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QC mayor orders formation of groups to watch criminals

By Arlie O. Calalo

Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista has ordered the formation of neighborhood crime watch groups that will assist the police in their peacekeeping efforts.

"What we need is to get relevant information from various sources to minimize crime occurrences in the city," the mayor said.

He, however, stressed that stringent requirements are needed in the selection of personnel who will constitute these crime watch groups.

A memorandum mandating the formation of neighborhood crime watch groups in the city's 142 barangays has been ordered prepared by Bautista.

The QC Liga ng mga Barangay and the Barangay Operations Center have been tasked to oversee the preparation of the memorandum.

During a meeting with members of the QC peace and order council at city hall, the mayor also pushed the installation of more closed circuit television cameras in the barangays to beef up the city's drive to solve criminality.

Surveillance cameras are also needed to beef up the security requirements for students enrolled in the city's public educational system, the mayor said.

"What we need is abate crimes immediately," the QC chief executive said.

Aside from the formation of crime watch groups in the communities, the mayor also called for the strengthening of the city's barangay anti-drug abuse councils.

Meanwhile, the Quezon City Council has been urging the mayor to install closed-circuit television (CCTV) in the city's public elementary and high schools to protect students from crime and similar incidents.

In a resolution, QC council led by Councilor Melencio "Bobby" Castelo recommended that installation of CCTV be included in the city's government projects, especially in strategic areas of QC public schools.

Castelo explained that around seventy five percent of grade and high school students' population of QC are enrolled in the city's public schools.

Castelo said the installation of CCTV in public school premises will aid school authorities in protecting students most, especially nowadays that even the schools are vulnerable to different street crimes such as robbery and kidnapping.

"The installation of CCTV cameras in school premises will make up for the deficiency of security personnel in public schools in QC, thereby improving crime prevention mechanism for the safety of students," Castelo said.

At present, the QC government is implementing the installation of CCTV cameras in all business establishments, main thoroughfares and even *barangay* secondary streets in order to minimize if not totally eradicate various street crimes in the city.

The city's business permit and licensing office is requiring businesses, especially car dealers, private schools, banks, pawnshops, to install CCTV in their premises to help police authorities in crime prevention effort.

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QC 'Husay Balangay' awards given

THE Quezon City government recently cited 13 barangays for formulating innovative programs designed to address peace and order, health, disaster risk management, legislation, gender development, solid waste management, nutrition, anti-drug abuse and settlement of minor cases among residents.

QC Mayor Herbert Bautista said the awardees for the city's "2013 Husay Balangay" were Barangay San Bartolome (District 5), for best anti-drug abuse council; Barangay Greater Lagro (District 5), best peace and order committee; Barangay Payatas (District 2), for best nutrition council; Barangay Roxas (District 4), for dengue prevention and control; Barangay Payatas (District 2), for best quality legislation; Barangay San Bartolome (District 5), for best Lupong Tagapamayapa; Barangay Masambong (District 1), best gender practices and responsive governance and Barangay Sto. Cristo (District 1), for best disaster risk reduction management council.

Also, barangays Holy Spirit (District 2), Loyola Heights (District 3), Talayan (District 1), Blue Ridge B (District 3), and Sto. Cristo were declared as "Husay Balangay" awardees in categories A, B, C and D for solid waste management practice.

Top awardees received a cash prize of P100,000 each and plaques of appreciation from the city government, while second and third placers received P75,000 and P50,000, respectively.

Bautista led the distribution of awards and recognition to said barangays last September 21 or during which the city celebrated its 18th QC Barangay Day.

The QC government has given full fiscal control to the city's 142 barangays over their share of real property tax collections. – *Angela Lopez de Leon*

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QC turns over ₱47 M to barangays

By **CHITO CHAVEZ**

The Quezon City government has turned over to the city's 142 barangays their real property tax (RPT) shares for the second quarter of the year amounting to ₱47-million in a bid to make them stronger partners in city's initiatives.

Barangay Bagumbayan, home to Eastwood City, got the lion's share with ₱1.35 million.

Rounding up the top 10 barangays with the highest real property tax shares are San Bartolome, Matandang Balara, Apolonio Samson, Socorro, Piñahan, South Triangle, Batasan Hills, Fairview, and Ugong Norte.

Mayor Herbert Bautista said he expects 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 allots barangays with a 30 percent share in the collection of real property taxes.

As of April this year, the city government has already remitted almost ₱4 billion to the barangays since Quezon City began transferring to them their respective RPT share in July 2003.

The innovation adopted by the city government has provided the Commission on Audit (CoA) with the basis in the development of the Barangay National Government Accounting System that was implemented in 2007.

Since 2003, Barangays Bagumbayan, South Triangle, Ugong Norte, Socorro and Apolonio Samson have consistently received the most RPT share.

Sustained partnership with the barangays has also resulted with the institutionalization of the barangay development program with the help of 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 the city's barangay officials.

Several seminar-workshops with subjects on fiscal management, barangay justice systems community organizing, human relations and values formation have been initiated to promote effective barangay government administration.

Quezon City 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.

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Barangays urged to promote flag-raising activities

By **WILLIE L. CATAPAT**
and **KRIS BAYOS**

The National Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB) capped over the weekend its 3rd national convention in Manila with the passing of a resolution enjoining 42,000 member barangays nationwide to promote flag-raising activities in their localities.

LnB President Ricojudge "RJ" Echiverri said the resolution which approved by LnB National Executive Board (NEB) mandates barangays to observe a flag-raising ceremony and assembly every first Monday of the month.

The LnB president said the nationwide effort through the barangays to promote flag-raising activities will enhance awareness of their national identity.

He also said the approved resolution also took cognizance of the significance of the national flag as a symbol of the country's sovereignty and unity.

"We encourage every barangay all over the country to fly the national flag at least once a month in order to renew efforts to strengthen respect and allegiance to the Philippine Flag and what it stands for," the young Echiverri stressed.

Aside from urging the barangays to regularly conduct the flag-raising rites, he also directed the dissemination of information regarding the salient points of the Heraldic Code of the Philippines known as Republic Act 8491 and advised them to prominently display the Philippine flag.

The NEB also directed all chapter presidents to monitor the strict compliance with the resolution and to institute appropriate action on erring barangay or village official found violating the directive.

This developed as the Liga ng mga Barangay of Makati City has asked Rep. Mar-len Abigail Binay to urge the Congress to declare the city's already existing Barangay Rizal as a government entity created by law so that it benefit from the Internal Revenue Allotments appropriated by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

Liga ng mga Barangay President and Councilor Romulo Peña Jr. said that Barangay Rizal's case is parallel to Barangay Fortune of Marikina City.

Barangay Fortune was initially created through a city ordinance but was later on declared as a barangay created by law through Republic Act 9431.

Under the Local Government Code of 1991, a barangay may be created, divided, merged, abolished, or its boundary substantially altered, by law or by an ordinance of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan or Sangguniang Panlungsod, subject to approval by a majority of the votes cast in a plebiscite conducted by the Commission on Elections in the local government unit or units directly affected within such period of time.

Similarly, Makati's Barangay Rizal was created through City Ordinance 96-010 after a successful plebiscite in 1996 that segregated portions of Barangay Pembo to form the newly created territory.

But since the creation of Barangay Rizal, the Makati City government shoulders the operational expenses of the barangay.

"The creation of Barangay Fortune brought it forward to the general allocation of the IRA for barangays under the DBM, thereby taking out the responsibility of the IRA from the city government. On this premise, we bring to your attention the situation of Barangay Rizal, which is located in District II of Makati City," Peña said in his letter addressed to Binay.

Peña added that if Congress will create Barangay Rizal by law, the barangay will be entitled to IRA shares to cover costs of its operation.

Barangay Rizal is bounded on the north by Barangay Pembo, on the south by Barangay Post South, on the east by the Municipality of Pateros, and on the West by the circumferential C5 Road. It has a total land area of at least 62.50 hectares.



Quezon City Associated Ladies Foundation Inc. chair Joy Belmonte-Alimurung and Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista lead a ribbon-cutting ceremony during the inauguration of the Barangay Amihan multi-purpose covered court as barangay chairpersons Raymundo Carlos of Libis, Mario de Guzman of Amihan, and Juliet Ginete of Masagana; police officials from Quezon City Police District Station 9; and other barangay officials look on. The construction of the facility was initiated through the efforts of Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr.

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Computers for QC barangays

By **CHITO A. CHAVEZ**

The Quezon City government said yesterday it intends to provide computers to the city's barangays to facilitate their access to information and inter-government agency transactions.

Under the barangay e-connection project, Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. said the 12 villages that were chosen as pilot areas will be fitted with high-tech computer gadgets to erase clouds of doubts in government transactions and promote transparency.

The pilot areas for the e-connection project include Barangays Apolonio Samson, Bagumbayan, Socorro, Ugong Norte, Blue Ridge A, South Triangle, Loyola Heights, Matandang Balara, Bagong Pagasa, Pasong Putik, Greater Lagro and Dona Imelda.

Councilor Jimmy Borres of the third district of Quezon City stressed that the e-connection project will be operated at no cost to the city government, saying that the pilot barangays will shoulder all Internet connection expenses.

Basic information like the demography of the barangays, the name of barangay officials, contact numbers and the exact location of the barangay may be obtained through the computers.

Mario de Guzman, chairman of barangay Amihan, said the project is very helpful especially to elementary and high school students conducting research concerning the barangays and other related agencies.

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Barangay chief assailed for mauling vendor in QC

By **CHITO A. CHAVEZ**

A Quezon City councilor said yesterday he will provide full legal support to the teenage vendor allegedly beaten up by a Quezon City barangay chairman who wrongly accused the vendor of being a thief.

Councilor Jimmy Borres of the third district of Quezon City denounced the mauling incident involving peanut vendor Louie Bautista, 17, and Rolando Jarabelo, the chairman of Barangay Milagrosa in Project 4, Quezon City.

Records showed that at around 2 a.m. of June 22, a Toyota Revo carrying Jarabelo suddenly blocked the path of Bautista and his companion Ramil Fernandez along P. Tuazon at Barangay Marilag.

At the top of his voice, Jarabelo angrily ordered the two to board the vehicle, but when Bautista refused, the barangay chairman hit him at the back of the head with a closed fist and then slammed his head on the vehicle causing a gash near his forehead.

Borres said Jarabelo deserves the benefit of the doubt in the meantime, but at the same time denounced his actions if the courts or any other legal venue can substantiate the claim of the teenager.

A barangay kagawad under Jarabelo who requested anonymity said the barangay chairman tried to collar Bautista for suspecting the vendor of being one of those stealing side mirrors of parked vehicles in Barangay Milagrosa.

Bautista explained that he was merely trying to sell peanuts when Jarabelo accosted him for no apparent reason.

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₱370 million released to Quezon City villages

MAYOR Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has released about P370 million to Quezon City's 142 villages, taking up their share in the realty tax collection.

"We are giving everybody 100 percent of the real property tax share for the first quarter," he said in a statement.

Barangay South Triangle got the lion's share with P11,008,445.54, while Barangay Escopa III had the lowest share at P1.3 million.

Belmonte said this year's release was the biggest barangay tax share distributed for the first quarter since the program started in 2002.

"We have been trying to be a role model among local government units in giving our barangays their fair share."

Belmonte told village officials that the allocations were not a dole and that they were accountable for the fiscal management of their community's financial resources.

Short of enumerating what projects and activities to avoid, such as junkets and unplanned events, he said the funds should benefit the greater number of residents.

Belmonte said city hall would check how the funds were used under procedures required by the Commission on Audit.

"We are happy to say we have not find irregularities."

Joining South Triangle in the Top 10 recipients are Barangay Socorro, P10.5 million; Bagumbayan, P9.6 million, Ugong Norte, P9 million; Bagong Pag-asa, P6.7 million; Apolonio Samson, P6.2 million; Sto. Cristo, P5.5 million; Greater Lagro, P5.4 million; Matandang Balara, P4.7 million, and Bahay Toro, P4.7 million.

According to Belmonte, Quezon City is the only local government unit that gives barangays their share in the realty tax revenue.

He said local autonomy would have more meaning when funds reach the basic unit of government. **Roy Pelovello**



Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. presents to barangay captain Eduardo Firmalino of Barangay Ramon Magsaysay a check representing his barangay's real property tax share from the city government for the first quarter of this year.

QC releases P370-M barangay tax shares

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. turned over the other day P370 million in checks representing the shares of the city's 142 barangays in the real property tax collection for the first quarter of this year.

Barangay South Triangle received the biggest share at P11,008,445.54 while Barangay Escopa III had the lowest share with P1.3 million.

He said he does not regret his decision to give the barangays their real property tax share shortly after he took over the reins of the city government in 2001.

"We have been trying to be a role model among local government units in giving our barangays their fair share in real property tax collection," he said.

To date, Quezon City is the only local government unit in the country giving the barangays their share in real property tax collection. The P370 million is the largest barangay tax share distributed by the city government since the program was started in 2002.

Belmonte urged barangay officials to use their resources on projects that will benefit the most number of their constituents. He said the city government will always try to check whether the barangays are following proper auditing procedures, adding that all the city's barangays have been compliant so far.

He said giving the tax shares not only serves as an incentive for barangay officials to help the government's tax collection efforts, but also lends more meaning to the local autonomy law.

– Perseus Echeminada

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QC raises fees for barangay clearances

By **CHITO A. CHAVEZ**

The Quezon City Council approved an ordinance yesterday allowing the city's 142 barangays to increase the maximum rate of barangay clearance fees to facilitate the implementation of barangay projects.

With the measure, barangay officials may now charge maximum rates for the issuance of barangay clearances for employment to ₱100; for the practice of profession, ₱200; for business with a capital of less than ₱100,000, ₱500; ₱1,000 for businesses with a capital of ₱500,000 and ₱2,500 for businesses with a capital of one million or more.

Councilor Concepcion Malangen, the proponent of the measure, said the barangay council will determine the amount that should be charged without exceeding ₱2,000 in case the individual is seeking a barangay clearance for other legal purposes.

To erase doubts of corruption and avoid any legal liability, Malangen warned the barangay treasurer and other authorized personnel to issue official receipts when making the collections.

The measure also provides that the receipts from the clearances shall be reviewed by the Quezon City Council every five years from the date of the last review through the Special Review Committee.

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QC launches search for model barangays

By SEL A. BAYSA

The search for model barangays in Quezon City is now on.

Donato Matias of the QC Barangay Operations Center (BOC) said that the contest consists of seven categories namely: Best Barangay Lupong Tagapamayapa, Best Barangay Peace and Order Committee, Best Barangay in Solid Waste Management Practice, Best Barangay Council for the Protection of Children, Best Barangay Nutrition Council, Best Barangay Nutrition Council, Best Barangay in Gender Practice and Responsive Governance, and Best Kasambahay and Friendly Barangay.

He said that the best practices in the city's 142 barangays underscore some of the areas prioritized by the city government which had immensely contributed to the economic growth and development of the city.

The ongoing search is said to be the most extensive contest among the city's barangays to highlight the start of the weeklong QC 69th foundation day, October 2-12.

It will culminate during the announcement of the winners and awarding rites to mark the QC Barangay Day on Oct. 2, the formal opening of the celebration, which coincides with the birthday of Mayor Feliciano "Sonny'' Belmonte Jr.

Nominees in each category will be screened by committees chaired by different concerned agencies of the city government.

Cash and certificate of recognitions will be presented to winning barangays during the awarding ceremonies to be held at the Quezon Memorial Circle. (Sel A. Baysa)

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Barangay continues livelihood programs

Barangay Bahay Toro will continue its livelihood and skills training program to counter the increasing cost of living.

This was stressed by Barangay Bahay Toro chairman Dennis Caboboy in his barangay's 2008 first semester's performance report required under the Local Government Code.

Launched in 1998 under the auspices of the Quezon City government's Social Services Development Department (SSDD), Bahay Toro's manpower development and training program offers three-month training and seminars on dressmaking, tailoring, electricity, car-repair/overhauling, hotel and restaurant management, home care servicing, candlemaking and siopao/siomai making. The latest addition to these crash course is computer and call center operation.

Chairman Caboboy said the program aims to provide low-income residents additional and/or alternative means of livelihood and consequently extra income that will enable them to cope with spiralling prices of basic commodities and services.

Thousands of residents in Bahay Toro have availed of the program, Caboboy said. He added that many of them are now gainfully employed in various commercial and industrial establishments. Others have put up their own shops and stores.

Caboboy also announced the completion of 10 units of bright colored housing duplex in Pook Masagana, an informal settlers' community in Bahay Toro. He added that the houses were built by the Gawad Kalinga. (PEM)



FLAG CEREMONY. Quezon City Councilor and City Council Majority Floor Leader Ariel Inton delivers an inspirational message as guest speaker in the 1st Flag Ceremony in SM North EDSA in celebration of the 110th Independence Day recently. With him are Mall Manager Arch. Renee C. Bacani and Assistant Vice President for Operations Bien C. Mateo.

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Roxas announces LP 'town hall' meet in QC barangay

The Liberal Party (LP) will celebrate its 62nd founding anniversary with a series of community-based activities in Barangay Commonwealth in Quezon City that will culminate with a "mini-town hall meeting" on Jan. 30 where party members and officials will interact and discuss current issues and advocacies with local residents.

The LP founding anniversary falls

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on Jan. 19, but the party leadership decided to commemorate the event closer to the resumption of Congress to allow district representatives to spend their break in the provinces, a party official said.

"Instead of the usual political speeches, we decided to start our community service program by helping the residents and market vendors of Barangay Commonwealth. We will, as a party, continue this outreach program throughout the year in different places in the country," LP official Rep. Joseph Emilio A. Abaya of Cavite said.

Sen. Mar Roxas, as LP president, and other party officials and members will lead the day-long activities that would include a medical and dental mission, livelihood skills training, and other community service projects with QC Mayor Sonny Belmonte and other local officials also present.

"The LP is very grateful to QC Mayor Sonny Belmonte for helping us organize this activity. We welcome such partnerships with local governments to give full meaning to our agenda of putting people first," Roxas said.

Abaya said the holding of community-based activities was in line with the directive of the Roxas, who took over as party president from former Senate President Franklin Drilon last November, to operationalize the LP's agenda to put people first.

Earlier, Roxas pledged to build a strong, united and modern LP which he said must be attuned to the modern world but rooted in the party's core values and traditions.

In accepting the LP's nomination as party president, Roxas said he would lead the Liberal Party in propagating the party's core beliefs of "conscience over ambition, principles above glory and integrity over power."

Roxas also stressed that the doors of the party are open to all Filipinos who wish to contribute to meaningful and positive change urgently needed to help the country be more competitive, modern and progressive.

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Safety nets for uniform QC barangay fees being finalized

The safety nets for the proposed uniform barangay fees are being finalized by the Quezon City government for implementation early next year.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. earlier directed the city treasurer, Dr. Victor Endriga, to review the proposed rates of charges to be collected by the 142 barangays for propriety and clarity.

The proposed rates and revisions of fees being collected by the barangays were submitted to Belmonte by former Councilor Alberto Galarpe, concurrent chairman of the city's Liquor Licensing and conduct public hearings on the matter.

Endriga underscored the need to conduct a series of seminar-workshop for the new set of barangay officials to orient them on city policies, particularly on financial management. He has been tasked to prepare the module for the seminar-workshop.

Aside from the seminar on the proposed uniform barangay taxation, a separate briefing will be conducted for incoming barangay officials on the policies of the city to ensure their participation in the various programs of the local government.

Barangay Operations Center officer-in-charge Donato Matias said the new set of barangay officials were inducted last week.

Forty-eight percent of the elected chairmen are new. Twenty-two percent have either completed their three-year term, or did not seek reelection, while the remaining 30 percent ran for reelection but lost. (Sel A. Baysa)

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New hydrant for Barangay Vasra



Residents of Barangay Vasra in Quezon City now have better security against fire with the recent turnover of a new hydrant and the signing of a memorandum of agreement (MoA) between Manila Water and the local city officials. The MoA signing assures the residents of steady water supply with adequate pressure. Photo shows Gil Aviles (center), president of Kapatiran Kaunlaran HOA opening the fire hydrant valve together with (from left) Quezon City Councilor Francisco Calalay; Barangay Vastra Chairman Roberto Fortuno; Manila Water Balara Area business manager Beth Cruz and Chief Fire Insp. Oscar Villegas.

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QC fights corruption at barangay level

When Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. turned over to the city's 142 barangays their shares in real property tax collection a few years ago, doubts were raised whether the barangay captains could become effective fiscal managers and not be tempted to commit irregularities.

The mayor made the gambit in a bid to pass down to the barangay level the effective fiscal management he had implemented in transforming a financially distressed local government unit into the richest city in the country for the last four years.

When he assumed office in July 2001, Belmonte instituted several reforms to fight graft and corruption in the city's bureaucracy, which targeted government workers moonlighting as fixers.

The mayor launched a crackdown on employees who issue fake receipts. Five employees and two ranking officials were eventually axed.

Today, the fight against graft and corruption is at the grassroot level.

Barangay officials have continued to prove that they deserve the trust and confidence accorded to them by Belmonte.

After having turned over some P1.5 billion in tax shares since October 2003, not a single case of graft and corruption has been filed against a single barangay official for mismanagement of funds.

Xyrus Lanot, president of the Quezon City Liga ng Barangay, said corruption at the barangay is next to impossible because of the safety nets that were placed to ensure that barangay funds are spent properly.

"Corruption will not prosper. You have to pass through seven barangay *kagawads*, the bids and awards committee, a post audit team, a special legislative committee and a corresponding resolution duly approved by the City Council," Lanot said.

Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez, in a recent workshop-seminar held at City Hall, told barangay captains that almost P 1.2 trillion has been lost to corruption in the government during the last five years.

"This is how huge amount we are losing to corruption and it's really time to eradicate it," Gutierrez said.

She said her office has committed itself to shepherd a convergence process leading to the formation of a comprehensive anti-corruption program involving various sectors of society, including local government units and the barangays.

During the seminar, Gutierrez and her team cited the vital role of the barangay captains in the fight against graft and corruption.

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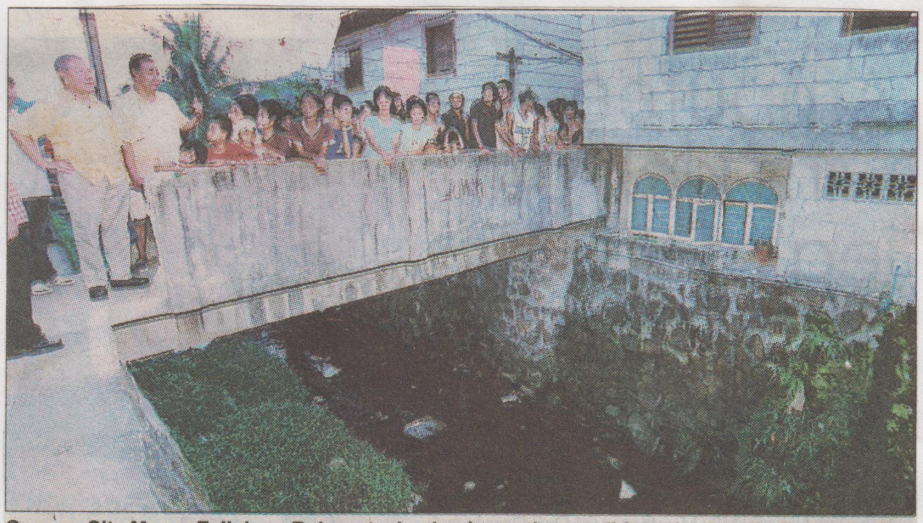

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. checks on the condition of a river in Barangay San Agustin. The mayor rallied residents to monitor and report to the city's environmental protection and waste management department or to barangay officials those who indiscriminately throw and dispose their garbage into the city's rivers, creeks and other waterways. With the onset of the rainy season, the mayor has ordered the resumption of the Sagip-Batis program, which involves the massive clean-up of the city's waterways. JOEY VIDUYA

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'Sagip-Batis' drive resumed



QC DONATES WORKING TOOLS. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. (second from right background) distributes, in behalf of other city officials, working tools to barangay volunteers for the city government's 'Sagip-Batis' program – a waterways clean-up drive to forestall flashfloods traced to clogged waterways during the rainy months. Joining him during the turnover ceremony at the Amoranto Stadium are Ms. Frederika Rentoy, chief ssof the city's environmental protection and waste management department (EPWMD) and barangay officials from Mariblo, Damayan, Sangandaan, Siena, Nayong Kanluran, Masambong, Bagong Silangan and Ramon Magsaysay. (Sel A. Baysa)

1,000 QC barangay workers to clear waterways of debris

The Quezon City government has resumed its "Sagip-Batis" program which involves the massive cleanup of the city's river channels and other water tributaries.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr., said he has mobilized about 1,000 barangay volunteer workers to clear the city's rivers, creeks, esteros and other waterways of garbage and other debris to prevent the unnecessary loss of lives and properties brought about by flashfloods during heavy downpour, especially in low-lying areas.

"We are all responsible in the effort of maintaining the cleanliness of our surroundings," Belmonte told the "Sagip-Batis" volunteers during an orientation at the Amoranto Sports Complex.

A team of international disaster management experts from the United States-based Earthquake and Mega-Cities Initiative (EMI) earlier cited the city government's "Sagip-Batis" program as among the soundest practices in reducing the risk of casualties in times of disaster and other calamities that may hit Metro Manila during the rainy season.

It was gathered that the "Sagip-Batis" program is now being introduced to other mega-cities in the world for possible replication.

A similar scheme has been adopted by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for their flood-control programs.

The city government, through the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department, led by Ms. Frederika Rentoy, has turned over to the "Sagip" volunteers 600 forks, 500 rakes and 300 shovels for the clean-up operations. The volunteers who will be working from 7 a.m. to 12 noon from Monday to Friday will receive an allowance of ₱3,000.

The Quezon City river system consists of four major rivers and 37 creeks, traversing 101 of the city's 142 barangays and encompassing a total length of 124 kilometers. Considered as the city's longest river channel is the Tullahan River and the biggest is the San Francisco del Monte-San Juan River system. (Sel A. Baysa)

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Join water conservation drive, QC barangays urged

The Quezon City government, on orders of Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., has enlisted the participation of the city's 142 barangays in the information dissemination campaign on water conservation in an effort to cushion the impact of the El Niño phenomenon.

During the water conservation forum organized by the QC Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD) at the Great Eastern Hotel, barangay executives were urged to conduct a house-to-house campaign encouraging households within their areas of responsibility to adopt water conservation measures.

EPWMD head Frederika Rentoy underscored the importance of establishing collaborative efforts among government, private institutions and the barangays to mitigate the ill-effects of the El Niño phenomenon, especially in the area of water supply in the light of Angat Dam's water level going below its normal rate.

"This is a concern for everybody and requires a lot of cooperation," said Rentoy.

Water conservation measures that will be adopted also include reports on leaking water pipes and illegal water connections.

The forum was also attended by representatives from PAGASA, Office of the Civil Defense, Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) and water concessionaires Maynilad Water Services and Manila Water Co., which provided participants with programs and measures they are adopting to address the problem on hand.

The QC government is set to join the national government and other concerned agencies in combating the ill-effects of the El Niño phenomenon through the creation of an ad hoc task force under the EPWMD.

Rentoy said the proposed creation of the task force on climate change will in one way or another help cope with the ill-effects of the El Niño phenomenon.



Quezon City officials led by Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD) head Frederika Rentoy discuss water conservation plans during a forum hosted by the city government at the Great Eastern Hotel. Panelists invited to the forum are Susana Cruz, officer-in-charge of the Office of Civil Defense-NCR; Edna Juanillo, assistant weather services chief of the Climatology and Agrometeorology Division of PAGASA; Engr. Jose Dimatulac, manager of the engineering and project management department of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS); Rodrigo Yabut, senior assistant vice president of Maynilad Water Services; Yolly Lucas, head of Maynilad's central non-revenue water engineering and construction; and Jeric Sevilla, head of the corporate communication of Manila Water Co.

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Against child labor. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte (right), Councilors Francisco Calalay and Bernadette Herrera Dy inform a group of domestic workers about the need to register with their respective barangays. The list-up, required by city ordinance authored by Calalay, is meant to stop child labor in the city. SONNY ESPIRITU

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