Nutrition Committee. (Sel Baysa)

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Tuesday, June 27, 2006 3

More jobs, income seen in barangays' micro biz

Quezon City Treasurer Victor B. Endriga urged entrepreneurs based in the barangays to establish Barangay Micro Business Enterprises (BMBEs) in the city.

Participants at the recent 1st BMBEs Congress at the Bulwagang Amoranto in QC Hall, initiated by the QC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (QCCCI), were told that QC is a very ideal place for new business like the BMBEs.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. expressed belief that helping these BMBEs "will not only mean more jobs and livelihood, but will also encourage those in the underground economy to come into the open to legitimize their operations."

Mayor Belmonte's optimism is shared by the QCCCI, headed by Carl Balita, president.

Endriga, president of the Philippine Association of Local Treasurers and Assessors (PHALTRA), said "we, city hall officials, were instructed by the mayor to help these BMBEs."

"As a matter of fact, don't you know that Quezon City was the first local government unit (LGU) to implement Republic Act 9178 or the BMBEs Act of 2002," Endriga said.

He pointed out that many opportunities await those who will put up their BMBEs in Quezon City because of the incentives offered not only RA 9178 but also by the City Ordinance No. 1576 S-2005.

Endriga said "Quezon City has more than 65,000 business establishments but so far we have only 347 operating as BMBEs with the required Certificate of Authority."

A BMBE, under RA 9178, is defined as any business enterprise engaged in production, processing or manufacturing or products, including agro-processing, as well as trading and services, with total assets of not more than ₱3 million. (Sel Baysa)

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Ombudsman mobilizes QC barangays in anti-graft drive

By PERSEUS ECHEMINADA



Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. leads city officials in a memorandum and contract agreement signing ceremony for the implementation of a community mortgage program-covered socialized housing project on a four-hectare property in Sitio Veterans, Barangay Bagong Silangan. The project, to be undertaken jointly by the city government and the TOFEMI Realty Corp., will benefit 289 urban poor families. Joining the mayor are Councilor Godofredo Voltaire Liban (second from left, seated); barangay captain Armando Endaya; Bernadette Halili, special assistant to the president of TOFEMI Realty and Remedios Halili, TOFEMI vice president. Looking on are Councilors Ariel Inton Jr. and Ramon Medalla, city urban poor affairs officials and representatives from the different homeowners associations.

The Office of the Ombudsman, in a bid to combat corruption at the grassroots level, has launched a comprehensive anti-graft and corruption program that would involve various sectors of society, including local government units and the barangays.

In her keynote address to 142 barangay captains in Quezon City, Ombudsman Ma. Merceditas Gutierrez said local officials, particularly the heads of the barangays, plays a vital role in the fight against corruption because of their daily interaction with members of the community.

A recent seminar on anti-corruption was held as part of the commitment of the Ombudsman to lead a comprehensive national anti-corruption program that would involve the more than 42,000 barangay captains nationwide.

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. welcomed the Ombudsman and her team at City Hall, where they conducted a day-long seminar on the vital role-played by the barangay in the anti-graft and corruption drive.

Gutierrez pointed out that her office has helped in the formation of accredited corruption prevention units as well as the junior graft watchers, which involves students in the fight against corruption at the local level.

The Ombudsman said corruption is just like terrorism because it cuts across various sectors in society and it involves not only public servants, but also the private sector.

She said the current administration is determined to address the problem. "Corruption not only causes our lives to deteriorate – and the poor are always the first to suffer since government projects primarily benefit them – it also wreaks havoc on our moral fiber and the thrust that binds us to one another," she said.

Gutierrez said when corruption prevents the government from promoting the common good then life becomes hard for everyone.

"Ordinary citizens lose their faith in the duly constituted authorities who, in their eyes, are inutile," she said. "They also become predatory to one another so that, eventually, all respect for the rule of the law and private rights disappear," she said.

The Ombudsman said that in the last five years, at least P1.2 trillion has been lost to corruption. The amount, she said, could have settled the countries foreign debts.

Gutierrez urged the barangay heads to initiate honest and dedicated public service at their locality.

"Ang halimbawang galing sa inyo na matapat at marangal na serbisyo sa sambayan ay siguradiong hind mawala sa mga taong bayan," she said. *"At dahil dito sila rin ay maaring mahikayat ninyo tungo na rin sa pagbabago ng buhay na maayos, malinis at marangal."*

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. congratulates a participant of a seminar for barangay public safety officers at the Commonwealth Elementary School in Barangay Commonwealth. The 299 participants are barangay watchmen from 15 barangays of Areas 7, 8 and 12 in District 2. The seminars, sponsored by the city's Peace and Order Council, chaired by Belmonte, are being conducted as part of the city's preparations for the opening of classes on June 5.

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BOTIKA NG BARANGAY. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo (3rd from left) and Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. (right) award licenses to operate Botika ng Barangays to 21 barangays in Quezon City at the 16th Serbisyo Muna Caravan at the Batasan Hills National High School in Quezon City. The Chief Executive also awarded licenses to operate 'Tindahan Natin' stores. Assisting them are Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Ephraim Genuino of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) and civic leader Berna Romulo Puyat. (Sel A. Baysa)

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QC launches search for most business friendly barangay

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte and City Council's Majority Floorleader Ariel Inton announced yesterday the search for city's most business friendly barangay.

"Quezon City is gaining and sustaining momentum as the richest and business friendly city in the Philippines and the participation of the barangay as the smallest government unit in our community is very vital on how we will sustain the 'Business Friendly Environment of the City,'' Belmonte and Inton both said during interview.

Quezon City recently earned the title as the country's richest city, awarded as most business friendly, most livable city, and best managed city.

Inton stressed that the role of barangay in business connectivity-choice-friendly competition and competency and development should be given recognition not only by local government, but by the Quezon City Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"The search for the most business friendly barangay will explore emerging trends in the partnership of business sectors with the barangay units that may connect the network with each other," Inton explained.

Belmonte said the objective of the competition is to gain better understanding of the emerging trends in the development of business friendly environment with the business sectors and barangay units, broaden prospective of technical development practices in the light of cultural differences, address issues and challenges facing business development such as community security and safety consumers welfares, cleanliness and beautification drive, local employment generation, local tax generation and more investment generations.

The criteria for the awards are good business governance with the score of 60 percent; a record of integrity and good governance in their dealings with the business sector and citizenry as a whole, 40 percent.

Special prizes and awards await the winners of the competition.

This year's theme is "Who is the most business friendly of them all?" (Rico C. Navarro)

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Quezon City dogs get anti-rabies shots

Dogs in 10 out of the 37 barangays within District 1 in Quezon City were treated with anti-rabies vaccine as part of the annual summer project of Councilor Elizabeth Delarmente in coordination with the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI).

"We have set aside anti-rabies vaccine for at least 4,000 dogs in the district this year," Delarmente said.

More than 1,000 dogs have reportedly received shots since the yearly project was relaunched in January this year.

Dog owners, Delarmente said, were asked to bring their pets to their barangay halls for the free shots.

Some 100 dogs received anti-vaccine shots yesterday in Barangay Agham.

Delarmente told "Radyo Serbisyo" listeners over Radyo ng Bayan (DZRB) that the summer activity seeks to promote responsible pet ownership for residents of District 1, a thickly populated place in the city.

Delarmente and BAI authorities reminded dog owners not to let their pets loiter on the streets.

The councilor said a city ordinance outlaws stray dogs and penalizes their owners. (Sel A. Baysa)

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FOR ZERO DRUG-ZERO CRIME DRIVE. Quezon City Council Majority Floor Leader Ariel Inton (right) of the 4th District presents a check as donation to Barangay Zero Drug-Zero Crime Campaign during a general assembly in Barangay Roxas, Quezon City. Receiving the check is Barangay Captain Marcos Estrada. Looking on are Barangay Kagawad Mar Lalin and Barangay Secretary Johnny P. Chico. (Noemi Chan)

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'DAUNGAN SA OBER D' BAKOD' PROJECT. Councilor Ariel E. Inton (in white shirt) leads the ribbon-cutting rites for the Daungan sa Ober D' Bakod project in Barangay Damayang Lagi in Quezon City. The city council's majority floor leader expressed concern over the welfare of his constituents, prompting him to undertake the project. (Noemi Enrile Chan)

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. presents to Barangay Ugong Norte chairman Lehner Martires a check representing the real property tax share of his barangay during a distribution of shares of the city's 142 barangays at the Quezon City Hall Bulwagan. Ugong Norte, received the biggest share, with more than P3 million out of the more than P39 million total shares for the first quarter. Also in photo are Council Majority Floor Leader Ariel Inton Jr. and Councilor Xyrus Lanot, president of the Liga ng mga Barangay, QC Chapter. JOEY VIDUYA

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WITH BARANGAY TANODS. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte (3rd from left) congratulates and thanks the city's barangay tanods for their good work. With him are Councilors Neneng Montilla, Council Majority Floor Leader Ariel Inton and Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista. Belmonte pledged support to barangay peace and order program to sustain the city's economic gains. (Noemi E. Chan)

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16 Sunday, December 18, 2005

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Ombudsman suspends 2 QC barangay officials

By RICO C. NAVARRO

The Office of the Ombudsman has slapped with preventive suspension two barangay officials in Labrador, Quezon City, for malversation, grave misconduct, dishonesty and conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service.

In a 12-page joint order, Overall Deputy Ombudsman Margarito Gervacio ordered respondents barangay chairman Patria Chan and treasurer Christina Ycong, both of Barangay San Isidro, Labrador, to be suspended for six months without pay during the pendency of the two cases lodged against them.

Gervacio also ordered the respondents to file within 10 days their counter-affidavits and other controverting evidence to the complaints against them.

The charges against Chan and Ycong were filed by Mario Rico Dungo, chairman of the Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay San Isidro.

Dungo alleged that Ycong "misappropriated some ₱633,000 to ₱1.4 million of the barangay funds for her personal use and or unauthorized purposes, in conspiracy, connivance, tolerance and/or direction" of the barangay chairman and other barangay officials.

The complainant, a member of the barangay council, investigated the disbursements made from the barangay funds since January 2005 and discovered that the barangay treasurer did not submit any financial report from January to August 2005, or up to the time when the inquiries were made.

When confronted during an emergency meeting of the council, Ycong admitted that there are irregularities in the barangay funds amounting to ₱633,000.

She admitted that she is the only one responsible for the irregularities and asked the council to give her time to pay back the amount.

The Ombudsman stressed that such admission is admissible as evidence against the respondent.

The order also noted that Chan also had liability in the alleged irregularity as co-signatory of the checks in question, and as approving authority for the disbursement of barangay funds.

The Office of the Ombudsman held that the evidence of guilt is strong and the respondents' continued stay in office may prejudice the case against them.

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QC Liga ng Barangay supports Belmonte's ICT-Internet program

The Liga ng mga Barangay, Quezon City Chapter, in its recent year-end national assembly held at the Encelada Resort, Puerto Gallera, declared its full support to the ICT program of Mayor Sonny Belmonte.

Beginning January 2006, all the 142 barangay halls in Quezon City will have Internet connection, to complement the e-government and paperless transaction program of the administration. "This is going to be the strategic direction of the strong 142 barangays in our jurisdiction," QC Liga President and City Councilor Xyrus L. Lanot announced.

"The advent of technology can reduce the cost of doing business and improve the business climate in the barangays and could further facilitate the development of more services to the constituents through information provision," Lanot added.

The QC Barangay ICT program is a web-based/Internet project. The first component is the Internet connectivity and the assignment of e-mail addresses to all the barangay captains and workers. The flow of information, orders, projects, communications from City Hall to the barangay captains and inter-barangays and even among barangay captains and workers will now be faster and accurate. The whole city will be transformed into an information society capable of receiving and sending information through the electronic mail.

The second phase is the establishment of linkages to the Quezon City business Registry Databank. Should the link be established, each barangay will now have unlimited access to the business data and information. Data filing and repository will now be centralized. Barangays no longer need to design and maintain a separate databank. All they have to do is access this to the Quezon City Business Registry Databank. This will simplify and operationalize a unified business registration in the 142 barangays complete with categories, classification, and business-related grouping needed for developmental transaction by the investors.

The third and last phase is the conversion of the barangay halls into a small business center and e-library capable of bringing education and developmental information to the constituents through the facilities of Internet access.

QCCCI Foundation President Nathan C. Zulueta who created the QC Business Registry Databank was the ICT speaker in the Puerto Gallera convention.

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QC barangay cultural, tourism councils proposed

A Quezon City councilor has proposed the creation of a cultural and tourism council in every barangay to further strengthen the promotion of tourism and business potentials in the community and create additional jobs for city residents.

Elizabeth "Tita Beth" Delarmente, who recently received the Manuel L. Quezon Bantayog award from the Quezon City Press Club, said the council will also be tapped to develop programs and projects to enhance the barangay's natural and manmade attractions for tourism purposes.

"The Philippines is a country well known for its exceptional hospitality not only to foreign but to local tourists as well. The country tourism, both in the national and local level has become dynamic and in keeping with the standards of world competitiveness," Delarmente said.

Delarmente said her proposed ordinance is set for its third and final reading today, Tuesday.

"I am optimistic that the city council will approve the ordinance to strengthen tourism and create additional jobs for the city's jobless residents," she said. (Rico C. Navarro)

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. hands over to the city's barangay executives their respective shares in the collection of real property taxes for the second quarter of 2005 during a simple turnover ceremony at the QC Hall Bulwagan. Some P46.4 million worth of cheques were distributed by the mayor during the occasion. Barangays getting the most of the real property tax share were Socorro, Batasan Hills, South Triangle, Bagumbayan, Kaunlaran, Ugong Norte, San Roque, Loyola Heights, Mariana and Tandang Sora. Assisting Belmonte is barangay sectoral representative Councilor Xyrus Lanot.

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BOTIKA NG BARANGAY: GMA leads the awarding of the Botika ng Barangay (BnB) license to Barangay Captain Marivic Co-Pilar during PAGCOR's 'Serbisyo Muna' Caravan at Barangay Pasong Tamo, Quezon City. A pro-poor project of President Arroyo, Department of Health and Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., the Botika ng Barangay provides Quezon City residents with safe and affordable generic over the counter medicines, herbal medicines and selected prescription drugs for asthma, diabetes and hypertension. Joining her are PAGCOR Chairman Efraim Genuino, CHD-DOH Director Gerardo Bayugo, Rep. Annie Rosa Susano, Coun. Eric Medina, civic leader Berna Romulo Puyat, Barangay Captain Jaime Garcia.

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MANILA BULLETIN

National News Bulletin

14 Thursday, November 17, 2005

2 laws for women, kids to be implemented in QC

The 142 barangay councils in Quezon City will strictly implement the protective provisions of two laws for the protection of women and children in Quezon City.

The provisions are embodied in Republic Acts 9262 and 8505, the "Anti-Violence against Women and Children Act" and the "Rape Victims Assistance and Protection Act," respectively.

As this developed, Mary Ruby Palma, head of the Quezon City Gender and Development Resource and Coordinating Office (GADRCO), cited Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. and the Quezon City Council for involving community leaders in implementation of the two laws.

The assistance of barangays in the implementation of the two laws is contained in the first Gender and Development (GaD) Code which requires local government units (LGUs) to tap the services of community officials against lawlessness. (Sel A. Baysa)

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THE DAILY tribune

Friday, November 4, 2005 4

QC barangay councils told to protect important papers

The Quezon City Council has passed a resolution authorizing all the barangay councils in the city to procure Cabinets with vaults to protect important documents entrusted to barangay secretaries and treasures for safekeeping.

Majority Floor Leader Antonio Inton said the city council has been alarmed by the failure of many barangays in the city to secure many of their vital documents.

He added the city councilors introduced the resolution in order to strengthen the record safekeeping system in barangays.

"Many barangays have failed repeatedly to submit on time their reports of inventory of properties due to loss of documents," he said.

He added the losses are simply because of lack of appropriate facilities where barangay records can be properly and securely placed for safekeeping.

He said the resolution also serves as a reminder to barangay secretaries and treasurers to exercise their authority in protecting barangay records by ensuring that the documents are kept in their proper and secure place.

The councilor stressed barangay secretaries and treasurers are provided with the necessary powers by the Local Government Code so they could effectively perform their duties.

He said under Section 458 of the Local Government Code, every council is mandated to provide mechanism and the appropriate funds to ensure the safety and protection of city government property, public document, or records such as those relating to property inventory, land ownership, records of birth, marriages, deaths, assessments, taxation, accounts, business permits and other records and documents of public interest in the offices and departments of the city government.

In Quezon City, the approved Government Records Retention and Disposition Schedule considers as permanent in nature various barangay records which require archival or perpetual management.

Among such records are barangay master list, directories, minutes of meetings, agenda, general assembly, minutes of regular meetings, ordinances, resolutions, personnel documents such as personal data sheets and oaths of office and other documents of the same category.

Those who sponsored the resolution were Bernadette Herrera-Dy, Elizabeth Delarmente, Winston Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo Liban III, Jorge Banal, Wencerom Benedict Lagumbay, Edcel Lagman, Alma Montilla, Janet Malaya, Restituto Malangen and Bayani Hipol.

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BARANGAY OUTPOST TURNOVER. Quezon City Majority Floor Leader Ariel Inton takes a break with members of the Barangay Council and residents of Barangay Bagong Lipunan ng Crame during the turnover of a barangay outpost, as part of a program to better serve the people. With him are Barangay Captain Teresa Jardio, Barangay Kagawads Rolando Pascasio, Juvy P. Domagsang, Joeffry S. Llorico, Manuel T. Viguilla, Carmen Ida D. Bancil, Emmanuel V. Gozun, and Ariel Ferdinand Morales. (Noemi E. Chan)

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Stop to Tatalon land sales urged

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QUEZON City Majority Floor Leader Ariel Inton yesterday asked City Treasurer Victor Endriga to stop selling the land of poor residents in Tatalon district and other lots under the socialized housing of National Housing Authority in the city.

Inton, in a privilege speech, said the city treasurer must be warned that the lots are under the socialized housing program of NHA and under existing laws are exempt from taxation.

He said that after the publication of lots to be auctioned, poor families from Tatalon and other NHA lots under socialized housing in Quezon City trooped to his office seeking his assistance to stop the city treasurer from proceeding with the scheduled sale by auction on Sept. 15 until such time that the lots were already registered on their names.

The residents informed Inton that they were not properly notified, "the notices of City Treasurer Endriga were sent to NHA that is why we are not aware of such sale," Inton quoted one resident.

"I find it ironic that while we are distributing houses for the homeless, we have here a city treasurer determined to oust poor residents from their homes," Inton, a human rights lawyer before trying his luck in politics in 2001, said.

He urged his colleagues in the council to join him in stopping Endriga in auctioning the lots of Tatalon and other NHA lots located in the city.

"They are going to pay what they owe to the city government and contribute to the prosperity and progress of Quezon City but for now they are merely asking for a temporary relief," Inton said.

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State of calamity declaration in Quezon City bgy sought

The need to declare a state of calamity in a barangay in the third district of Quezon City has been sought by QC Council First Assistant Majority Floor Leader Dante M. De Guzman after 100 children were found to have fallen victims to dengue, nine of whom eventually died.

The declaration of barangay Pagasa in a state of calamity was sought by De Guzman after visiting the area, talked to the barangay captain and found that the situation could worsen if not effectively attended to.

In a privilege speech during the regular session of the city council, De Guzman asked for the immediate action of the city health department to prevent the situation from getting out of control, avert the occurrence of more deaths, and hasten the return of normalcy in the area.

"I visited the place personally last Aug. 12, carried by my sense of concern and moral responsibility while a typhoon was passing through and rains were pouring heavily," De Guzman said. "I believe situations like this need immediate help and the local government should make itself visible."

De Guzman said problems like this should not be left unattended and the officials concerned must not just wait for the victims or their relatives to beg for help.

"The initiative should come from us not from them because the essence of public service is public trust and public trust means serving the people not during normal conditions but more in times of need," De Guzman stressed.

In the same privilege speech, De Guzman gave Mayor Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte a grade of "A" for effective public governance, prudent spending of public funds, successful implementation of projects for the benefit of the people, and raising the annual income of the city.

He said Belmonte made the city a model not only in income but also in public governance enabling it to earn awards and citations from reputable organizations. (E. T. Suarez)

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. joins Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Satur Ocampo in a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the inauguration of a newly constructed footbridge in Barangay Balingasan in District I. The construction of the footbridge was facilitated by Ocampo to ensure the safety of pedestrians from vehicular accidents. Also in photo are Councilors Bernadette Herrera-Dy, Francisco Calalay and Victor Ferrer and barangay captains Erlinda Madrilejo, Arsenia Flores of Masambong, Godie Costelo of Damar and Tomas Castor of Siena. JOEY VIDUYA

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Barangay chairman's poll victory affirmed

Rowena B. Fernandez, Chairwoman of Barangay Tatalon, Quezon City, was recently affirmed by the Commission on Elections First Division as the winning candidate in the July 20, 2002 Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections.

Atty. Marcos L. Estrada Jr., counsel for Fernandez, disclosed that in its resolution dated June 27, 2005, the Comelec First Division reversed the decision dated January 29, 2004 of Metropolitan Trial Court, Branch 37, Quezon City and declared Rowena B. Fernandez as the duly elected Punong Barangay of Barangay Tatalon, Quezon City with a total of 3,363 votes against the 2,700 votes of the opposing candidate Dominador P. Bañega.

Originally, Fernandez was proclaimed winner in the election with a vote of 3,499 as against 2,711 for Bañega. Bañega filed protest with the MTC Branch 37, Quezon City which then ruled in favor of Bañega. The Comelec reversed the MTC's decision.

Atty. Marcos L. Estrada who himself is a barangay chairman of brgy. Roxas, hailed the Comelec's decision as one for truth and justice. He said that the erroneous decision of the MTC was costly and counter productive.

Fernandez, according to him, kept working even while the case was pending and exemplifies the new breed of barangay leaders who have service to the public as their consuming passion.

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Metro Bulletin
4 Wednesday, August 17, 2005

Quezon City barangays get ₱46-M share of realty taxes

A total of ₱46.4 million was turned over by the Quezon City government to the city's 142 barangays as their share of the real property taxes for the second quarter of the year.

Barangay Socorro, which cover the Cubao area, got the lion's share, with ₱1.85 million.

Other barangays making up the top 10 on the list are Barangay Batasan Hills, with a total share of ₱1.09 million; South Triangle, ₱1.08 million; Bagumbayan, ₱1.01 million; Kaunlaran, ₱951,000; Ugong Norte, ₱878,000; San Roque, ₱785,000; Mariana, ₱768,000; Tandang Sora, ₱721,000 and Old Balara, ₱663,000.

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. said he is expecting these barangays to implement more self-funded development programs that would redound to the benefit of their constituents, particularly those from underprivileged communities.

The Local Government Code of 1991 provides the barangay with a 30 percent share in the collection of real property taxes.

Belmonte initiated the granting of full fiscal control by the barangays over their share of real property tax collections in a bid to encourage them to help the local government in the tax collection efforts.

The city government has released some ₱1.34 billion as the share of the barangays in the realty property collection of barangays from 2002 to 2004. In 2004, some ₱403 million was turned over by the city government.

Those with the highest amount of remittances thus far are Barangay South Triangle, Bagumbayan and Socorro, all in District III.

Sustained partnership with the barangays has also resulted in the institutionalization of the barangay development program by partnering with the National College of Public Administration and Governance of UP and the Center for Local and Regional Governance, to improve the managerial and governance competencies of barangay officials.

The city's barangay officials are also actively involved in the monitoring of the various infrastructure projects being implemented, in tax information campaigns, peace and order activities, health and sanitation, in promoting disaster awareness as well as in promoting good environmental protection and solid waste management practices in their respective communities. (Rico C. Navarro)

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QC FUMIGATION DRIVE. Quezon City officials lead the fumigation campaign to prevent the spread of dengue in Barangay Pag-Asa. Those who witnessed the campaign include Barangay Captain Ferry Bilaos, District I QC Captain Bobot Diño, president, Liga ng mga Barangay; and Councilor Beth Delarmente. (Rico Navarro)

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4 Thursday, August 11, 2005

State of calamity proposed in barangay hit by dengue

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Officials of Barangay Bagong Pag-asa in Quezon City yesterday pressed city authorities to place their area under a state of calamity as the deadly dengue virus continues to threaten the lives of people in the thickly populated commercial-residential district.

Some 65,000 people reside in the barangay, officials said.

Barangay Captain Perry Bilaos said Barangay Pag-asa officials have prepared a resolution to this effect which they will submit to the Quezon City Barangay Council. The latter is then expected to submit the resolution to the City Council for its consideration.

Bilaos said that majority of the city councilors have endorsed the resolution.

He said 78 dengue cases were listed in Barangay Pag-asa from June to August 8 this year.

Seven children, mostly residents of sitio San Roque, have died of dengue since May this year, Bilaos said.

Meantime, Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. visited Sitio San Roque over the weekend and urged residents to maintain cleanliness. He also directed city health authorities to conduct a 24-hour monitoring of the barangay.

A meeting was held yesterday among officials and representatives from the Department of Health (DoH), the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC), the Office of the Quezon City Mayor and officials of Barangay Bagong Pag-asa where fresh approaches were adopted to prevent the disease from spreading further.

Bilaos expressed gratitude for the prompt action taken by Belmonte, some city councilors and health officials led by Dr. Maria Paz Ugalde. The action they took prevented the disease from becoming a full-blown epidemic, Bilaos said. (Sel A. Baysa)

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BARANGAY DEVELOPMENT COURSE. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. (right, at the rostrum) stresses a point before city barangay officials attending the First Sustainable Barangay Development Course during its ceremonial opening at the University of the Philippines-National College of Public Administration and Governance at the UP Campus in Diliman. The two-month course is aimed at improving the managerial and governance capabilities of the city's barangay officials. (Sel A. Baysa)

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'Situation now under control'

Saturday, August 6, 2005



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ANTI-DENGUE DRIVE. Workers fumigate Barangay Pag-asa in Quezon City as part of efforts to destroy dengue-carrying mosquitoes in their breeding grounds. Eight students from Pag-asa Elemtary School died from dengue fever the other day. (Art Torres)

BRGY.

By RICO C. NAVARRO, SEL A. BAYSA and ANNA LIZA T. VILLAS

Authorities launched yesterday an extensive information campaign and a series of fumigation of suspected mosquito breeding grounds in Barangay Pag-asa, Quezon City, following an outbreak of the deadly dengue fever in the area.

The outbreak killed at least eight children in the barangay and led to the hospitalization of at least 64 other victims.

The dengue patients in various hospitals in the city were diagnosed as suffering from high fever, stomach ache, vomiting, headache, and other dengue-related symptoms.

Three of the casualties – Asnalia de Katarungan, Rene Rose de la Cruz, and a certain "Lettin Rose" – were residents of Sitio San Roque, where a cluster of houses belonging to squatters are located.

Quezon City Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista ordered the fumigation of the Pag-asa Elementary School where most of the dengue victims appeared to have contracted the disease.

Dr. Maria Paz Ugalde, the head of the Quezon City Health Department, said authorities are doing everything to stop the outbreak.

Dr. Irene Grafil, a Quezon City health official, urged Barangay Pag-asa residents to remove old tires, empty bottles and flower vases containing water inside their homes, saying that these are the favorite breeding grounds of dengue-carrying mosquitoes.

Grafil admitted that there has been an outbreak of dengue fever in Quezon City, notably in Sitio San Roque in Barangay Pag-asa. But the "situation is now under control," she added.

There were at least six children from Sitio San Roque who died from dengue fever last month.

The peak of the dengue outbreak occurred in Barangay Pag-asa in the week covering June 5 to June 11 where 10 deaths were listed.

The Quezon City health department records show three cases were reported in the week covering June 28-July 2, three cases from July 8-9, July 18, one case, July 26, two cases, and July 30, two dengue incidents, in different parts of the city.

A team of doctors from the Quezon City Health Department, led by Dr. Maria Paz Ugalde, conducted on Thursday a symposium with teachers and parents on cleanliness and "container" management to prevent the dreaded dengue-carrying mosquitoes from further multiplying.

Lourdes Abalos, principal of the school, said she talked with members of the Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) to help the school in stopping the spread of the disease.

A group of parents who went to the school said they fear for the safety of their children. "Natatakot nga kami, parang ayaw muna naming papasukin ang mga anak namin, baka sila magkasakit ng dengue at mamatay," one of the parents said.

Teachers, parents, and officials of Barangay Pag-asa will roll their sleeves for an hour-long fumigation of the Pag-asa Elementary School building starting at 8 a.m. today.

Pasig launches 'Iwas dengue' drive

Responding to the increasing number of dengue cases in Pasig City, local officials have launched the so-called "Iwas Dengue" brigade in barangay Bagong Ilog Pasig.

In collaboration with the SC Johnson group led by Dr. Reinhard Schellner, the officials deployed health workers and conducted free fumigation on possible breeding grounds of the dengue mosquitoes such as canals, drainage systems, vacant lots, garbage, storage areas, and other places where there is stagnant water.

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Dengue kills eight in QC barangay

THE Quezon City health department has declared an emergency in a barangay where eight residents died of dengue fever.

Eight other dengue patients from nearby Malabon City were confined at the Dr. Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center.

Barangay Pagasa in Quezon City is in a state of emergency. Irene Grafil, an Epidemiologist of the city health department, said that of the 64 cases of dengue in the city last month, 42 were from Pagasa.

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To date, 362 dengue cases have been recorded in Quezon City.

Six of the dead in Pagasa were Carmela Javier, 9; Renerose de la Cruz, 13; Asharin Dicamparaches, 9; Baltazar Aduaradura, 4; Terrence Resquio, 3, all of Sitio San Roque, and Letlyn Rose Rivera, 9, of Road 2.

Last year 541 people were afflicted with dengue, and 12 of them died.

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Health workers fumigate Pagasa following the surge of dengue cases in the Quezon City barangay. PHOTO BY RUY MARTINEZ

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Dengue kills 8 in QC barangay

Grafil said health authorities have begun massive cleanup and fumigation in Sitio San Roque, Barangay Pagasa proper, and the Pagasa Elementary School where a fishpond is located.

The symptoms of dengue are high fever, rashes, severe headache, nausea, vomiting, appetite loss, eye, and muscle and joint pains. The severity of the joint pain gave dengue the name "break-bone fever."

Prescribed prevention against the disease consists in cleaning and covering water storage containers, installing screens on doors and windows and using mosquito nets and insecticides.

Ronnie E. Calumpita

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Belmonte prods 38 barangays to prepare for calamities

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has directed barangay executives of the city's 38 flood-prone barangays to come up with their respective early warning systems and disaster preparedness programs to prevent the loss of lives and damage to properties during flooding and other calamities brought about by typhoons.

Areas the city government have identified as flood-prone are Barangays Paraiso, Mariblo, Damayan, Del Monte, Masambong, Talayan, Sto. Domingo and Sta. Cruz, in District I; Payatas, Fairview, Kaligayahan, San Agustin, North Fairview, Novaliches Proper, Gulod, Capri, Balumbato, Baesa, Unang Sigaw, Apolonio Samson, Tandang Sora, Pasong Tamo and Culiat, in District II; East Kamias, San Roque, Mangga, Bagumbayan, Tagumpay, E. Rodriguez and Socorro, in District III; Roxas, Obrero, Kamuning, Tatalon, Damayan Lagi, Kalusugan, Old Capitol Site and San Vicente, in District IV.

Belmonte has also directed department of public order and safety chief Manuel Sabalza to closely coordinate with these barangays to ensure that they effectively carry their respective disaster preparedness programs.

The city government, on orders of Mayor Belmonte, has already put in place a disaster preparedness program that calls for the formulation of responsive and effective actions in preparing people before, during and after a disaster.

Under the pre-crisis phase, the city activates its disaster action teams, coordination and linkages with the different public and private sectors in Quezon City.

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PEP TALK. Barangay Holy Spirit chairman Felicito Valmocina (left panel) gives Tanod members a pep talk at the start of a seminar aimed to enhance the crime prevention capability of the village watchmen. (Boy Antionio)

Tanods in QC barangay train for crime fight

The police and the community should work hand in hand in the fight against crime.

This was stressed at the end of a two-day seminar of barangay tanods in Barangay Holy Spirit, Quezon City supervised by members of Police Station 6 of the Central Police District (CPD).

The enhancement training program late last week was initiated by Police Community Precinct 5 (PCP-5) commander Senior Insp. Ronaldo Lumactod Jr.

Lumactod realized that the 19 police officers under his command are not sufficient to provide adequate protection to his area of responsibility and that community cooperation was vital.

He coordinated with Holy Spirit barangay chair Felicito Valmocina, who was more than happy to extend his support to the police for the welfare of his constituents.

"The initiative of Senior Inspector Lumactod is very much welcome, as our barangay tanods will now have the necessary and proper knowledge on crime prevention," Valmocina said.

Barangay tanods were trained on warrantless arrests, patrol procedures, investigation, rules on evidence, defense tactics, proper gun handling, and firing exercises.

With the tanods augmenting the police force, residents are assured of a safer and more peaceful community.

Also present during the summer were Supt. Emmanuel Bautista, Station 6 commander, and Supt. Roseller Arbolado, Station 6 deputy commander. (PNA)

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INSPECTION. The drainage system in Barangay Bahay Toro in Project 8, Quezon City, is one of the subjects an inspection by Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., (in yellow shirt). With the mayor are Congressman Vincent Crisologo, Councilors Rommel Abesamis and Joseph Juico and barangay officials. (Sel A. Baysa)

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Friday, 10 June 2005

Violence mars closure of 2 pedestrian gates

By JUN VELASCO

Several persons, including children and old women, were hurt when policemen and security guards fired warning shots and threw tear gas canisters at residents of two depressed areas in Barangay Loyola Heights in Quezon City last Tuesday.

Barangay Loyola Heights chairman Cesar S. Noguera said the incidents occurred when the residents tried to oppose the closure of two pedestrian gates, one at sitio Daan Tubo Areas 1 to 3, and another at sitio Libis, leading to Barangay Loyola Heights from Barangays UP Campus, Botocan and Krus na Ligas in Diliman.

Residents said the first incident happened when representatives of the lot owner in Daan Tubo, accompanied by uniformed Quezon City policemen and members of the Special Weapons and Attack Team (SWAT), arrived Tuesday morning to close the pedestrian gate by erecting a concrete wall reinforced with a thick iron slab.

The gate had been serving for the past 20 years some 1,500 residents of the three areas in Daan Tubo, as an informal right-of-way in going to and from work, school, commercial establishments, church, hospital.

The right-of-way, measuring about 70 square meters, is part of a vacant parcel of land in the name of Gregorio Jose Catenza located along Esteban Abada street in Barangay Loyola Heights.

Noguera said in the evening when residents protested against the closure of the right-of-way, by trying to demolish the wall, they were reportedly fired upon by the Quezon City policemen and SWAT members who accompanied the owner's representatives.

Many residents, especially children and old women, were forced to run out of their houses and cry for help as the lawmen lobbed tear gas canisters at them.

This led to bottle- and rock-throwing incidents between the residents and the police officers, according to Edna Condaba, whose four children were badly hurt by the tear gas.

The second incident, also on Tuesday afternoon, chairman Noguera said, involved residents of sitio Libis who protested the closure of a similar service alley from their area to Melchor St. in Barangay Loyola Heights and the dismantling by representatives of the lot owner, identified as a Mrs. Lumen Adan, of water meters for thousands of residents in Libis and outlying areas.

The affected residents protested the closure of the gate, prompting the Quezon City policemen and SWAT members to fire in the air to scare them.

Last July 1, 2002, the chairmen of Barangays UP Campus, Krus na Ligas, Botocan and Loyola Heights brought the two problems to the attention of City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte to help solve the problems in the two sites and defuse the tension between the residents and the lot owners.

The barangay officials also urged Belmonte and the City Council to acquire through expropriation the disputed areas.

On November 23, 2004, the Quezon City Council passed Resolution No. SP2663 authorizing Belmonte to "negotiate with the owner or initiate expropriation proceedings" for the acquisition of the right-of-way in Daan Tubo.

Noguera said the resolution has not been implemented, adding "We are trying to get an appointment with Mayor Belmonte on the problem."

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Barangay a trailblazer in zero-waste management





PIONEERING SPIRIT. Barangay Holy Spirit is one of the first villages in the country to implement a waste segregation scheme, putting into action an eco-waste management system long before the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 was passed into law. A fleet of garbage trucks like the one at left collects trash which is then brought to the Materials Recovery and Composting Facility (above, right photo) where the wastes are further segregated. Automatic soil composters (photo below) convert biodegradable materials into organic fertilizer in just five days. (PNA)

Barangay Holy Spirit

Garbage/waste mgmt.

By CIELITO M. REGANIT

While all 17 local government units (LGUs) comprising Metro Manila are still trying to comply with the provisions of Republic Act 9003, otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, a barangay in Quezon City had set into action an eco-waste management system long before the bill was passed into law.

Barangay Holy Spirit is the only village in Metro Manila that boasts of a zero-waste management system, providing a clean, safe and healthy environment for its residents.

Felicito Valmocina, Barangay Holy Spirit chairman, said the grave threat posed by garbage to humans and to the environment galvanized him into action when he first took over the helm of the community in 1997.

"I was appalled by the serious garbage problem then facing not only Holy Spirit but also the whole metropolis," he said.

"There was even a time when the Smokey Mountain (a mountain-size pile of trash in Manila) nearly became one of our top tourist attractions," he said.

With only his dedication to serve his community and sheer determination to guide him, Valmocina embarked on a program that has now evolved into a model on eco-waste management.

The first thing he did in 1997 was to enter into continuous dialogues with the various sectoral leaders of the community and conduct a massive information campaign about the problem.

"A lot of the residents during those times either didn't know or



DIALOGUE. Barangay Chairman Felicito Valmocina (seated at head of table) holds a dialogue with sectoral leaders to come up with yet better ideas on waste management. (PNA/Boy Antonio)

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didn't care," Valmocina sadly recalled.

"No segregation, no collection" was strictly implemented to enforce compliance.

"It was really a trying experience for us in the council as many residents did not want to comply for one reason or another," he recalled.

But with patience, vigilance and political will, he managed to get the cooperation of the community and achieved what others thought to be impossible – zero-waste.

The heart of the community's zero-waste program is the Materials Recovery and Composting Facility (MRCF) in Sitio Republic where the 12 tons of trash generated daily by its more than 150,000 residents are processed.

A self-sustaining facility, the MRCF was constructed in 2002 through a grant from the Asian Development Bank and a counterpart funding from the Quezon City government.

The barangay also has its own fleet of garbage trucks, making it the only village in Quezon City that is not dependent on the city's trash collectors.

In the Materials Recovery and Composting Facility, segregated wastes undergo further segregation. Recyclable materials are either sold directly or turned into products like straw mats, bags and candles in the facility's workshop and then marketted later.

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Biodegradable materials are milled and put into one of six automatic soil composters and turned into organic fertilizers.

"Before the installation of the soil composters in 2002, composting was done manually by facility workers using old tires, drums and other containers," Valmocina explained.

The organic soil is either sold to private entities or distributed to the 11 community gardens scattered throughout the barangay where ordinary and high value crops are being grown.

The gardens have been providing local residents and nearby barangays with cheap organically-farmed vegetables.

The success of Barangay Holy Spirit's zero-waste program was highlighted when it won the bronze prize in the nationwide search for model barangays with ecological waste management systems last year.

However, Valmocina was quick to point out that the first two placers are not city barangays.

"Holy Spirit could have won hands down had the search been limited to urban barangays, since urban communities generate more garbage and have limited space for facilities," he said.

But Valmocina is not stopping from there. Plans are now underway to put up a methane extraction facility inside the Materials Recovery and Composting Facility to tap the methane gas generated by waste materials.

"We have already constructed an underground storage facility for methane production," he said.

With its success, the community is visited almost weekly by local and foreign dignitaries to see first-hand its facilities and methods.

Valmocina now spends a lot of time hosting and lecturing about eco-waste management to visitors, some of whom came from as far as London, seeking the secrets of his campaign.

"The secret of a successful eco-waste management system can be summed up into three components: Political will, dedication to duty and most of all community participation," he said. (PNA)

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FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2005 METRO 19



Quezon Cty Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. shares a light moment with city and barangay officials during the turnover of the 15 pedicabs to be utilized as waste management utility vehicles by different barangays in District I. The distribution of pedicabs, equipped with sidecars, forms part of the 'Simot-Basura' program that Councilor Elizabeth Delarmente (shown riding the pedicab) has initiated in an effort to maintain proper garbage collection. Joining them are Councilor Ariel Inton, environmental protection and waste management department chief Fredericka Rentoy and barangay captains. JOEY VIDUYA

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Metro 3
Friday, 3 June 2005

Only in QC

Pedicabs used in garbage collection

By SEL A. BAYSA

At least 15 pedicabs for garbage collection purposes in narrow streets in the city were turned over by the QC government to different barangays in District 1.

Equipped with sidecars, the waste management utility vehicles form part of the "Simut-Basura" program initiated by Councilor Elizabeth "Tita Beth" Delarmente in an effort to maintain proper garbage collection in District 1 which constitute about 37 barangays.

As envisioned, the pedicabs shall be utilized in hauling garbage along alleys and inner streets impassable by dump trucks. Garbage collected by pedicabs shall be transported to an area along the route of a dump truck assigned in the vicinity.

QC Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., assisted Councilor Delarmente during the turnover ceremonies.

Also present was environmental protection and waste management department chief Fredericka Remoy.

The mayor reminded residents not to use the pedicabs for purposes other than garbage hauling.

He said "Sana naman pagdating ng gabi, pagkatapos maghakot ng basura ay hindi gagamitin ang mga ito bilang panghanapbuhay ng ilan nating mga kababayan (When nightime comes, after the garbage hauling, I hope the pedicabs will not be used by residents for other livelihood opportunities)," the mayor said.

Also, he directed barangay officials to strictly monitor the operation of the pedicabs.

"Maintaining cleanliness is not the sole responsibility of the government. I believe it is imperative that we inculcate the value of cleanliness on every city resident until such time that it will be adapted as a way of life," Belmonte added.

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Metro 4
Wednesday, 18 May 2005

Quezon City putting up post office in barangays

Quezon City plans to put up a post office in every barangay.

A memorandum of agreement is thus being finalized by the Liga ng mga Barangay (League of Barangay) and the local postmaster for the establishment of a postal center in each barangay.

The Sangguniang Panglungsod or city council has passed Resolution 2875, authored by Councilor Resty B. Malañgen, urging the Philippine Postal Corp. (PhilPost) to put up mailing centers in the over 100 barangays in Quezon City.

The measure asked PhilPost to provide orientation and training of personnel which will be assigned to what will be known as the Barangay Post Office Mailing Center.

PhilPost authorities are expected to conduct orient training for the post office staff in the classification and weighing of mail matters and determining the correct postal charges, and on the basic rules on mail services, notably the constitutional mandate of piracy of correspondence on communication.

Malañgen said the Liga ng mga Barangay has repeatedly expressed enthusiasm to provide assistance and commit its cooperation to PhilPost in extending postal services to the residents of Quezon City.

It was gathered that the Barangay Post Office Mailing Center services shall be limited only to the sale of postage stamps and other postal products and the acceptance of mail through the mail dropbox in each of the center. (Sel A. Baysa)

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THE PHILIPPINE STAR

20 MONDAY, MAY 9, 2005

Metro

Editor: ROMEL A. LARA

Belmonte releases P289.4-M barangay property tax share

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has turned over some P289.4 million to the city's 142 barangays as their share in the real property tax for the first quarter of the year.

The amount brought to P1.3 billion the total real property tax shares transferred by the city government to the barangays since Belmonte assumed office as the city's executive. It was only during Belmonte's administration that QC barangays are finally getting their share in the collection of the city's real property taxes.

Of the 142 barangays, South Triangle in District IV, which houses most of the country's television stations, got the lion's share of P8 million.

Barangay Socorro, which covers the Cubao area, came in second with a total share of P7.6 million. Barangays Bagumbayan and Ugong Norte also received bigger shares, with P7.2 million and P7.1 million, respectively.

Also included in the top 10 are Barangays Apolonio Samson, Sto. Cristo, Greater Lagro, Doña Imelda, Loyola Heights and Matandang Balara.

Belmonte noted that since the bulk of the city's collection comes from the first quarter when the city government offers 20 percent discount to residents who settle their annual

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. turns over to Barangay Captain Xyrus Lanot of South Triangle, QC Liga ng mga Barangay president, his barangay's real property tax share for the first quarter of the year, in simple turnover rites at the QC Hall Bulwagan. Looking on are Councilors Edcel Lagman Jr. and Ariel Inton, City Treasurer Victor Endriga and City Accountant Editha Alzona.

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real property tax obligations, the barangays received a bigger share this quarter.

Belmonte reminded all barangay executives to allocate their money to worthwhile projects beneficial to their constituents.

The Local Government Code of 1991 mandates that barangays are entitled to a 30 percent share in the collection of real property taxes. However, poor fiscal management from previous administrations has hampered the distribution of the barangay share.

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20 SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2005

Metro

Editor: ROMEL A. LARA



Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. signs a memorandum of agreement with Dean Alex Brillantes, of the University of the Philippines Center for Local and Regional Governance – National College of Public Administration and Governance, that will provide the city's barangay officials an opportunity to undergo a training program called the 'Barangay Governance Capability Course' in a bid to enhance their legislative capability and effectiveness in local legislation. Witnessing the agreement signing are barangay operations chief Donato Matias, QC Liga ng mga Barangay president Xyrus Lanot, Councilors Ariel Inton and Edcel Lagman Jr. and other barangay officials. JOEY VIDUYA

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QC mayor cites vital role of mothers in nation building

By PERSEUS ECHEMINADA

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has cited the vital role mothers play in shaping the character of future leaders and professionals in the country.

While the father is the breadwinner of the family, the mother takes care of emotional needs of children and guiding them toward their career and chosen professions and becoming productive citizens in the future.

"Mothers play a vital role in nation building," Belmonte told winners of the Gawad Ulirang Ina during the awarding ceremonies held at the Bahay ng Alumni in UP Diliman, Quezon City last Thursday evening.

The mayor was guest speaker of the 3rd Gawad Ulirang Ina sponsored by the Office of Quezon City Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista in coordination with various government agencies and sectoral groups in the city.

Elsie de Veyra, 70-year-old registered nurse from Barangay UP Campus in District IV, won this year's much-coveted "Ulirang Ina ng Lungsod Quezon" award in the recent search for outstanding Quezon City mothers.

A mother of four, De Veyra is also a holder of a masteral and doctorate in environment and health. She is the wife of a professor and associate dean of the UP College of Medicine who is also chief of the Chinese General Hospital's Department of Laboratory.

De Veyra started out strong in her chosen field as emergency room head nurse in the Philippine General Hospital. And because of sheer hard work, diligence and perseverance she managed to get hold of other countless vital positions.

She won over 125 other candidates coming from the 142 barangays in the four districts of the city.

Other awardees include Josefina Sumaya of Barangay Bagong Pag-Asa, Ulirang Ina for District I; Gloria Soriano of Barangay North Fairview, Ulirang Ina for District II; Erlinda Lapid of Barangay Duyan-Duyan, Ulirang Ina for District III; Socorro Azurin of Barangay Sikatuna Village, Ulirang Ina for District IV; and Erlinda Retallo of Barangay Batasan Hills, named Glowing Mom of the Night.

Each received a cash prize, a bouquet of flowers and a plaque of appreciation, along with giveaways.

Candidates to the search were judge based on their contribution to the formation of their family members as productive citizens, having been instrumental in bringing specific positive change in the society, involvement in the improvement of the community and have been inspiring models to the public.

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Tues., May 6, 2003

Belmonte praised for barangay releases



DE GUZMAN

Councilor Dante M. de Guzman of District 3 has filed before the Quezon City council a resolution citing the act of statesmanship of Mayor Feliciano R. Belmonte for releasing en masse the share of the 142 barangays in QC in the real property taxes collected by the city government during the first quarter of 2003, setting a strong precedent in the grant of full fiscal and local autonomy to all barangays under the mayor's control and supervision.

De Guzman said the mayor's gesture could be considered an act of statesmanship that deserves the support of the members of the city council and worthy of emulation by other local executives in the country, even as some of them cried foul, saying there is widespread corruption in the barangays.

He said Mayor Belmonte's act was in strict conformity with the Local Government Code that the share of each barangay shall be released, without the need of any further action, directly to the barangay treasurer on a quarterly basis within five days after the end of each quarter and shall not be subject to any lien or holdback for whatever purpose.

"As early as August 14, 2001, the QC council, heeding the call for total and full fiscal and local autonomy in 142 barangays under the control and supervision of the city, passed and adopted Resolution No. SP1634, S-2001 appealing to Mayor Belmonte to initiate appropriate measures for the regular release of the 30 percent share of the barangays in the proceeds of the basic real property tax collected by the city, to the barangay treasurer," De Guzman said.

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THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER
Mon.., May 5, 2003

Controversy ruled out in QC's release of barangay shares in real property tax

Quezon City Councilor Dante M. De Guzman of District 3 said yesterday that there was nothing controversial in the decision of the QC government headed by Mayor Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte to release directly to barangays their shares in the real property tax.

De Guzman, one of the youngest members of the QC council and youngest elected governor for the National Capital Region (NCR) of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), said Belmonte's action was in strict conformity with Section 271 of the Local Government Code.

He said Sec. 271 (d) of the Local Government Code provides that in Metro Manila, "the share of each barangay shall be released, without need of any further action, directly to the barangay treasurer on a quarterly basis within five (5) days after the end of each quarter and shall not be subject to any lien or holdback for whatever purpose."

"The fear that the city government might be burdened with auditing and accounting problems has no basis in law and in fact as most of the barangays in Metro Manila, particularly in QC, are governed by elected officials who know their responsibility," De Guzman said. "Besides, the accounting and auditing of public funds are basically the responsibility of the Commission on Audit (COA)."



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De Guzman added that the transfer of ₱256,906,049.32 to the 142 barangays will make it easy for the city government to fast-track the implementation of projects in the barangay level. (PR)

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REAL PROPERTY TAX SHARE. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. (foreground, right) hands over to Barangay Captain Xyrus Lanot of South Triangle and concurrent president, QC Liga ng mga Barangay, his barangay real property tax share for the first quarter of the year in simple rites at the QC Hall Bulwagan. Over ₱289 million was turned over by Mayor Belmonte to the city's 142 barangays. Looking on are Councilors Edcel Lagman Jr., Ariel Inton Jr., majority floor leader; city treasurer Victor B. Endriga and city accountant Editha Alzona. (Sel A. Baysa)

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SPORTS

Bahay Toro shows way in Batang QC Olympics

Bahay Toro is showing the way after completion of the swimming and karate events in the fourth Batang Quezon City Olympics.

Bahay Toro had five golds in the karate competition held at the Central Colleges of the Philippines gym and had another five golds in the swimming event held at the Amoranto pool.

Greater Lagro pooled seven gold medals in swimming but had no medal in karate. Bagong Lipunan won six gold medals in swimming but likewise had no entry in karate.

Other gold medalists in swimming were Central, Marilag, San Roque, three each; Payatas and San Antonio with two each; Tandang Sora, Sto. Domingo, Santol, Nagkakaisang Nayon, Pasong Putik, Sikatuna and Pinagkaisahan with one gold apiece.

Training Bahay Toro in karatedo were Bagong Pag-asa, Veterans Village, Tandang Sora with gold medals each; Doña Imelda, Bagumbayan, Culiat, Nova Proper and San Agustin with one gold each.

Action will resume today with the badminton competition. Arnis will be held tomorrow and Friday at Amoranto Sports Center.

Badminton comes on May 7, followed by track-and-field on May 18-19 at the Amoranto track oval, chess on May 19-20 at the Amoranto SB gym, taekwondo on May 20 at Amoranto SB gym, badminton on May 20 and table tennis on May 27-28 at Amoranto multipurpose hall.

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Metro 4
Monday, 2 May 2005

MANILA BULLETIN
THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Quezon City barangays get ₱289-M tax share

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Barangay Socorro, covering Cubao area, came in a close second with a total share of ₱7.6 million. Barangays Bagumbayan and Ugong Norte also received large shares with ₱7.2 million and ₱7.1 million, respectively.

Also included in the top 10 are Barangays Apolonio Samson, Sto. Cristo, Greater Lagro, Doña Imelda, Loyola Heights and Matandang Balara.

Belmonte noted that since the bulk of the city's collection came from the first quarter when the city government offered 20-percent discounts to residents who settle their annual real property tax obligations during the period, the barangays receive a bigger share.

Against this backdrop, Mayor Belmonte reminded all barangay executives to allocate and use their barangay money on worthwhile projects beneficial to their localities and constituents. (Sel A. Baysa)

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FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2005



The barangay captains of District 4 of Quezon City came out in full force to support *PULP Summer Slam V* on its third year tomorrow, April 30 at Quezon City's Amoranto Stadium. (Front row, from left) barangay captains: Vivian Quitiquit, Josie Ang, Rowena Fernandez, STAR EVP Grace Glory Go, concurrently chairman and CEO of *PULP* magazine, Jigo Garcia, Peter Tan Cabasag, and Vernon Go, publisher and editor-in-chief of *PULP* magazine. (Back row, from left) barangay captains Jimmy Lim, Nelson Garcia, Narcing Cuntapay, Ado Sanchez, Major Bernard Banac, Bong San Miguel, Efren Cudal, Sergio Gonzalvo, and Andy Apostol, administrator of Amoranto Stadium. Not in picture are: barangay captains Xyrus Lanot, Ed Delfinado, Marcus Estrada, and Tess Jardio.

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Friday, 18 March 2005

Master list of workers in 142 barangays in Quezon City readied

The Quezon City Public Employment and Service Office (PESO) has started preparing a master list of skilled and unskilled workers from each of the 142 barangays in the city for employment purposes.

The move is in anticipation of the enactment of a proposed ordinance passed on second reading which, in effect, complements Republic Act (RA) No 6685, an act requiring private contractors, who have been awarded public work projects, to hire 50 percent of the unskilled and 30 percent of skilled labor requirements from the bona fide residents in the province, city or town where the projects is to be undertaken.

In filing Proposed Ordinace (PO) 05-70, District 1 Councilor Elizabeth Delarmente underscored the need to implement to the letter RA 6685 to strenghten and expand the existing employment facilitation service at the local levels.

Upon implementation, the Quezon City Engineering Office is required to submit the list of the local laborers to the contractor upon award of the contract and before the Notice to Proceed is issued.

Also, the proposed ordinance directs the City Engineer to see to it that the contract complies with the provisions of Section 4 of RA 6685.

Upon publication of the Invitation for Pre-Qualification to it that the contract complies with the provisions of Section 4 of RA 6685.

Upon publication of the Invitation for Pre-Qualification to Bid, the City Engineer will advise the Mayor through the chief of PESO to submit a list of able, qualified and willing laborers from whom the winning contractor shall select for labor requirements of the project. (Sel A. Baysa)

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Friday, 11 March 2005

In Quezon City

Barangay officials receive insurance, financial benefits

By SEL A. BAYSA

Barangay officials in the 142 barangays in Quezon City are now covered with insurance and other financial benefits in the event of disability and death while performing their task of maintaining peace and order within their respective community.

Ordinance No. 1449 provides that the QC government will shoulder the payment of the annual premium with the insurance firm accredited by the Board of Directors of the Liga ng mga Barangays.

Covered by the financial benefits are the barangay captain, the seven kagawads, the barangay secretary, the barangay treasurer and the 20 barangay secutiry developments officer (BSDOs) in each of the 142 barangays within the former Philippine capital.

Authored by Councilor Resty Malangen, the funding shall be taken from the city's unappropriated outlay in the 2005 city budget and succeeding years.

Under the ordinance, the barangay officials and the BSDOs are entitled to ₱25,000 accidental death and disablement benefits, ₱20,000 beneficiary income of ₱1,000 per month for 20 months in the event of accidental death and up to ₱25,000 in total disability benefits payable in lump sum.

The city ordinance took cognizance on the premise that barangay officials and BSDOs are likely to incur physical injuries and even death while performing their task to maintain peace and order in their respective locality.

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. leads city and barangay officials in inaugurating the multi-purpose basketball court in Barangay Batasan Hills. Twelve road infrastructure development projects and another basketball court were also inaugurated by the mayor during the observance of the 22nd founding anniversary of Barangay Batasan Hills. Shown in photo with the mayor are (from left) Councilors Bong Liban, Toto Medalla, Wiston Castelo, Allan Butch Francisco and Eric Rey Medina. JOEY VIDUYA

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QUEZON CITY BARANGAY TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. swears in the newly-elected officers of the Association of Barangay Treasurers of Quezon City Inc., during a simple oathtaking ceremony at the QC Hall Bulwagan. Inducted were (from left) Rudel del Rosario (board member), Mario Angkaw (board member), Ernesto dela Cruz (president), Zoilo Rentosa (board member), Virginia Guerrero (treasurer), Lilia Sumayod (board member), Carlito Aurelio (board member), Anthony Villegas (auditor), Nicolas Araullo Grageda (secretary), Angelito Valderama (board member) and Lito Hernandez (board member). Not in photo are Myrna Buita, Asteria Alcasabas, Aurelio dela Cruz, Chester Vincent Asuncion and Wilfredo Racca, all board members.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2005



Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. cuts the ceremonial ribbon during the inauguration of the Batasan Hills Super Health Center in Barangay Batasan Hills. The mayor rallied the residents, particularly in nearby barangays like Bagong Silangan, Commonwealth, Holy Spirit, and Payatas to take advantage of the various services provided by the center, which has an emergency room, a lying-in clinic, treatment room, family planning room, dental clinic and laboratory. Shown in photo with the mayor are Councilors Allan Butch Francisco, Winston Castelo, Bong Liban, Eric Rey Medina and Toto Medalla, Dr. Antonietta Inumerable, acting assistant health officer, Barangay Captain Rannie Ludovica and other health and barangay officials. JOEY VIDUYA

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. leads a dialogue between the Central Police District (CPD) and the city's 142 barangay executives at the QC Hall Bulwagan recently. The mayor urged barangay executives to support the CPD in ensuring peace and order in the city. Joining the mayor is CPD director Chief Senior Superintendent Nicasio Radovan, who said that the familiarity of barangay officials with the community is a vital role in ensuring the success of the PNP's renewed drive against criminality and terrorism. JOEY VIDUYA

CPD taps QC barangay officials in war vs lawless elements

Central Police District director Chief Superintendent Nicasio Radovan enlisted the assistance of barangay officials in ensuring peace and order in Quezon City, particularly in securing market places, malls and bus stations within their respective areas of responsibility.

During a dialogue with the city's 142 barangay captains at the Quezon City Hall Bulwagan, Radovan noted that the familiarity of barangay officials with the community would play a very vital role in ensuring the success of the Philippine National Police's (PNP) renewed drive against criminality and terrorism.

"Peace and order is everybody's concern. In Quezon City, we will be addressing this concern through community effort. The police will just be a part of it," Radovan said.

Earlier, Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has aired his concern over reports that four markets in the city may be the next targets of a new terrorist alliance out to foment terror in the metropolis.

Belmonte has also been waging total war against all forms of criminality, particularly street crimes, noting that ordinary people are usually the victims.

During the occasion, Radovan lauded the outstanding contribution of members of the city's Barangay Security Development Office (BSDO) in helping out the police in solving street crimes.

Radovan said he is mulling the idea of reactivating the beat patrol system, or buddy-buddy system in Quezon City, where police and barangay *tanods* work in tandem to ensure the maintenance of peace and order.

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18 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2005

QC releases barangay real property tax share



Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. presents to Barangay Captain Thomas Dizon the real property tax share of Barangay Mariblo for the last quarter of 2004 in simple turnover rites at the QC Hall Bulwagan. Assisting the mayor are (from left) Councilors Bolet Banal, Xyrus Lanot, Julian Coseteng, Ariel Inton, Eric Rey Medina and Babes Malaya and City Accountant Editha Alzona.
JOEY VIDUYA

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte turned over P49 million worth of checks to the city's 142 barangays, representing their real property tax shares (RPTS) for the last quarter of 2004.

The amount brought to P403.3 million the total RPTS transferred by the city government to the barangays last year. Of the amount, P268.2 million were distributed in the first quarter, P38 million in the second quarter and P47.9 million in the third quarter.

Getting the most of the fourth quarter real property share were Barangays South Triangle, Batasan Hills, Ugong Norte, Bagumbayan, Piñahan, Obrero, Baesa, Sacred Heart, Loyola Heights and Matandang Balara.

Barangay South Triangle, which houses affluent residential communities and commercial centers, received the lion's share with P1.9 million.

Belmonte was elated when he learned that several QC barangays, which failed to land in the top 10 barangays in the past, managed to make it this time. These barangays include Obrero and Batasan Hills.

Belmonte reminded all barangay executives to use their funds for worthwhile projects that will benefit their constituents.

"What we are giving the barangays right now is not simply money but full fiscal autonomy and responsibility. You decide on what to do with your money, but we also expect a check and balance on your part," the mayor said.

The Local Government Code of 1991 provides that barangays should get a 30 percent share in the collection of real property taxes.

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BOTIKA NG BARANGAY INAUGURATION: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. joins Berna Romulo Puyat, chairperson, BRP, Inc. and Barangay Captain Armando Endaya of Barangay Bagong Silangan in the ribbon cutting during the inauguration of the Botika ng Barangay and the distribution of P12,500 worth of medicines. Other beneficiaries include Barangay New Era and Unang Sigaw. The DOH-funded project is also in cooperation with Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista and Congresswoman Annie Rosa Susano. Joining them is Kagawad Nenita Genova of Barangay Bagong Silangan.

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QC barangay adopts own ID system

By PERSEUS ECHEMINADA

Barangay Culiat in Quezon City will soon adopt a community identification system which will protect Muslim residents from illegal arrest, harassment, and other forms of violence.

Central Police District (CPD) director Chief Superintendent Nicasio Radovan approved the plan and assured residents that the scheme will protect them rather than subject them to abuses.

He said the IDs will identify them as legitimate and peace-loving citizens who should not be tagged as terrorists or criminals.

Muslim leaders representing some 18,000 residents, pledged to support the local police force in battling terrorism and all forms of criminality.

In a meeting yesterday with Radovan, the leaders forged a pact with the CPD, pledging their commitment to police their ranks and protect their community from being infiltrated by criminal elements.

"We renewed our commitment to help each other and maintain a friendly relationship," Radovan said in an interview.

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"Our Muslim leaders in Barangay Culiat led by chairman Hadji Norhasan vowed to team-up with us in ensuring that terrorists will not seek refuge in Quezon City," he added.

Radovan said that identification cards to be issued to all Muslim residents in the community will be shouldered by the residents themselves. The CPD will approve the ID cards.

"They will work hand in hand with us and in return, we will ensure that their rights as Filipinos are respected," Radovan said.

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. leads city and barangay officials in inaugurating the newly constructed barangay hall of Nayong Kanluran recently. The project is part of the city government's continuing effort to bring government services closer to the people under the mayor's 'Serbisyong Bayan' program. Shown in photo with the mayor are Rep. Vincent 'Bingbong' Crisologo, Councilors Boy Calalay and Joseph Juico and Barangay Chairwoman Eunice Bucsit.
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Belmonte turns over ₱49-M tax shares to brgys

By SEL A. BAYSA

Checks amounting to over ₱49 million were turned over on Wednesday by Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. to the city's 142 barangays representing their real property tax share (RPTS) for the last quarter of 2004.

Getting the proverbial "lions share" were barangays South Triangle, Batasan Hills, Ugong Norte, Bagumbayan, Piñahan, Obrero, Baesa, Sacred Heart, Loyola Heights and Matandang Balara.

Barangay South Triangle which houses affluent residential communities and commercial centers received the biggest share with ₱1.9 million.

The amount brought to ₱403.3 million the total RPS transferred by the city government to the barangays last year.

Of the amount, roughly ₱268.2 million was distributed during the first quarter, ₱38 million in the second quarter and ₱47.9 million, in the third quarter.

Mayor Belmonte was reportedly elated upon learning that several QC barangays which failed to land in the list of the top 10 in the past, including Obrero and Batasan Hills were able to make it this time.

During the occasion, he reminded barangay executives to allocate their money on worthwhile projects that would redound to the benefit of their respective constituents.

"What we are giving the barangays is not simply money, but full fiscal autonomy and responsibility. You decide on what to do with your money, but we also expect a check and balance on your part," the mayor added.

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. joins BRP chairwoman Berna Romulo Puyat, chairperson during the inauguration of the Botika ng Barangay and the distribution of P12,500 worth of medicines to Barangay Captain Luisito Sison of New Era. The DOH-funded project was launched in cooperation with Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista and Rep. Annie Rosa Susano. Other beneficiaries include Barangays Bagong Silangan and Unang Sigaw. Joining them is Councilor Salvador Corpuz of Barangay New Era. JOEY VIDUYA

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NEW MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. (2nd from left) leads the blessing and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new fire truck and multi-purpose building of Barangay Bagumbay in Libis, Quezon City. Assisting him are QC District 3 Councilor Dante de Guzman, Brgy. Captain Beloy Victorino, Kagawads Diego Victorino, Vener Mejia, and Dominador Reyes, and BSDO Ex-O Herminio Vertude. (VDA)

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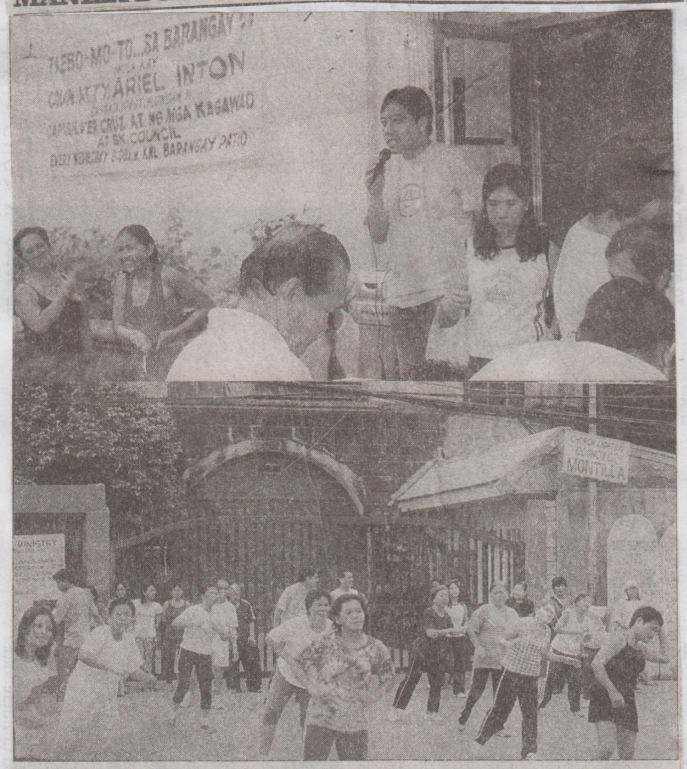

'TAEBO-MO-TO SA BARANGAY.' Quezon City Council Majority Floor Leader Antonio Enrile-Inton Jr. (upper photo) of the 4th District of Quezon City explains the importance of exercise to health as residents (bottom photo) do the Taebo-Mo-To in Barangay Krus Na Ligas Patio, Quezon City. Supporting Inton in the project which also aims to promote camaraderie are Barangay Captain Silverio Cruz and Kagawad Council Julian Santos, Lorenz Sumalabe, Felix Cuevas, Minnie Ramos, Floring Francisco, Ana Polinag, and Ronnie Salvador. (Noemi E. Chan)

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MANILA BULLETIN Sat., Oct. 2, 2004

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Outstanding QC barangays get awards Oct. 2

Outstanding Quezon City barangays will be honored today, Oct. 2, to highlight the city's celebration of 10th Barangay Day at the QC Hall Complex.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. will personally present the awards to the winners, which will be known during the presentation rites following the opening program. The awards include special awards, Serbisyong Bayan awards, and Gawad Galing Barangays.

A thanksgiving mass, in honor of Mayor Belmonte, whose birthday coincides with the celebration, will precede the program at 9 a.m.

Mayor Belmonte has initiated the barangay award system in recognition of their officials' significant contributions in the upliftment of the well-being and improvement of their communities and constituents.

The awards, which cover the most pressing concerns in the effective delivery of basic services, manifest the city goverment's unrelenting efforts in carrying out its goal of building a quality city.

The Mayor will give the keynote address, while Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista will deliver an inspirational talk.

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Talakayan sa Barangay



First Assistant majority floor leader Councilor Dante de Guzman of District 3 Quezon City holds his weekly conduct of community dialogue called "Talakayan sa Barangay" to check the living condition of his constituencies and bring his social work projects right to their very doorsteps, specifically to the residents of Feria Street, Barangay Old Balara headed by Barangay Chairman Beda Torrecampo. The holding of the weekly dialogues also serves as the feedback mechanism of De Guzman on issues being discussed in the QC Legislative Council.

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MANILA BULLETIN
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Metro 3
Wednesday, 1 September 2004

QC barangays urged to mobilize disaster councils

By SEL A. BAYSA

QUEZON City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. over the weekend urged local barangay officials to mobilize the capacity of their respective disaster councils to prevent or minimize damage to lives and property during calamities.

In an executive meeting at the QC Hall Bulwagan, he pointed out that barangays and the city government must join hands in carrying out an effective disaster preparedness plan to ensure people's safety and protection during calamities, natural or man-made.

"With the involvement of the barangay, it would be easier for the city government to respond effectively to eventualities," Belmonte added.

To effect a responsive evacuation procedure during calamities, the city executive ordered the creation of a composite team that shall oversee the identification of flood-prone areas within the former Philippine capital.

Belmonte stressed that the pre-identification of flood-prone areas is imperative in providing a quick effective response mechanism in ensuring the safety and protection of city dwellers against the effect of any calamity like the recent flooding that inundated several low-lying areas in the city.

He noted that the floodings had claimed the lives of four persons, including two children in Barangay Sauyo in Novaliches.

The mayor was told that the overflowing of various waterways in QC was traced to clogged drainage pipes and inlets and the insufficient capacity of existing drainage system.

Earlier, he directed the engineering department and the environmental protection and waste management department to undertake a massive clearing of clogged drainage to avert flashfloods notably during heavy rainfall.

At least 120 families in Barangay Silangan have remained at the evacuation center in the Barangay Silangan Elementary School as floodwaters continue to recede in three sitios in the locality.

To provide evacuees with food assistance, Belmonte ordered the city government to set up a community kitchen in evacuation centers.

The mayor directed the city's "Sagip Batis" volunteers to help in clearing creeks of garbage indiscriminately dumped by unidentified residents and non-dwellers.

As this developed, Councilor Elizabeth "Tita Beth" Delarmente, chair of the Committee on Health, said she will file a resolution shortly for stiffer penalties against persons dumping garbage into creeks, drainage and open waterways.

She urged the "Tita Beth" volunteers to help barangay officials and men in seeing to it that creeks and canals are cleared of garbage and litter.

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14 SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2004

3 QC barangays make DENR list in ecology tilt

By KATHERINE ADRANEDA

Three barangays in Quezon City have made it to the list of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in its nationwide "Search for Model Barangay for Eco-Waste Management," besting 181 other qualified barangays in the final evaluation.

Barangays Bagumbuhay in Project 4, Holy Spirit in Commonwealth, and Philam Homes Subdivision on West Avenue were included in the list of 35 barangays currently being deliberated upon by a team of validators for the selection of the top five barangays with the most efficient solid waste management program.

"This search is not a contest but a self-rating system reflecting the barangay's achievements in utilizing effective means to reduce the garbage generated in their respective areas," DENR Secretary Elisea Gozun said.

The Ecology Center in Bagumbuhay, which began with an initial budget appropriation of only P45,000, shaped the consciousness for proper waste management practices in the community. It was also instrumental in establishing an Urban Gardening Project that showcased the benefits of organic fertilizers collected from the center. Various government agencies and private companies continue to purchase the organic fertilizer.

Holy Spirit has set up a Waste Management Office responsible in the scheduling and monitoring of garbage collections. It also has a Bayanihan Redemption Center for its waste segregation and recycling; launched the Kariton Pangkabuhayan project as a livelihood campaign for out of school youths and the elderly; and conducted periodic seminars and training on Zero Waste Management to the street level.

Philam Homes Subdivision has set up an Ecology Center where biodegradable wastes are disposed and a Zero Waste Management Committee for the effective implementation of waste management in the community. The subdivision has a waste generation rate of three kilograms per household per day, or 1,920 kilograms of garbage daily. However, with its waste management efforts, only 52 percent is collected as most are biodegradable while the rest are recyclable, hazardous or disposable.

Over 500 barangays participated in the search and only 181 of them qualified for the final evaluation. Those that qualified were further trimmed down to 35 barangays. The search was launched in October last year and is a follow-through activity to the National Conference on Ecological Solid Waste Management held in April 2003.

The top barangays will be given recognition by President Arroyo in a ceremony at Heroes Hall in Malacañang on Monday.

The DENR said President Arroyo provided P1 million and trophies for the winners. Senators Francis Pangilinan and Manuel Villar, who also contributed to the prize money, will be joining the award rites.

The grand winner will receive P1 million; P500,000 for 2nd; P250,000 for 3rd; P100,000 for 4th; and P50,000 for 5th.

Other finalists from the NCR are Barangay Forbes Park in Makati City; Pamplona 2 in Las Piñas and Ugong in Pasig.

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. turns over to Ugong Norte barangay captain Lehner Martires a check amounting to P1.37 million, representing the real property tax share of his barangay for the second quarter of the year. Some P38 million was transferred by the mayor to the respective accounts of the city's 142 barangays, representing the 30 percent barangay shares from the city's collection of real property taxes for the period April to June 2004. Looking on are (from left) city treasurer Victor Endriga, QC Liga ng mga Barangay president Xyrus Lanot and city accountant Editha Alzona.

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INAUGURAL GUEST. Quezon City (District 1) Councilor Elizabeth 'Tita Beth' Delarmente (left) urges Barangay Balingasan officials to 'go out of your way to foster cooperation and promote working relationship among dwellers to ensure peace and progress within the community' at the first flag-raising ceremony at the Barangay Hall last July 12. Delarmente donated the flagpole (partly hidden) erected infront of the onestory barangay building. Among those present are Barangay Capt. Linda Madrilejo and Kagawads Charing Galino and Tess Montalbo, 'tanods,' health workers, street sweepers and barangay staff. (Sel A. Baysa)

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Monday, 15 March 2004

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THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

QC brgy execs now authorized to install fire hydrants

By SEL A. BAYSA

A resolution authorizing Quezon City barangay officials to acquire and install fire hydrants notably those in densely populated barangays has been signed into law by Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr.

In approving the resolution, Belmonte cited the need for fire hydrants saying "these gadgets are deemed indubitably urgent and necessary, since majority of these areas (densely populated localities) are inaccessible by firetrucks which are confronted with a dilemma on the event of a fire because of narrow access roads."

Since his election to the top city post, Belmonte has been granting financial aid to fire victims to help lessen their miseries.

Todate, the city government has already given ₱2.87 million in financial help to families of fire victims last year.

A check with the QC Fire Marshal (QCFM) showed that at least 276 fires have damaged properties worth ₱12.6 million from January to February this year.

As this developed, Belmonte ordered the local Social Service Development Department (SSDD), led by Ms. Tess Mariano, to conduct regular disaster preparedness seminars to make the public conscious and alert during fires and other calamities.

At the same time, he urged Dr. Rosalinda Arandia, medical director of the Quirino Memorial Medical Center (QMMC), to establish a burnt unit in the hospital to provide fast medical treatment to the fire victims.

For his part, QCFM Chief Inspector Oscar B. Villegas said a total of 1,225 fires which broke out within the former capital last year originated from rubbish to structural and vehicular fire to faulty electrical wirings leaving 12 deaths and an estimated damage of ₱183.8 million and rendering 2,002 families homeless.

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BARANGAY HALL INAUGURATION: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. leads city and barangay officials in the blessing and inauguration of the newly-constructed Barangay hall of Quirino 2-B, in Kamuning. Assisting him are (from left, Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, Barangay Chairman Maximo Custodio, Councilors Jorge Banal, Julian Coseteng, Dante de Guzman, and Wencerom Lagumbay.

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MANILA BULLETIN, Sat., July 5, 2003 5

Belmonte orders creation of 'Trash Watch Team'

By SEL A. BAYSA

QUEZON CITY – The "Search for the Cleanest and Dirtiest Barangays" will be launched shortly among the city's 142 barangays.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr., earlier ordered the formation of a "Trash Watch Team" tasked to help the city government in identifying the cleanest and dirtiest barangays for remedial measures.

Citing the contributing effect of cleanliness in transforming QC into a quality community, he urged the watch team to go after garbage dumpers and litterbugs.

The watch team is comprised of representatives from the engineering, health department, barangay operations center, community relations office, social services and development department and the parks development and administration department.

The contest mechanics were reportedly prepared by the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD) – the project proponent – to complement the city government's effort to make the former capital a garbage-free city.

Frederika Rentoy, EPWMD head, asked the city government to give the contest a widest informative campaign possible.

She said "Owning the dirtiest barangay title is not flattering considering that the city government has not been remissed in its garbage collection thrust."

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Tuesday, July 1, 2003



BARANGAY SANGANDAAN POST OFFICE

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. leads city and barangay officials at the inauguration of the newly-built Barangay Sangandaan Post Office. The mayor lauded barangay officials for their initiative in improving the delivery of basic services to their constituents. Also in photo are Macaria Leonardo, postal district manager and Pacifico Maghacot, assistant city administrator for internal affairs.

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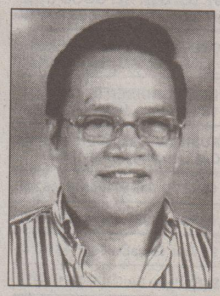
QC to have barangay legal assistance unit



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Barangay officials who are tasked to maintain peace and order in the community may now perform their duties and functions more effectively without having to worry so much about legal suits coming their way or having to initiate judicial proceedings against anyone in line with the performance of their official duties, a proposed ordinance filed before the Quezon City Legislative Council has made sure.

According to 4th District Councilor Restituto "Ka Resty" Malangen who filed the measure, the proposed ordinance when approved by the city council will "establish a Barangay Legal Assistance Unit (BLAU) under the Mayor's Office to provide free legal assistance to all QC barangay officials. "To benefit mainly from the ordinance are the Barangay Security Development Officers (BSDO) who by nature of their work as peace officers, are vulnerable to suits from offenders whose motive could merely be to discourage the BSDO from participating in the prosecution of the case against the latter," Malangen said.

The outstanding councilor added "barangay officials must not be hampered in the performance of their sworn duties for their lack of means to hire lawyers to represent them in judicial proceedings. Moreover he said, "the local government should provide the barangay officials all the help they will need in carrying out peace and order program and activities in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

Under the proposed ordinance, the city mayor shall have the power to appoint the chief legal counsel who will head the BLAU as well as the other lawyers and personnel who will compose said unit. Malangen said "the ordinance will give fruition to the numerous requests made by barangay leaders throughout QC for the establishment of such a unit that will provide them free legal aid."

Meanwhile, Councilor Malangen also disclosed his filing of a proposed ordinance that will regulate the rates of fees that may be imposed for the issuance of barangay clearances. "It has been observed that the various barangays in the city are charging different rates for clearances which may have similar purpose or scope," Malangen said adding "it is the desire of the QC government to provide a uniform rate schedule of fees for barangay clearances pursuant to the fundamental principles of taxation as prescribed by the Local Government Code.

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Metro 2
Wednesday, June 11, 2003

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VANS FOR VILLAGES. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. and Quezon City Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista ride a new van, one of 142 that will be distributed to 142 barangays in Quezon City. Belmonte and Bautista said the vehicles will help boost the city, particularly depressed areas. Looking on are Quezon City Councilors Beth Delarmente, Wilma Amoranto-Sarino, Beth Herrera, and local officials. (Art Torres)

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14 TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2003

QC gov't turns over 42 vans to barangays

By PERSEUS ECHEMINADA

As part of efforts to effectively deliver basic services to the communities, Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. turned over to barangay leaders yesterday some 42 vans, the first batch of the 142 units intended for the city's barangays.

Belmonte said the service vehicles will make barangay *tanods* more effective in helping police maintain peace and order in their localities.

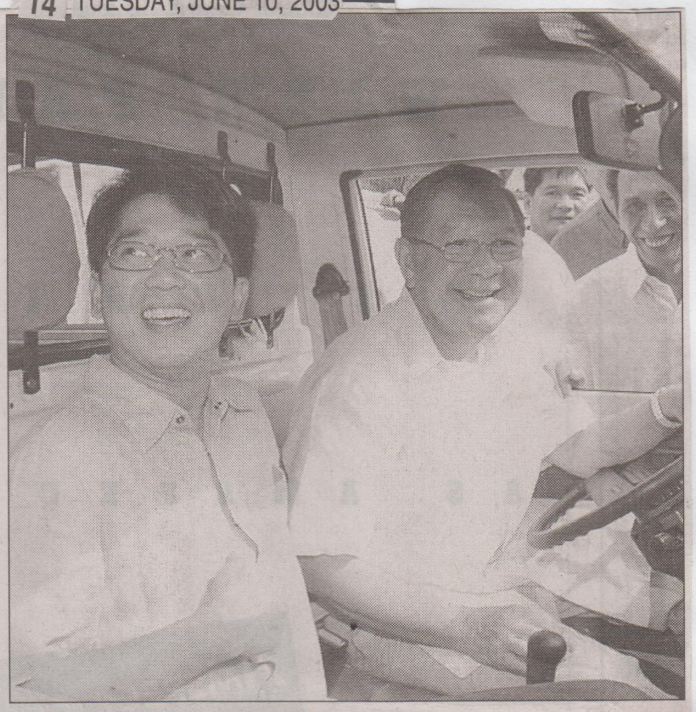
The yellow carry-all vans, which sport the "Serbisyong Bayan" motto of the city government will also be used in the delivery of basic services and can be tapped to respond to any emergency.

"This vehicles are part and parcel of the effort of the Quezon City government to accord the residents the value of their money," Belmonte said.

He said the city government wants to give taxpayers value for their money in the form of better services.

"People deserve to get back their hard-earned money," Belmonte told city hall employees and barangay officials.

The mayor said the project is both timely and complementary to the city government's intensified drive against lawless elements, illegal dumping of wastes in creeks, drug abuse and illegal squatting in the barangays.



Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. and Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista try out one of the 42 vans turned over to barangay leaders yesterday. BOY SANTOS

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BARANGAY VISITATION. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano 'Sonny' Belmonte (left, background) and Councilor of District 1 Elizabeth 'Tita Beth' Delarmente (foreground, in hat) exchange pleasantries with residents of Barangay Paltok in the ongoing barangay visitation, a project which seeks to find quick solution to problems confronting the barangays within the former capital. At left is Barangay Captain Rodel Sotolombo who thanked the city officials for showing genuine concern over Paltok residents. (Sel A. Baysa)

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