54th Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP-1676, S-2006
(PO2006-50)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. SP-9279, S-1972, SO AS TO CREATE THE QUEZON CITY SISTER-CITY COMMITTEE AND TO DEFINE THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilors ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, ROMMEL A. ABESAMIS, WINSTON "WINNIE" T. CASTELO, ERIC Z. MEDINA, EDCEL B. LAGMAN, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR. and RESTITUTO B. MALANGEN

WHEREAS, the City Council has already approved Ordinance No. SP-9279, S-1972, on May 23, 1972, creating the Quezon City Sister-Cities Commission and empowering the same to promulgate its. policies, procedures, rules, regulations and measures in the performance of its functions;

WHEREAS, there exists a Sister-City or Town-Twinning program of the Bureau of Local Government Supervision under the Department of Interior and Local Government which empowers local authorities to establish sisterhood relationship with its counterpart within the country or abroad;

WHEREAS, DILG Memorandum Circular No. 97-306, provides the guidelines for the establishment of the Sister-City or Town-Twinning relationship;

WHEREAS, the said partnership aims to foster understanding, friendship and goodwill among different communities, and likewise, establishing technical exchange and cooperation in the areas of trade and investments, information technology, health, agriculture, human development, sustainable tourism and environmental management;

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the said Ordinance in order to make it conform with existing issuances for effective implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1.Ordinance No. SP-9257, S-1972, is hereby amended, to read as follows:

"Section 1. SHORT TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as "The "QUEZON CITY SISTER-CITY COMMITTEE ORDINANCE".

Section 2. CREATION – There is hereby created the Quezon City Sister-City Committee, which shall be composed of the following:

a. The City Mayor or his designated representative
b. Chairman, Committee on Cultural Affairs and Tourism
c. A representative of the Quezon City Tourism Council
d. Cultural Tourism Affairs Office (CTAO) head
e. City Planning and Development Officer
f. Public Affairs and Information Services Office (PAISO) head
g. The City Budget Officer

Section 3. OBJECTIVES – The Quezon City Sister-City Committee shall have the following objectives:

1. To develop and encourage greater friendly relations and better understanding between the people of the sister-cities through the exchange of:

   a. Culture;
   b. Technology;
   c. Education;
   d. Arts and Sciences;
   e. Studies of government area development agencies;
   f. Studies of government and private organization, its forms, functions, financing and operations;
   g. Studies in commercial, industrial and agricultural fields;
   h. Informations covering areas of government administration, community development and others not mentioned above;

2. Establish relationship that would afford mutual benefits to both sister-cities.

3. Assist in advancing the cause of world understanding and linking efforts in common humanitarian projects.

4. Secure the interest and enthusiasm of the citizenry in Quezon City to support this project as they may be also the beneficiaries in common humanitarian projects with the sister cities.

5. Coordinate and cooperate with other activities and service communities of International Civic, Trade, Professional and Cultural and Scientific organizations located in Quezon City regarding international relations with their counterparts abroad.

Section 4. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE – The Quezon City Sister-City Committee shall exercise the following powers and functions:

1. The Committee shall initially discuss among themselves the affiliation requirement and may define the characteristics of the local authority to affiliate with based on historical, socio-political-cultural and economic interests.

2. The Committee shall formulate a brief profile, in a brochure form of the City.

3. The Committee upon completion of the initial administrative requirements of affiliation shall recommend through the City Mayor, to the City Council, the Sister-City proposal for legislative approval and support.

4. The Committee after the legislative approval shall prepare the following documents as part of the correspondence signify interest to establish partnership:

a. Local Government Profile
b. Sanggunian Resolution Endorsing the Affiliation initiative
c. Draft Memorandum of Understanding, highlighting the proposed fields of partnership.
d. List of Community Groups supporting the Sister City Partnership.

5. The Committee shall facilitate the holding of signing ceremonies of Memorandum of Understanding between partners.

6. The Committee shall formulate and implement programs, projects and activities in furtherance of the intent of the Memorandum of Understanding.

7. The Committee shall periodically inform the City Mayor, City Council and concerned community groups of the accomplishments of the Quezon City Sister-City Committee.

8. The Committee shall exercise such other functions necessary and proper to carry out its mandate.

Section 5. MEETINGS – The Committee shall conduct regular meetings as scheduled by the Chairman of the Quezon City Sister-City Committee."

SECTION 2. REPEALING CLAUSE - The provisions of any ordinance, Local Executive Order or any other issuances, which may be inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed, superseded or amended accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: March 20, 2006.

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary

APPROVED: APR 20 2006

FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on March 6, 2006, was finally PASSED on Third/Final Reading by the City Council on March 20, 2006.

EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary