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QC starts clean-up of public cemeteries

The Quezon City government, on orders of Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., has launched a massive clean-up of public cemeteries, particularly in ridding them of garbage piles and debris left by the floodwaters of tropical storm "Ondoy."

The mayor said that there is a need to ensure a cleaner and healthier environment for QC residents who will troop to the cemeteries to pay their respects to their departed loved ones during the observance of All Saint's Day on Sunday, Nov. 1.

Already, 120 personnel of the special clearing operations group of the city's Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD) have already been mobilized for the clean-up drive, which will also cover all roads leading to the cemeteries.

Quezon City has three public cemeteries. These are located in Bagbag, Baesa and Novaliches.

Meanwhile, EPWMD chief Frederika Rentoy said that the city is already back to normal except in some areas where residents continue to dispose garbage generated in the process of cleaning up or repairing their houses.

As this developed, Rentoy reminded city residents to avoid bringing their garbage to the streets as garbage collection schedule has already returned to normal.

The city government fielded additional units of dump trucks and payloaders to speed up the city's garbage collection, particularly, the clearing of flood debris on city streets and along waterways.

At least 32 critical areas in QC were covered by the clean-up operations, with priority given to communities along the San Juan and Tullahan rivers.

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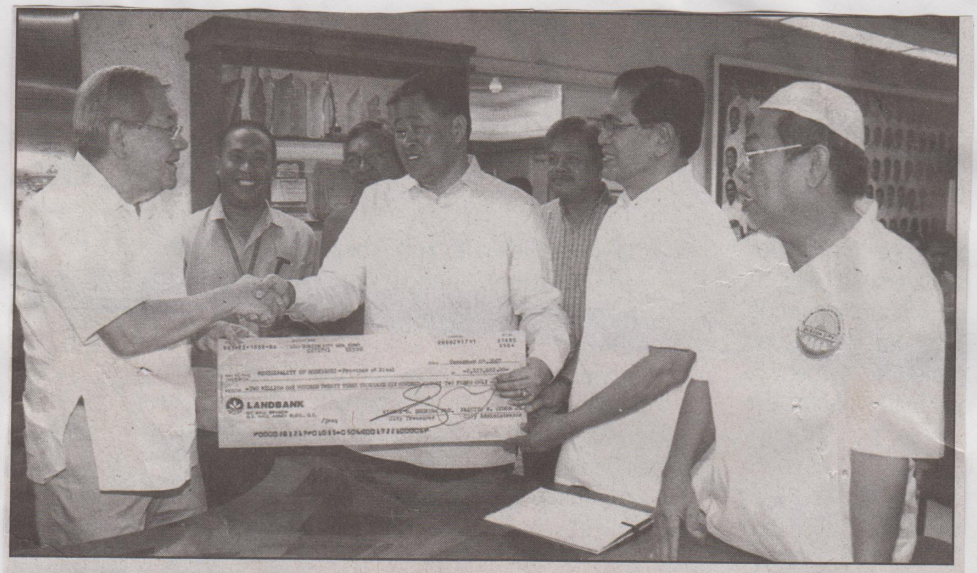

MUSLIM CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. hands over to Rodriguez, Rizal Mayor Feliciano 'Ping' Cuerpo, a ₱2.1 million check as an advance payment by the QC government to facilitate the completion of the development of the QC Islamic Cemetery Project at Sitio Maislap, Barangay San Isidro, Rodriguez. The three-hectare cemetery is being shared by the two local government units as burial site for their departed Muslim residents. Present during the occasion are officers of the QC Muslim Consultative Council led by Jameel Jaymalin and the Montalban Islamic Affairs Council and other Muslim community leaders from QC and Rodriguez.

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QC group to monitor Islamic cemetery plan

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., directed the formation of a monitoring group to oversee the implementation of the QC Islamic Cemetery project in Sitio Maislap, Barangay San Isidro in Rodriguez (formerly Montalban), Rizal.

The project monitoring group is composed of the QC Muslim Consultative Council executive director Col. Jameel Jaymalin, city accountant Editha Alzona and acting city engineer Joselito Cabungcal.

Belmonte's action came as he turned over ₱1.2 million to Rodriguez Mayor Pedro Cuerpo for site development, including the construction of roadways leading to the three-hectare cemetery.

The amount represented the first tranche of the ₱5-million fund granted by the Kingdom of Bahrain for the cemetery project.

Belmonte and Cuerpo described the undertaking as vital in addressing the spiritual needs of Muslim communities in their areas. There are about 24 Muslim communities in Quezon City. Barangay Culiat in Tandang Sora is home to the largest Muslim community in the city.

The fund transfer was a result of an agreement signed by Belmonte and Cuerpo last May for the establishment of a common burial ground for the Muslims in Quezon City and Rodriguez.

Under the agreement, the municipal government of Rodriguez shall share half of the three-hectare Islamic Cemetery while the Quezon City government will transfer and manage the ₱5-million fund for the development and improvement of the cemetery.

In addition to the ₱5-million allocation, Belmonte sought a ₱1-million appropriation in the city's budget for 2007 for the maintenance of the city's portion in the cemetery. (Sel A. Baysa)

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It's all systems go for the development of the Quezon City Islamic Cemetery project at Sitio Maislap, Barangay San Isidro in Rodriguez, Rizal, following the turnover of the first tranche of the P5 million fund for the development of the cemetery. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. personally handed to Rodriguez Mayor Pedro Cuerpo the P1.2 million that will be used for site development and construction of roadways leading to the three-hectare cemetery.

QC turns over dev't fund for Islamic cemetery

By PERSEUS ECHEMINADA

The Quezon City government officially turned over to the municipality of Rodriguez (Montalban), Rizal the first tranche of the P5 million fund granted by the Kingdom of Bahrain for the development of the QC Islamic Cemetery Project at Sitio Maislap, Barangay San Isidro in Rodriguez, Rizal.

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. personally handed to Rodriguez Mayor Pedro Cuero the P1.2-million check that will be used for site development and construction of roadways leading to the three-hectare cemetery during a simple ceremony at the Bulwagang Amoranto last week.

Both local executives described the project as vital in addressing the needs of Muslim communities in their respective areas.

The fund transfer was an offshoot of a memorandum of agreement signed by the two local executives in May this year for the establishment of a common burial ground for the departed Muslim constituents of Quezon City and Rodriguez.

Under the agreement, the municipal government of Rodriguez shall share half of the three-hectare QC Islamic Cemetery, while the Quezon City government will transfer and manage the P5-million allocation for the development and improvement of the cemetery, including the development of road networks, construction of perimeter fence and other site development.

Apart from the P5 million for the development of the cemetery, Belmonte also requested for a P1 million appropriation in the city's 2007 budget for the operation and maintenance of city's portion in the cemetery.

He has also ordered the formation of a project monitoring group that shall oversee the implementation of the project. The members include QC Muslim Consultative Council executive director Col. Jameel Jaymalin, city accountant Editha Alzona and acting city engineer Joselito Cabungcal.

The establishment of the QC Islamic Cemetery is a priority project of President Arroyo, in partnership with the Urban Asset Reform Project Management Office (UARPMO), United Nations Development Program, Office of the Special Envoy to the Gulf Cooperation Council, Department of Finance and the local governments of Quezon City and Rodriguez, Rizal.

A multi-purpose hall provided with a prayer room and preparation area has been constructed at the site by the municipality of Rodriguez, with fund assistance from Rep. Joel Virador of Bayan Muna.

To date, there are about 24 Muslim communities in Quezon City. Barangay Culiat in Tandang Sora is home to the largest Muslim community in the city.

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MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2006 B-11

QC, Montalban sign deal establishing Islamic cemetery

A memorandum of agreement (MOA) was entered into over the weekend between the local governments of Quezon City and Rodriguez (formerly Montalban) for the establishment of the QC-Montalban Islamic Cemetery at Sitio Maislap, Barangay San Isidro in Rodriguez, Rizal.

Funded by a ₱5 million grant donation by the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Muslim Filipinos of Quezon City, the grant was acquired through the initiative of Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. in coordination with the QC Muslim Consultative Council.

The signatories to the MOA were Belmonte and Rodriguez Mayor Pedro Cuerpo.

Under the agreement, the two LGUs are sharing a common burial ground for their departed Muslim brethren.

It was gathered that the Islamic Cemetery is a priority project of President Arroyo, in partnership with the Urban Asset Reform Project Management Office, the United Nation's Development Programme, Office of the Special Envoy to the Gulf Cooperation Council, Department of Finance and the local governments of QC and Rodriguez, Rizal.

The Islamic cemetery sits at a three hectare land at Sitio Maislap in barangay San Isidro in Rodriguez.

Belmonte said the QC government welcomes the project "and we are very much willing to contribute our share to the development of the Islamic Cemetery."

Cuerpo described the undertaking as the beginning of fruitful and harmonious working relationship with the QC government.

They both described the project as vital in addressing the needs of Muslim communities in their respective areas.

As provided for under the MOA, the administration of the Islamic Cemetery will be undertaken by the Montalban Islamic Affairs Council, for Montalban side, and the QC Consultative Muslim Council (QCCMC), for Montalban side, and the QC Consultative Muslim Council for the QC side.

Col. Jameel Jaymalin, head of the QCCMC, said there are 24 muslim communities in Quezon City with Barangay Culiat in Tandang Sora as to the largest Muslim Community in the city. (Sel A. Baysa)

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Monday, 1 November 2004

City gov't to spend ₱11 M for Bagbag Cemetery dev't

QUEZON CITY — Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. inaugurated 1,448 apartment-type perimeter niches at the Bagbag Cemetery in Novaliches as the improvement for the city's largest and biggest public cemetery went into full swing with the implementation of a proposed five-year development program.

In his remarks, the mayor assured that efforts are being undertaken by the government to facilitate the implementation of the program to provide decent burial services among city residents, particularly those coming from poor communities.

"Noong una kino-consider naming ang area ng Payatas dahil mas mura ang lupa doon. Pero napag-isipan namin i-develop na lang ang Bagbag Cemetery upang higit na maraming residente ng lungsod Quezon ang makinabang dito (At first, we were considering to develop Payatas because land there is cheaper. But we decided to develop Bagbag so that more Quezon City residents would benefit from it)," Belmonte said.

Cemetery Administrator Rene Mamaclay said the Bagbag Cemetery accommodates a monthly burial average of 270. To date, Mamaclay said at least 80 percent of the families who have loved ones buried at the cemetery were already informed of the city's development program.

Apart from the niches, a bone depository vault has also been constructed to house the remains of these affected by the development of the Bagbag Cemetery.

The city government will be spending about ₱11 million for the development of the seven-hectare Bagbag cemetery, covering among others, the construction of a chapel, crematorium, columbarium, perimeter fences, road network and landscaping work.

Construction of the chapel and the crematorium is expected to start by the middle of 2005.

The Bagbag Cemetery is one of QC's three public cemeteries. The other two are located in Baesa and Novaliches.

Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, members of the city council, department heads and chiefs of offices and barangay officials joined Mayor Belmonte during the occasion.

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. is joined by Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista during the inauguration of about 1,448 apartment-type perimeter niches at the Bagbag Cemetery in Novaliches over the weekend. The inauguration of the niches forms part of the five-year development program being undertaken by the city government in its effort to improve the Bagbag Cemetery, considered the city's largest public cemetery. Joining them are (from left), Civil Registry chief Ramon Matabang, Barangay Captain Carlito Bernardino, Councilor Eric Rey Medina and Bagbag Cemetery administrator Rene Mamaclay. JOEY VIDUYA

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IMPROVING BAGBAG CEMETERY. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. (4th from left) is joined by Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista (5th from left) during the inauguration of about 1,448 apartment-type perimeter niches at Bagbag Cemetery in Novaliches. The inauguration of the niches forms part of the five-year development program being undertaken by the city government to improve the Bagbag cemetery, considered as QC's largest and biggest public cemetery. Joining them are (from left) Barangay Captain Arnaldo Cando of Capri, Civil Registry Chief Ramon Matabang, Barangay Captain Carlito Bernardino, Councilor Eric Rey Medina, Bagbag Cemetery Administrator Rene Mamaclay and other officials.

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Measure seeks P12m for QC cemetery

By Jing Villamente

Help can be given not only to the living but also to the dead.

This is what one Quezon City councilor thought when she penned an ordinance allocating P12 million for the improvement of one of the biggest and most populated public cemeteries in the city.

Councilor Janet Malaya (4th District) is pushing for the passage of a proposed ordinance seeking funding for Bagbag public cemetery in Barangay Baesa, Novaliches.

In the proposed measure, Malaya said the money would go to the improvement and construction of bone depositories and the erection of more apartment-type niches to solve congestion.

She said bone depositories and apartment-type niches were used in the past but were now lacking. More should be constructed so poor families could have a cheaper alternative to high-priced niches and cemetery lots.

She added that with the measure, the city government would help solve the problems of poor families and generate revenues through affordable cemetery rental schemes.

Malaya said the money could come from the unused Community Development Fund of last year's annual budget.

Her measure has already passed first reading at the committee level and will go through second reading at Tuesday's regular session.

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