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QC gov't to adopt two more typhoon-ravaged towns in Leyte

There was no stopping for the Quezon City government to extend its helping hand to other "less-fortunate" localities in the country following its move to adopt two more municipalities in typhoon-ravaged province of Leyte, this time the municipalities of Matag-ob and Albuera.

Interviewed by *The Tribune*, Mayor Herbert "Bistek" Bautista said an assessment of the present situation of Matag-ob and Albuera is now under way to determine the assistance that the city government will provide to the people and local governments of the two municipalities.

The adoption of Matag-ob and Albuera was requested by Leyte Rep. Lucy Torres-Gomez and QC Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte-Alimurung.

Matag-ob is a fourth-class municipality with 17,089 residents and has 21 barangays, according to the 2010 census.

Albuera, on the other hand, is a third-class municipality with 17 barangays and has a population of 40,553, based on same census.

Earlier, the QC government had adopted the municipalities of Palompon, Sta. Fe and Tolosa and donated materials and equipment as well as funds for their rebuilding infrastructures such as schoolbuildings, health centers, public markets and municipal halls.

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QC, Valenzuela set more aid for Leyte, West Samar

TO HELP typhoon-ravaged communities in Leyte province get back on their feet, the Quezon City government has set aside an initial P10 million to pay residents in three towns who will be hired in ongoing recovery and rehabilitation efforts.

The city government also pledged 100 motorized boats to be donated to fishermen who lost their vessels at the height of Supertyphoon "Yolanda" in November.

In a statement Sunday, Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista, who personally supervised the city's humanitarian mission from Dec. 16 to 20 in its "adopted" municipalities of Tolosa, Sta. Fe and Palompon, said local workers should be hired for the reconstruction of school buildings, municipal halls and health centers, as well as for road clearing and maintenance operations.


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The P10 million would form part of the city's cash-for-work program in the three towns and "will be replenished as the need arises," Bautista said. The amount is on top of the P50 million donated by Quezon City to 44 Yolanda-affected provinces.

City Engineer Joselito Cabungcal said carpentry tools and two power generators would also be handed over to the municipalities of Tolosa and Sta. Fe. The city's environmental protection and waste management department would provide shovels, rubber boots, hand gloves, chain saws, life jackets and crash helmets.



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Earlier, the city gave solar lighting and charging systems, medicines and other basic necessities, Cabungcal said.

In Palompon, Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte turned over Quezon City's P6.1-million donation to town Mayor Ramon Oñate.

Also on Sunday, the Valenzuela City government pledged continuing assistance to the towns of Basey and Marabut in Western Samar, where it had conducted two relief missions. A third mission is being planned for January next year.

"From the outset, I have said that our help for Basey and Marabut would be a sustained effort. We would send whatever help we can until they are finally back on their feet again," said Mayor Rexlon Gatchalian.

In the first mission, Valenzuela sent a 50-member contingent that included 5 doctors, 5 nurses, 13 police officers and 14 rescuers, and brought 16,000 food packs and P1.3 million worth of medicines.

The first team reported that the homeless in Basey and Marabut could do nothing but walk all day to look for shelter, Gatchalian noted. In response to this observation, the second relief mission that was sent days later brought tarpaulin sheets and other construction materials for the setup of temporary shelters.

The second mission, this time involving 31 people, built two bunkhouses in Basey and Marabut, and distributed 2,000 sheets of tarpaulin in other areas.

The sheets and relief goods were donated by residents and civic groups in Valenzuela. The second relief mission also distributed an additional 2,400 food packs, 2,000 sets of mosquito nets, 9,850 packs of used clothes and 4,000 pairs of slippers.

The city government also donated P1 million to Western Samar's rehabilitation efforts and a total of P16.9 million to 7 other provinces, 5 cities and 11 municipalities in Palawan province and the Visayas. ***Jeannette I. Andrade and Nathaniel R. Melican***

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Rebuilding team. Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista is accompanied by Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez after the QC delegation's arrival at the airport on December 18, 2013 to oversee relief and development assistance to three Yolanda hit communities in Leyte that have been adopted by the QC government. The city government has earmarked a P50-million rehabilitation package for survivors especially in the towns of Tolosa, Sta. Fe and Palompon. Joining them are QC Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte and Councilors Jesus Suntay and Victor Ferrer Jr. along with disaster risk reduction management council officer Elmo DG San Diego and city engineer Joselito Cabungcal.

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'Bistek' to lead QC team in extending help to 'Yolanda' victims

By Arlie O. Calalo

Quezon City Mayor Herbert "Bistek" Bautista will personally lead the QC team that will bring the city's relief and rehabilitation assistance to the local chief executives of the calamity-stricken towns of Palompon, Santa Fe and Tolosa in Leyte.

The mayor announced this last Monday during his 4th State of the City Address (Soca) before the city council, which is headed by its presiding officer Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte, as he said "our blessing should be transformed into generosity towards the thousands of victims in other towns and cities that are suffering now."

He added: "While nothing can be adequate response to their bereavement, we can at least help alleviate their distress and hasten their recovery."

Bautista also took the opportunity to thank the city council for passing a resolution authorizing him to provide some P50 million as assistance to the victims of super typhoon "Yolanda" in the Eastern Visayas and other areas.

"Our team this December will focus on relief but will also begin works in rehabilitation and construction. This will be a continuing effort in helping the local authorities and people of the three QC-adopted towns in Leyte so they can get back on their feet," Bautista said.

In his Soca, Bautista reminded everyone in the city that disaster risk mitigation is the responsibility of all.

The mayor's annual address highlighted QC's proactive and preventive approaches to disaster risk mitigation and reported on the status of its disaster risk management programs which include the establishment of a central command center building with high-tech facilities and the acquisition of the QC Risk Atlas to help in pinpointing danger zones and assess vulnerability.

He also mentioned the innovations undertaken by his



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administration in terms of governance and the ease of doing business now in QC that contributed to the 30-point improvement in the ranking of the Philippines in the World Bank/International Finance Corp. 2014 global Doing Business Survey, from 138 in the previous year to 108 of 189 countries in the current year.

For the survey, QC had been chosen as the benchmark city for the Philippines because of the largeness of its population and the number of its registered businesses which is the highest in the country.

Innovations in ease of doing business in the city include reducing further the process of business registration and streamlining by more than 50 percent the process of construction permits by more than 50 pecent, even as it enforced additional requirements in the enforcement of the Green Building Ordinance.

For this, the WB report cited the city government as a model for other Philippine LGUs in the application for construction permits.

This means, he said: "*Kung pumalpak tayo, madadamay ang buong Pilipinas*, but if we do well, we lift up the entire country."

He reported that this year, the city has achieved the highest recorded revenue collection of P13.72 billion as of Nov. 30, and the highest number of registered businesses at 63,499 for the same period in the city's history.

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QC sends construction materials, relief goods to 3 adopted Leyte towns damaged by typhoon

By Jeannette I. Andrade

BRINGING construction materials and carpentry tools along with relief and medical services, Quezon City employees aim to bring hope to three typhoon-ravaged areas in Leyte province adopted recently by the city government.

The local government is also looking into the possibility of implementing an "adopt-a-barangay" scheme in which all of the city's 142 barangays will be tapped to assist their counterparts in the towns of Sta. Fe, Tolosa and Palompon.

Upon the orders of Mayor Herbert Bautista, a 100-man contingent will bring aid to the three municipalities from Dec. 14 to 20.

The teams, led by Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council action officer Elmo San Diego, would be carrying construction materials, equipment, medicine and other recovery and rehabilitation assistance. These would be in addition to generator sets, chain saws, folding stretchers, as well as earthquake, landslide and rescue operations tools.

Every family in the towns of Sta. Fe, Tolosa, and Palompon will also be given carpentry tools and construction materials to enable them to rebuild their homes.

In a statement, Bautista assured the residents of the towns that the assistance to be provided by the city would not be on a short-term basis. "We intend to help and assist the three adopted municipalities in the long run because we know that rehabilitating and rebuilding their communities will not be an easy task."

Meanwhile, Bautista said that all 142 barangay chairs may each sponsor a barangay in the towns of Palampon, Tolosa and Sta. Fe in Leyte to help them rebuild in the aftermath of the monster cyclone "Yolanda."

He explained: "The gesture is one way of saying that Quezon City, from local executives down to the barangay level, is one and united in the effort of helping these typhoon-ravaged localities recover from the devastation."

The mayor said that sponsorship may be determined by raffle as he assured Quezon City barangays that no big projects would be required under the scheme, "only that we take part in their rehabilitation."

The Quezon City government has donated P50 million to 44 provinces devastated by Supertyphoon Yolanda for the development of infrastructure, particularly school buildings, health centers, public markets and municipal halls.

Likewise, Bautista has instructed city budget officer Marian Orayani, city planning and development office chief Tomasito Cruz and city engineer Joselito Cabungcal to conduct a review of the budget and development plans for Tolosa, Palompon and Sta. Fe to see how Quezon City could help these areas further.

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QC fine-tunes plan to adopt Leyte barangays

THE Quezon City government yesterday will implement an "adopt-a-barangay" scheme to rebuild three typhoon-devastated towns in Leyte.

QC mayor Herbert Bautista wants all 142 barangay chairmen to sponsor a barangay in the towns of Palampon, Tolosa and Sta. Fe.

"The gesture is one way of saying that Quezon City, from local executives down to the barangay level, is one and united in the effort of helping these typhoon-ravaged localities recover from the devastation," he said.

Bautista said sponsorship will be determined by raffle.

"Sa mga barangay natin sa QC, hindi naman po natin kailangang mag-invest sa mga malalaking proyekto sa kanilang mga i-a-adopt na barangays. Ang atin po ay maging bahagi lamang ng kanilang pagbangon," he said.

Bautista disclosed that QC shall assist in the reconstruction of the municipal hall and the rural health unit of Tolosa.

He said the city is also planning to invest in the rebuilding of a damaged pier in Palompon by venturing in an inter-local public-private partnership scheme.

Bautista also said he already instructed city budget officer Marian Orayani, city planning and development office chief Tomasito Cruz, and city engineer Joselito Cabungcal to review the budget and development plans of Tolosa, Palompon and Sta. Fe to determine what other forms of help the city government could give them.

Earlier, the QC government donated P50 million to 40 provinces in Visayas affected by typhoon Yolanda for the rehabilitation of infrastructure, particularly school buildings, health centers, public markets and municipal halls.

QC vice mayor Joy Belmonte earlier said the amount will be different from the funds that will be allocated for the three municipalities adopted by the city government.

Meanwhile, despite the city government's decision of not holding Christmas parties this holiday season, Bautista said that Christmas decorations, sounds and effects would still be allowed at QC Hall.

This year, QC Hall's "Son Et Lumiere" features lights and sounds show.

Aside from the Christmas decors, Bautista said food and dry goods bazaars will also be seen at the city hall compound "to add to Christmas cheers."

He said every stall will be given a coin can, where donations could be dropped by buyers for the victims of typhoon Yolanda. – *Angela Lopez de Leon*

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Bautista to b'gay execs: Help rebuild typhoon areas

Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista urged recently elected barangay officials to join efforts to rebuild areas damaged by Super Typhoon Yolanda.

"What we will be doing is encourage our 142 barangays to reach out and extend their helping hands to the affected barangays in these three towns in Leyte," said Bautista, referring to the city's adopted municipalities of Sta. Fe, Tolosa and Palompon.

"The gesture is one way of saying that Quezon City, from local executives down to the barangay level, is one and united in the effort of helping these typhoon-ravaged localities recover from the devastation," he said.

Bautista said the city will assist in the reconstruction of the three municipalities, including the municipal hall and the rural health unit in Tolosa. He added that the city plans to help the rebuilding the pier in Palompon by venturing in a public-private partnership scheme.

The city is also planning to send 100 city hall employees to the three municipalities this month to deliver assistance to the residents in typhoon-ravaged areas.

Elmo San Diego, action officer of the city's disaster risk reduction and management council, said the city government will also donate equipment, carpentry tools and construction materials.

The city council earlier approved the release of P50 million as assistance to areas affected by the typhoon. An ordinance setting the guidelines for the release of funds was also enacted into law by the mayor.

Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte earlier said the P50 million will be on top of the support that the city will provide for its adopted Leyte municipalities.

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QC gov't sending assessment team to Leyte

The Quezon City government will send tomorrow a contingent to its three "adopted" municipalities in Leyte devastated by Super Typhoon Yolanda.

Mayor Herbert Bautista said yesterday the team would assess the situation in Palompon, Tolosa and Santa Fe to determine the needs of the people in the typhoon-stricken areas.

Elmo San Diego, chief of the Quezon City Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS), said the seven-man damage assessment and needs analysis team would gather the necessary information to ensure the effective delivery of services in the said municipalities.

The team will be composed of representatives from the DPOS, Quezon City Police District, city engineering office, health department, social services and development department and disaster risk reduction and management office.

In a phone interview with **The STAR**, team leader Mike Marasigan said their assessment will cover various components, including the damages caused by the typhoon, the integrity of structures in the areas, the health condition of the residents and the social and psychological effects of the disaster.

Marasigan said they would look for a secure and fast route to bring the relief goods to the three municipalities. He said the assessment is necessary before sending a team with the supplies.

"We don't want to duplicate what's already there," he said, adding that they will be bringing supplies that can fit into their bags such as medicine and water.

Marasigan said they will fly from Manila to Tacloban tomorrow morning and then meet with the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority team in the city. From Tacloban, he said they plan to go to Santa Fe, Tolosa and Palompon.

The team is expected to return to Manila on Tuesday.

San Diego said Bautista will convene the city's disaster risk reduction and management council upon the team's return to Manila. Quezon City is expected to use part of its calamity fund for the rehabilitation of the three areas. At least three teams of 20 people from Quezon City will be sent to Leyte following the return of the assessment team.

San Diego said the mayor has committed to support the long-term recovery of Palompon, Tolosa and Santa Fe that could last to about three years.

The city government is also planning to provide assistance for infrastructure rehabilitation in the areas. The city earlier initiated a fund drive for the survivors of the calamity.

Metro Manila mayors have earlier agreed to adopt towns and cities in provinces affected by Yolanda.

– **Janvic Mateo**

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QC 'adopts' Leyte, Pasig helps Iloilo, Taguig aids Samar...

AS MORE volunteers and donors come forward to help areas devastated by Supertyphoon "Yolanda," local government units in Metro Manila are taking the humanitarian effort to the next level by "adopting" their stricken counterparts in the Visayas.

Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chair Francis Tolentino said LGUs in the capital had agreed not only to send material aid to these Visayan towns and cities but also help restore "governance."

"What these badly damaged LGUs need is governance. It may be because even local officials were affected by the calamity, or they were just simply overwhelmed by the magnitude of the disaster. It is time that we in Metro Manila come in and help them run their localities," Tolentino said.

The Metro Manila Council, composed of the 17 mayors of the National Capital Region, agreed on the program in a meeting Wednesday.

"It will be up to the sponsoring Metro Manila LGU to implement programs, including (the deployment of) technical and engineering experts who will facilitate the recovery of their adopted localities and extend assistance to the displaced residents," Tolentino said.

Quezon City will adopt Palompon and Tolosa, Sante Fe in Leyte; Pasig City will take care of Mayorga, Palo, Barotac Viejo and Nuevo and Dumangas in Iloilo; Mandaluyong City will be assigned to Isabel and Tanauan, Leyte; Marikina City to Hernani and Lorente, Eastern Samar; San Juan to Ormoc City and Albuera, Leyte;

Taguig City to Gen. McArthur, Guiuan, Salcedo, Mercedes and Quinapondan in Eastern Samar, Las Piñas City to Julita and Dulag, Leyte; Caloocan City to Javier, Mc Arthur and La Paz in Leyte; Malabon City to Bogo, Cebu; Navotas City to Lawaan and Giporlos, Eastern Samar; Valenzuela City to Basey and Marabut in Western Samar; and MMDA to Coron, Palawan, and Sulat, Eastern Samar.

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