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Nat'l summit for cooperatives launched in QC

By JERRY BOTIAL

Advocates of cooperativism in the country and the Quezon City government led by City Mayor Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte Jr. launched in simple ceremonies yesterday at the City Hall the 10th National Cooperative Summit.

"We are focused on making a huge project. This is not a small thing but one that would call attention to the cooperative movement not only in Quezon City (with some 700 operating cooperatives)," said Belmonte. The mayor said among others, he wants all cooperatives in the city "to cut across all offices" like the Departments of Agrarian Reform, Agriculture (DA) and other government agencies.

"Having cooperatives around is good because they benefit from various privileges and (tax) exemptions. The summit itself will be a terrific showcase for cooperativism in the city and in the country," said Belmonte.

In a prepared statement, former senator Butz Aquino, chairman of the Philippine Cooperative Center, said the summit will be an expression of the coop sector's collective desire to move forward and break new grounds.

"It intends to chart the strategic direction of the sector for the next 10 years which is industry-focused. It also signals the resolve of cooperatives as a sector to strengthen its position and contribution in the economy, to society and nation-building," said Aquino.

10,000 delegates

Aquino said that the summit also aims to concretize the cooperative principle "cooperation among cooperatives" after noting that the cooperatives themselves are rowing in different directions focused only on their own existence. The senator added that the summit aims to establish further "forward and backward linkages between and among the cooperatives."

In this way, he said, the cooperative sector may be able to maximize economies of scale and membership advantage enabling the sector to be a significant market player. The summit, he said, also hopes to address the gaps that hamper development of cooperatives' partnerships and linkages with other business entities.

This will be the biggest meeting of cooperative members ever as some 10,000 delegates from various cooperatives nationwide will be attending the three-day summit to be held Oct. 9 to 11 at the Araneta Coliseum, said the organizers.

There are about 20,000 cooperatives in the country but many are encountering problems in leadership and business management, among others.

QC COOPERATIVES SUMMIT

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Editor: TONY F. KATIGBAK TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2008



AWARDS FOR QC CO-OPS: Seven outstanding Quezon City-based cooperatives were the first recipients of the city's Most Entrepreneurial Cooperatives Awards, which include the Sacred Heart Parish Development Cooperative, represented by Barangay Kamuning Kagawad Boy Espiritu (center), as the Most Entrepreneurial Cooperative Award. Community-based. Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. was assisted by Councilor Joseph Juico and Sikap Buhay Entrepreneurship and Cooperative office head Dr. La Rainne Abad-Sarmiento in presenting the awards. Also in photo are ex-Mayor Angelito Sarmiento of the Angelito Club Multi-purpose Cooperative, awards ceremonies keynote speaker Resti Pitogo, president of the Extramile Corp., and senior co-op development specialist Sally Triñanes of the Cooperatives Development Authority.

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

National Congress on Road Safety on today in QC

With the continuing rise in road accident-incidents, officers of various transport-service cooperatives throughout the country will gather for the 1st National Transport Cooperative Congress on Road Safety on Nov. 18-19 at the Amoranto Performing Arts Multi-Purpose Theater, Gate 4, Scout Chuatoco, Quezon City.

The theme is "Kilos Kooperatibang Pansasakyan! Ligtas na Paglalakbay Pangalagaan."

Initiated by the Office of Transportation Cooperatives (OTC), an agency under the Department of Transportation and Communications (DoTC), the congress will gather officers of duly organized and accredited transportation cooperatives nationwide, primarily to craft or plot the sector's Road Safety Action Plan through workshops, as its contribution to the objective of attaining hazard-free travel on the road.

As public transport service providers, the transport cooperative sector will be tasked to work on various work-categories of road safety such as education/publicity campaign, safer vehicles/preventive maintenance, traffic rules and regulations, accidents/health insurances, and road safety management/coordination.

Aside from the workshop-activities, this undertaking has other components, such as launching of special projects, such as outstanding drivers and health insurance sponsorship and transport shows and trade fairs. The congress will also address other issues and concerns of the sector and recommended policies.

This Road Safety Congress is supported by various implementing partners in both the government and the private sector, including the DoTC, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Labor and Employment (DoLE), the Department of Health (DoH), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the Land Transportation Office (LTO), the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), the Philippine National Police (PNP) Highway Patrol Group, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), Philhealth, the Safety Organization of the Philippines (SOPI), Junior Chamber International Quezon City, Inc., and KKPPI, the National Federation of Transport Cooperatives.

DoTC Secretary Leandro R. Mendoza will deliver the keynote address before an estimated 300 to 850 expected participants representing various transport cooperative organizations in various parts of the country.

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Top Quezon City co-ops honored

Seven Quezon City-based cooperatives have been honored as the first recipients of the city's Most Entrepreneurial Cooperatives Awards.

Among the honorees, multi-awarded Novaliches Development Cooperative, Inc. (NOVADECI) got the Koop Tala Award for 2008, a Hall of Fame Honor.

NOVADECI started in 1976 with 70 members and an initial capital of ₱7,000.

Its membership now is 19,848 with a paid-up capital of ₱183,013,188 and total

assets which stand at ₱881,597,424.

During the awards ceremonies, Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. lauded the cooperatives' participation in the economic empowerment efforts in Quezon City, noting that they have thrived well in the past years and have lifted the lives of their members.

Belmonte emphasized that because of the global financial crisis, "we must be armed with 'can do' attitude and equipped with the right tools to improve, strengthen and imbibe the spirit of coop-

erativism among our citizens."

The 2008 awards project is a joint undertaking of the Quezon City Sikap Buhay Entrepreneurship and Cooperative Office (SB ECO), the Quezon City Mayor's Office, and Cooperative Development Authority.

SB ECO head Dr. La Rainne Abad-Sarmiento said the seven awardees made economic, social and political impact on their members and clients, and helped alleviate poverty and improved delivery of basic services. (Raul V. Gonzales)

Formation of city coops pushed

The over 500 cooperatives in Quezon City has been anticipated by the city government to increase this year.

The Quezon City government cited its mounting encouraging effort for the formation of more cooperatives, notably among low-income residents.

Mayor Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte Jr. pointed out that the organization of cooperatives helps strengthen the city's economic foundation.

Earlier, the 26-man city council approved a resolution urging concerned QC agencies and national government offices in the city to inform cooperatives and the public of tax treatment and other tax exemptions provided by Republic Act (RA) 6938 or the Cooperative Code of the Philippines.

The measure designated the QC treasurers office, city budget, accounting, fiscal control, public affairs and information services office, and the registry of deeds,

QC regional trial court, sheriffs office, and the cooperative development office as lead agencies in the information campaign.

Resolution No. SP-3964, S-2007, underlines the need for the cooperative and the public to know these benefits granted to the cooperative movement.

The Sikap Buhay and Cooperatives Center (SBCC) is the QC office implementing the city's microfinance and cooperatives development program. (Sel A. Baysa)

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New project encourages co-ops to set up business

By RAUL V. GONZALES

The Quezon City government has launched a new project to encourage cooperatives to set up their business enterprises and exert every effort to succeed as participants in the city's poverty alleviation effort.

The Quezon City Sikap Buhay and Cooperatives Center (SBCC) formally launched the 2008 Search for the Entrepreneurial Cooperatives of Quezon City during the 2007 city's Cooperatives Conference held at Quezon City Hall.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. emphasized in his inspirational talk at the gathering that cooperatives must mobilize every member's family to also have a share not only in the reaping of benefits but also in the daily effort to succeed in business operations.

To qualify for the search, a cooperative must:

Be engaged in one or several business enterprises in the areas of credit, trading, insurance, manufacturing, and services such as education, transport, health, and housing.

Have a certificate of good standing with the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA).

Be five to 10 years in existence

Show a substantial and sustained increased in coop incomes, assets and membership as a result of its business enterprise/s

Show that its business enterprise/s has/have economic, social and cultural impact on its members or clients and that business is socially relevant, meaning it contributes to the alleviation

of poverty, improves delivery of basic services, empowers clients economically, socially or politically, and alleviates household burden, and

Has an office in Quezon City for transacting business in the city.

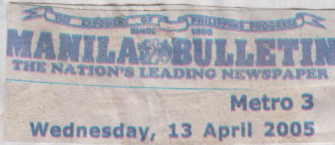
Nomination forms must be submitted to the SBCC at Quezon City Hall within the period of November 2007 to March 2008.

Members of the search board of judges will visit and observe the business operations of the business enterprise/s.

After the final selection of the winning cooperatives, the awarding of cash prizes and trophies will be on October 2008, during the celebration of Cooperatives Month next year in Quezon City.



SHELTER DEVELOPMENT TRAINEES VISIT QC HALL. Quezon City government's Technical Advisory Committee head and Housing and Urban Renewal Authority Inc. (HURA) president and general manager Salvador Enriquez (upper photo) represented Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. in welcoming participants of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) organized Shelter Design and Development 2007 Training Course during a courtesy call at the QC Hall. The participants come from Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Nepal, Namibia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uruguay, Zambia and the Philippines.



QC resolution seeks to recognize cooperative

The Quezon City Council has approved on second reading a resolution recognizing the Kyusi Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative (KEMPC) as the sole representative of the city employees' projects, programs, and other official undertakings.

Introduced by District 4 Councilor and majority floor leader lawyer Antonio Enrile Inton Jr., the resolution is docketed as Resolution No. SP-2807-s 2005. It is sponsored by Councilor Bayani Hipol.

The KEMPC will also integrate all cooperatives at the Quezon City Hall and other existing cooperatives within the city.

Many of the city councilors expressed belief that the resolution would strengthen the employees cooperative union with a common goal of uplifting employees welfare and productivity.

Among those who endorsed the resolution were Councilors Elizabeth "Tita Beth" Delarmente, Bernadette Herrera-Dy, Victor V. Ferrer Jr., Ramon P. Medalla, Edcel B. Lagman, and Resty Malangen.

Inton noted that late last year, 10 cooperatives in the city signed a resolution of unity signifying their intention for the unification of efforts towards achieving their common goal. (Sel A. Baysa)

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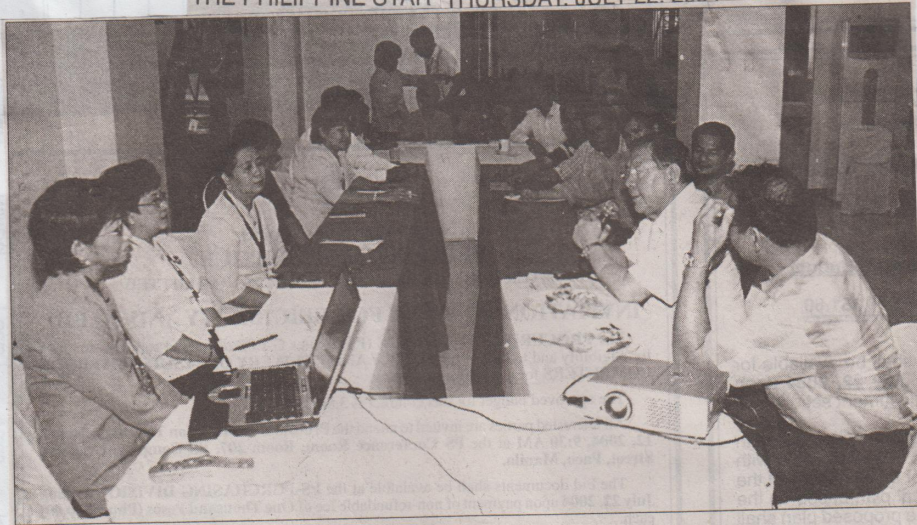
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QUEZON CITY GOVT SUPPORTS COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. reiterates the city government's continuing commitment to support the development of the cooperative movement in the city during the recent NOVADECI board meeting, where he was the guest of honor. NOVADECI is one of the conduct banks in the city's government-initiated 'Puhunang Pangkaunlaran ng Sikap-Buhay' program, a micro-financing scheme for the city's urban poor communities. The officers and board of directors of NOVADECI are led by its general manager, Cristeta Viesca and board chairman Rey San Andres.

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Novadeci welcomes Mayor Belmonte as newest member

The Novaliches Development Cooperative or Novadeci, a leading cooperative in Quezon City, has the privilege of having QC Mayor Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte Jr. as guest last July 7 in its office.

The officers and members of the board of directors, led by chairman Rey San Andres and GM Christeta Viesea, took the occasion to conduct dialogue with the mayor and presented to him Novadeci's commitment to the city government as its partner in local governance.

In its 28 years of existence serving the people of Caloocan and Quezon City, the mayor was apprised to Novadeci's monumental achievement of having built a P500 million asset, a sturdy and stable support of Novadeci to continuously pursue its programs like loan packages such as noncollateral loan for underprivileged non-member womenfolk in the form of microfinance to encourage them to become entrepreneurs, a collateralized loan of P1 million for the qualified applicant member, business loans, instant loans, back-to-back loans, commodity loans, jewelry loans, transport loans, housing loans, among others.

The mayor was also informed of Novadeci's latest service to its 9,000 members that comprise the board of directors the adoption and approval of a resolution putting Novadeci as an originator for the city government's Community Mortgage Program (CMP) in pursuance of its long-conceived socialized housing program for the less privileged members of the community regardless of whether they are Novadeci members or not.

Aside from the loan assistance accorded to members and non-members, Novadeci also offers other services like health retirement benefits, death benefits, living benefits, and educational benefits.



BELMONTE AT NOVADECI. The Novaliches Development Cooperative (Novadeci), a leading cooperative in Quezon City, has the privilege of having Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. (2nd from right) as guest of honor recently. In photo are Novadeci General Manager Christeta Viesea, board chairman Rey San Andres, Founding Chairman Pedro de Jesus and QC Councilor Winnie Castelo. (Rey Franco)

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. (3rd from right) is flanked by (from right) Councilor Dante de Guzman, chairman of the committee on trade; Jess Cifra, vice president of the Quezon City Chamber of Commerce and Industry (QCCCI); Luwina Enecio and Grace Soller of the Department of Trade and Industry; and Pax Maghacot Jr., assistant city administrator for internal affairs and head of the Business Permits and Licensing Office, during the MOA signing and inauguration of the QC SME Center to provide trade promotion and services that small and medium enterprises need. JOEY VIDUYA

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ASSISTANCE FOR QC SMEs: The national government through the Departments of Trade (DTI), Labor and Employment (DOLE), Science and Technology (DOST), and non-government organizations like the Meralco Foundation, Inc. (MFI) and the Phil. Quality and Productivity Movement (PQPM) agree to help small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Quezon City by promoting competitiveness through management and training as well as assistance in equipment acquisition and possible funding. Photo taken during the signing of a memo of agreement held at the Quezon City Hall include (seated, from left) Councilor Ariel Inton, Col. Alex Escaño, president of MFI and PQPM; Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, DTI Executive Director Virgilio Fulgencio and a guest. Also present (standing) were representatives from the National Wage and Productivity Commission, Small and Medium Enterprises Technology Upgrading Program of DOST, Center for Industrial Competitiveness of DTI, from MFI and PQPM.

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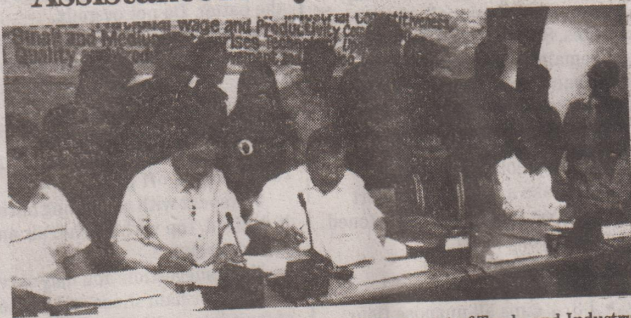
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Assistance for Quezon City SMEs



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AID FOR QC SME – The government through the Department of Trade and Industry, Dept. of Labor and Employment, Dept. of Science and Technology, and non-government organizations like Meralco Foundation, Inc. and the Philippine Quality and Productivity Movement (PQPM) agree to help small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Quezon City by promoting competitiveness through management and training as well as assistance in equipment acquisition and possible funding. Signing the memorandum of agreement include (seated, from left): QC councilor Antonio Inton, Col. Alex T. Escaño, MFI and PQPM president; QC Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, DTI Executive Director Virgilio Fulgencio, among others.

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Saturday, May 17, 2003

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DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE

Directors and trustees of the Murphy Development Cooperative (MURDECO) welcome Quezon City Councilor Dante M. de Guzman, guest speaker at its 18th general assembly.

MURDECO is based on values of self-help and responsibility while pursuing the goal of improving the economic and social situation of its members.

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READY TO HELP. Quezon City Councilor Dante M. de Guzman (inset) addresses the 18th general assembly of the Murphy Development Cooperative (Murdeco) in Barangay Socorro, Quezon City with the theme 'Tagumpay ng Murdeco, Tagumpay ng mga Miyembro.' De Guzman cited the initiatives of the cooperative to make it easy for micro- and small entrepreneurs to obtain financial assistance at low interest rates. Murdeco is headed by Barangay Captain Bonifacio Rillon, honorary director; Imelda Angeles, chairwoman; and Remedios Mojica, vice chairwoman. (DDL)

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THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Thurs., Mar. 27, 2003



QC COOPERATIVE AWARDEE. The Project 4 Development Cooperative in Project 4, QC was 2nd runner-up in the recent search for outstanding cooperatives in Quezon City, on the basis of growth and management. Some 648 cooperatives were entered in the competition. Opened in 1973 with a capitalization of only P470, it is now a P193 million venture with a 4-storey building and continues to serve its members with low interest loans and dividends. Photo taken during the award rites at the Rembrandt Hotel, QC, shows (from left) Agrarian Secretary Roberto Pagdanganan; Carmen J. Teano, P4DC general manager, QC Mayor Sonny Belmonte and Fely Gatmaitan, vice chairman of the board.

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BEST PERFORMING COOPERATIVES: In celebration of Small and Medium Enterprise Development (SMED) Week, the Quezon City Chamber of Commerce and Industry (QCCI) awarded 10 Best Performing Cooperatives in Quezon City during the 2nd QC Cooperatives and SMES Conference held at the Philippine Social Science Center, July 18, 2002. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. and QCCI president Nathan Canlas Zulueta together with Presidential Adviser for Agriculture Luis Lorenzo Jr., presidential Adviser for Cooperative Development Roberto Pagdanganan and PCCI VP for NCR Jesus Tanchangco Sr. presented the awards to (from left) Agapay sa Pamumuhay Credit Cooperative represented by Amado Dela Cruz; Kaakbay Entre-workers Cooperative represented by Cielo Bueno; Immaculate Conception Parish Development Cooperative represented by Teresita Romulo; Red Ribbon Multi-Purpose Cooperative represented by Romeo Magdaong; QC Science High School Multi-Purpose Cooperative represented by Joselito Semana; BJMP Multi-Purpose Cooperative represented by Sr. Supt. Jose Esmeralda III; NKI Multi-Purpose Cooperative represented by chairman Rey San Andres; Sacred Heart Development Multi-Purpose Cooperative represented by Roland Calimlim, and PNP Lakas Tulungan Multi-Purpose Cooperative represented by Col. Sabas Edades (Ret.). Standing at the podium is QCCI VP for business development Carl Balita.

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QC SMED-Coops rites today

In celebration of the Small and Medium Enterprise Development (SMED) Week, the Quezon City Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Cooperative Development Authority, QC SMED Council and QC Cooperative Development Council together with Quedancor will stage today the 2nd Quezon City Cooperatives and SMEs work Conference at the Philippine Social Science Center (PSSC), Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City.

Focusing on effective Projects Management to enable cooperatives and SMEs as strong partners in socio-economic development, today's last day of the three-day conference brings in the expertise and rich experiences of internationally acclaimed entrepreneurs guru Presidential Adviser Roberto Pagdanganan for cooperative development, Presidential Adviser for agriculture and creation of one million job Luisito Lorenzo, Quedancor CEO Nelson Buenaflo, CDA Director for NCR Nonie Hernandez, Land Bank Development Assistance Dept. Maurice Feliciano, NATCCO's Executive Director Guillermo Cua, CUP Secretary General Engr. Lex A. Borja, KOOPNET PHILS Director Myron Gawigawen, Former CDA Director Tess Coloma and QCCI's VP for business development Carl E. Balita.

To be attended by cooperatives and SMEs, the conference uniquely packaged as workshop and writeshop participants' output shall take centerstage in the conference proper. Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), Philonline, MMO Cards, Landbank of the Philippines will be joining the conference as corporate sponsors and presentors. QC Vice Mayor Herbert M. Bautista will deliver the keynote address and Bernie M. Olalia, Chairman of SMED Council NCR, will deliver the opening remarks.

QCCI president Nathan Canlas Zulueta will present the vision and mission of QC Business Development Corporation.

Late in the afternoon, Quezon City Chamber of Commerce and Industry will confer the Ten Best Performing Cooperatives in Quezon City with City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. personally presenting the awards to the honorees. Special tribute will also be presented to Jose C. Medina, outgoing Chairman of the Cooperative Development Authority. The outstanding CDA specialists will also be recognized by QCCI. The new members of QCCI will also be inducted by Jess T. Tanchanco Sr., Vice President for NCR of PCCI.

Search for 10 best performing

Quezon City Chamber of Commerce & Industry (QCCI) recently launched the "Search for Best Performing Cooperatives of Quezon City" to recognize the significant role of cooperatives in the socio-economic development of Quezon City.

QCCI will give the much needed recognition to best performing cooperatives as incentive for sustaining their efforts and provide models for the cooperative enterprises.

Cooperatives as business enterprises have shown their remarkable share not only in the provision of goods and services but also in the generation of capital, savings, and jobs. Their unique nature as cooperatives provides interesting aspects of appreciation for the ways and practices that mark their performances.

Because cooperatives are now regarded as the third sector of the economy and their number has been steadily increasing of late, recognizing those that have highly performed within the parameters of business standards augurs well for the rest to emulate.

The first batch of awardees therefore, hopes to trigger greater interest for the cooperative entrepreneurship and this project shall be made an annual awards program of the QCCI. The search will cover all primary cooperatives under the following types and those that have been in operation for no less

than three years: credit, consumers, marketing, producers and service. They must be duly registered and confirmed by the Cooperative Development Authority.

In celebration of Small and Medium Enterprise Development (SMED) Week on July 15 to 19, QCCI will award the 10 Best Performing Cooperatives in Quezon City during the last day of the 2nd QC Cooperatives and SMEs Work Conference at the Philippine Social Science Center, July 18, 2002. The celebration is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 256 dated Sept. 14, 1993 declaring every 3rd week of July as SMED Week.

"Cooperatives are SMEs and regarded as the engine of economic growth and development. They have inherent features that make them thrive. The Awards is a recognition of their vital role in the development of Quezon City," Nathan Zulueta, QCCI president and CEO said.

Criteria for the 10 Best Performing Cooperatives are as follows: membership strength and quality participation -16 percent; organizational leadership and effectiveness -16 percent; business management -35 percent; human capital and resource development -20 percent; and social responsibilities -13 percent.

Nomination forms are now available at the QCCI Secretariat at Room 301 Agustin Building, 139 Malakas St., Central, Quezon City with tel. nos. 9265363 to 64 or they may visit the QCCI website at www.qccci.org or they may send-mail at qcci@qccci.org.

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Fri., Mar. 15, 2002

Coops, SMEs meet in QC

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"Cooperatives and SMEs share the same business battleground after all," Belmonte said. QC Cooperative Development Council chairman Pete de Jesus said that this initiative of QCCCI is what they have been waiting for especially in these times of crisis when even the big industries get affected.

Zulueta assures that this conference is only the beginning of what could be a long-term partnership between cooperatives and SMEs. He envisions for a collaborative interactions between and among the four forms of business organizations, namely, single proprietorship, partnership, corporation, and cooperative.

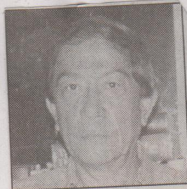
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Cooperatives, SMEs now recognized for their strategic synergy

THEIR strength as vital constituents in broadening business essentials is now given deserving acknowledgement by both government and chambers of commerce.

"They - cooperatives and small and medium enterprises - are now ripe for development into strategic synergy," says Nathan C. Zulueta, incoming president of the Quezon City Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Cooperatives and SMEs, more or less, have the same problems and prospects, it is accepted by experts.

In the past, these organizations were most often disregarded and, if noticed at all, relegated to one corner whose fate was uncertain.

Today, the Department of Trade and Industry has been consistent in battling for the updating of cooperatives and SMEs policies with the end in view of shaping them up to new technology in management and production.

And responding with imagination and enthusiasm, the QCCCI has thrown its full support in giving importance and priority they deserve. It is, in fact, spearheading a renewed developmental drive in their behalf.

Firing the opening salvo, the Capitol City's business organization will open today, February 22, its whole-day conference on

cooperatives and SMEs at the Philippine Social Science Center on Commonwealth Avenue.

By the way, Quezon City has some 800 active cooperatives.

Among the speakers are Nelly F. Villafuerte, DTI Undersecretary; Virginia A. Teodosio, Administrator, Cooperative Development Authority; and Sergio R. Luis-Ortiz, president, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Nathan Zulueta will also address the conference unraveling his vision of SMEs and cooperatives as tactical components in today's domestic and international business communities.

Economic force

Zulueta will emphasize the decisive task of the 55,372 cooperatives all over the country. They provide products and services such as credit and loans, consumer items, marketing, electronics, agriculture, handicraft, as well as health services.

These essentials are crucial contributions to the overall entrepreneurial activities of the economy and gross domestic products of the country.

"Their organizational setup must be structured to fit into today's technology for them to improve quality of their products and services for global competition," Zulueta explains. He is also a strong advocate of the "Buy Filipino Products" movement.

The young CEO knows his

mettle. There are 114 local Chambers of Commerce or affiliates throughout the archipelago. Surely, they are a built-in network for mass distribution of products. Not only for domestic marketing but international sales as well.

A number of these local chambers of commerce regularly attend international trade and commercial exhibitions. Hence, they are effective promoters of Philippine products abroad.

QCCCI has conceptualized a workable marketing network based on cooperatives and SME's potentials, clearly the backbone of the country's economy.

Incidentally, SMEs specifically generate 68 percent of jobs available in the country. They are dispersed in countryside, thus, opening gainful opportunities to areas outside of Metro Manila.

This column has always endorsed the utilization of cooperatives in government programs and priorities, as well as in private enterprise. In my December 12, 1998 article, I called cooperatives an "economic force."

Government's role

Zulueta has urged the government to do its share. How? It must help establish a business environment conducive to the expansion of cooperatives and SMEs.

In specific terms, the state must build infrastructures that

will pave the way for these organizations to compete globally. What's more, they must have liberal access to financing institutions of the administration.

"To achieve all these, the financial base of cooperatives and SMEs must be continuously expanded to make them more aggressive. They must have convenience to modern technology, development must be up-to-date, and technical assistance, as well as grants must be readily available," declares the QCCCI president.

Only when these are attained that they can meet the challenges they face in serving the community, the consumer and other sectors beyond their traditional lines, and steer their direction towards a market-oriented approach, Zulueta explained.

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Confab on QC cooperatives set

The Quezon City Small and Medium Enterprise Development Council (SMEDC) chaired by Nathan Canlas Zulueta, QCCCI president, will hold the "First Quezon City Cooperative and SME Conference" Feb. 22 at the Philippine Social Science Center on Commonwealth ave. in Quezon City.

The theme of the conference is "Synergizing Cooperatives and SME's: Strategic Response to

Globalization". Pete de Jesus, chairman of NOVADECI, a Novaliches-based cooperative composed of market and street vendors, said the conference will show how cooperatives can work profitably with other business organizations.

The conference has the backing of the Cooperative Development Authority Manila extension office headed by Nonie Hernandez.

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QC 4th cooperative congress opens today

By RICO C. NAVARRO

The Quezon City Cooperative Development Council chaired by Quezon City Councilor Winston "Winnie" Castelo will open today its 4th Cooperative Congress at the Bureau of Soils Auditorium from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The congress to be attended by at least 800 coops – the biggest in the country will be highlighted by a forum in which Land Bank President and CEP Florindo Casuela will discuss several credit and financial opportunities the coops could avail.

Furthermore, the congress will resolve problems relative to local tax exemptions to be participated by Col. Rafael Galvez, Chief, Business Permits and Licensing Office, Laudicea So-

ralbo, Chief, Taxes and Fees Division, Atty. Angelina Magsino of the Department of Finance and Atty. Ramon Wilfredo Pagarigan, Division Chief, Collection Enforcement Division of BIR.

According to Councilor Castelo, the main objective of the congress is to strengthen the coop sector and engage them in a more active participation in community development and achieve economic prosperity and social justice.

Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr., will be the guest speaker with Administrator Ronald Lumbao of the Cooperative Development Authority to deliver an inspirational message.

The Quezon City Coop. Development Council with the

help of Cooperative Development Authority – Manila Extension Office Executive Director Ernesto Boado has been the forefront in coop development thereby increasing its membership by ½ in a span of three years.

They have also sponsored the coveted "Search for Ten Outstanding Cooperatives in Quezon City" and have declared October 16 – Nov. 15 as Quezon City Cooperative Month.

The QC-CDC is also co chaired by Pete De Jesus of Novadeci, Sergio Herrero as Vice chair with Ronald Reodica, Allan Gamo, Emma Santiago, Genalor Fischer of Land Bank, CFPI, PCUP and TUCP respectively as members.

QC Cooperative congress

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Top QC coops honored

The Quezon City government honored recently the city's outstanding cooperatives who have been providing livelihood for the city's poor residents.

Councilor Winston "Winnie" Castelo, QC Cooperative Development chair with Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr. and Ronald Lumbao of the Cooperative Development Authority presented the awards to the outstanding cooperatives in the city in simple ceremonies held at the Bureau of Soils Auditorium last week.

Castelo said "the awards serves as a shining example to all developing cooperatives to attain economic prosperity not only to its members but also to the community, thereby providing added push in nation building through self-help."

Castelo said the cooperative sector in QC have attained tremendous leads in the past three years due to massive information and orientation seminar it conducted aside from launching a cooperative clinic that assists and intensifies its ranks.

The outstanding cooperatives are Novaliches Development Cooperative, UP Credit Cooperative, Lakas Tulungan Multi-Purpose Cooperative, BIR Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Project 4 Development Cooperative, Immaculate Conception Parish Development Cooperative, Sacred Heart Parish Development Cooperative, Most Holy Redeemer Multi-Purpose Cooperative, the QC General Hospital Consumer Cooperative and the Paltok Credit Cooperative. (Peter G. Flores)

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