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QC To Improve Scenic Landscape

By CHITO A. CHAVEZ

To boost the city's tourism industry, the Quezon City (QC) government has targeted a 100 percent transformation of its aesthetic surroundings that will provide public convenience and improve the scenic landscape of the city's 142 barangays.

Tadeo Palma secretary to Mayor Herbert Bautista said that the landscape improvement will particularly involve the artistic alteration of roads, signages, pedestrian lanes, sidewalks, markings, house numbering and waiting sheds.

Barangay Operations Center (BOC) head Jorge Felipe was earlier ordered by Bautista to make the assessment and plans needed for the improvement of the various public fixtures in the city's barangays.

The plan also included the update of road signage and house numbering to minimize confusion due to non-uniformity and double numbering of houses in many barangays.

Bautista also wanted inner road street signs and pedestrian lanes to be improved and to have uniform designs, including barangay street corners.

The mayor earlier asked the BOC to prioritize and include these improvements in each barangay funding.

"I want a total transformation of our city's streets to come up with a more beautiful and attractive community," Bautista said.

Bautista added that waiting sheds should conform with the practical needs of the community adding that they should have kiosk for vendors and maps which will guide the public.

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NEW BARANGAY HALL: Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista and House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr. lead government officials during the inauguration of the newly-constructed barangay hall at Barangay Central to highlight the city government's continuing effort to bring government services closer to the people, specially the underprivileged communities. With them are former congresswoman Nanette Castelo-Daza, Councilor Jesus Manuel Suntay and barangay chairman Josephine Velasco.

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QC barangays get service vehicles

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By **CHITO A. CHAVEZ**

The Quezon City government will distribute before Christmas day rescue vehicles to the city's 142 barangays to enable them to respond more efficiently to emergency situations.

Administrator Victor Endriga said each emergency response vehicle is equipped with a first aid kit, chainsaw, rain boots, public address system, life vests and other rescue tools and accessories.

Endriga said that flood-prone areas such as Bagong Silangan, Roxas, Tatalon and Damayang Lagi and the barangays near the Tullahan River, including North Fairview, Sta. Lucia, Sta. Monica and Fairview, shall be given priority in the distribution of the vehicles.

On orders of Mayor Herbert Bautista, the city government is strengthening its disaster response capability to minimize loss of lives and damage to properties against any eventualities, especially typhoons and floods.

With the changing weather patterns brought about by climate change, Bautista cited the importance of pre-positioning the city's disaster preparedness programs, including the retraining of the city's rescue and disaster control personnel.

"Preparedness is the key in the prevention of any life-threatening situation," Bautista said.

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GK, QC improve lives of Batasan Hills folk

By PATRICIA ESTEVES

In the past, Batasan Hills in Quezon City was a squatter colony where criminality ruled. But today, the community is peaceful and the residents' lives have greatly improved.

Through hard work and self-reliance, residents are working or setting up small-scale businesses and are able to finance modest homes.

And in an effort to make Batasan Hills a true Gawad Kalinga model barangay, GK has partnered with the Quezon City government and the Quezon City Ladies Foundation to further improve the lives of 28,000 poor families in the area.

GK will help the residents improve and beautify their homes while the Quezon City Ladies Foundation headed by chairman and president Joy Belmonte will provide the livelihood training.

"Our role is to provide livelihood training. The livelihood assistance is geared towards women, so some of the trainings are home-based. Women will be provided with skills training," Belmonte said.

Aside from the livelihood programs, they will also have nutrition programs for the children and provide skills training to out of school youths.

Families who need financial capital for their small businesses will also be assisted.

"We will be a conduit so that these poor families can borrow money through micro-financing," said Belmonte.

Continuing partnership

The Batasan Hills project is a continuing partnership between GK and the Quezon City government in its campaign for a slum-free Metro Manila.

The QC government shares GK's dream of uplifting the lives of the poor through decent homes.

Batasan Hills has a community of 28,000 families who are former squatters but have built their own homes through perseverance and hard work.

"This is to help improve the homes, communities and make the 28,000 families in Batasan Hills – who were recently given the land they previously squatted on – empowered. We will design the homes of the communities, empower the leadership of neighborhoods and transform the communities through *bayanihan*," GK founder Tony Meloto said.

Residents in Batasan Hills have graduated from extreme poverty to moderate poverty and are now able to invest in their own homes.

Quezon City has a big investment in GK and has purchased private lands to give to poor beneficiaries. To date, there are 78 GK villages all over Quezon City.

But more than the lots and homes, Quezon City spends a great deal on infrastructure and site development of the GK communities to make sure that these are well-organized and livable.

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New child center inaugurated in QC

A NEW child center aimed at serving some 5,000 poor children living in Batasan, Quezon City, was recently opened by the Children International's affiliate, Unang Lingap Kapwa Philippines, Inc.

The Betty Lou Daul Center in Talanay, Batasan Hills, was formally inaugurated with officials from Quezon City, the Department of Social Welfare and Development and major supporters from the United States.

The new center was named after the late American philanthropist Betty Lou Daul.

The two-story, 1,080 square-meter center houses three major child sponsorship facilities: the Jeremiah Johnson Health for Life Medical Clinic, the United Methodist Women and the Women's Division/GBGM Medical Clinic and the Celerina Marquez King Library of Hope.

The three major facilities were named in honor of the major donors of the new center.

The center also houses a computer room, an auditorium, a play area and a warehouse for goods to be distributed to the poor children.

The civic program currently covers more than 18,000 children in the areas of Quezon City, Caloocan, Manila and Malabon.

"With the new center now open, the challenge for all of us is how to sustain our enthusiasm in delivering quality welfare and assistance programs to our sponsored children and their families," agency director Lei Orioste said.



Children from Batasan Hills in Quezon City under the civic program of Children International enjoy playing inside the compound of the newly built Betty Lou Daul Center, which opened recently.

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Creation of barangay tourism body sought in QC

A Quezon City councilor has sought the creation of a Barangay Cultural Tourism Council (BCTC) in each barangay to help the city government promote tourism and business potentials in the community.

In her proposed ordinance, Councilor Elizabeth "Tita Beth" Delarmente said the council will also be tapped to develop programs and projects to enhance the barangay's natural and man-made attractions for tourism purposes.

Once approved, the BCTC will mobilize barangay residents to participate in the barangay's tourism, trade and investment activities.

Furthermore, the council shall monitor, assess, evaluate and provide necessary assistance to existing business and new investments within the barangay.

The barangay captain will chair the council while a barangay kagawad (councilman) will take charge of the Committee on Tourism, Culture and Trade.

Under the proposed ordinance, the BCTC head, the barangay kagawad and the SK chairman shall dispose off their duties without any compensation while members shall receive allowances subject to the availability of funds. (Sel A. Baysa)

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. leads city officials in distributing certificates to barangay city officials who successfully completed a training program on 'Sustainable Barangay Development Course' conducted by the University of the Philippines-National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG). Belmonte said the program is vital in providing barangay leaders with adequate knowledge, leadership abilities, organizational and managerial skills so they can perform their duties and responsibilities effectively. Joining the mayor are Councilor Xyros Lanot, president of the Liga ng mga Barangay, QC Chapter; Donato Matias, Barangay Operations Center head; Simeon Ilago, UP-NCPAG director; *Kagawad* Vic Lorza, president of the QC Association of Barangay *Kagawad*; and Barangay Captain Bong San Miguel.

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Barangay police community precincts activated in QC

By KATHERINE ADRANEDA

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The Quezon City Police District (QCPD) has completed the activation of 142 police community precincts (PCPs) in all of the city's barangays as part of intensified efforts to curb crime incidence in the city.

QCPD director Chief Superintendent Nicasio Radovan said that the PCP activation was completed Saturday in Quezon City's fourth district.

The QCPD, under the leadership of Radovan, launched the Barangay Police Community Precincts project two months ago to aid crime prevention in the city.

The project, which is conducted in cooperation with the Quezon City government, was initially launched in District II last Sept. 15, in District III last Sept. 29 and in District I last Sept. 30.

"This will tremendously advance the anti-crime drive in Quezon City, especially with the utilization of force multipliers and patrol vehicles to augment the existing personnel and logistical capability of the QCPD," Radovan told **The STAR.**

Radovan noted that the undertaking addresses the crime problem down at the community-level and promotes vigilance as well among residents.

Crime prevention at the barangay-level would contribute to the achievement of greater peace and order in the entire city, he added.

Under the scheme, barangay chairmen will supervise the deployment of QCPD policemen detailed in their communities.

Thus, there would be close coordination between the police and barangay watchmen.

Six to 10 policemen would be detailed in each PCP in partnership with the barangay watchmen, who would undergo a series of training at the Philippine National Police (PNP).

"The QCPD is grateful because we have a very supportive local government through Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr.," Radovan said.

Quezon City's 142 barangay chairmen also warmly welcomed the project.

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. formally opens the 11th Barangay Day festivity with a ribbon-cutting ceremony inaugurating a barangay exhibit at the QC Hall grounds over the weekend. The festivity, which has as theme 'Sandigan ng Barangay... Pagkakaisa at Kapayapaan' is one of several activities lined up for the city's 66th foundation anniversary celebration. Assisting the mayor are Rep. Annie Susano; Councilors Francisco Calalay, Ariel Inton and Ramon Medalla; Tadeo Palma, Secretary to the Mayor; Barangay Operations Center officer-in-charge Donato Matias and Vincent Belmonte. JOEY VIDUYA

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Councilor asks QC treasurer to stop sale of lots given to poor

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Quezon City Majority Floor Leader Ariel Inton asked City Treasurer Victor Endriga the other day to withdraw or suspend his plans to sell the real properties of poor residents in the Tatalon District and other lots under the socialized housing program of the National Housing Authority (NHA) in the city.

Inton said in a privilege speech that the city treasurer must be warned that these lots, being under the socialized housing program of the NHA, are exempt from taxation under existing laws.

The councilor, a human rights lawyer before joining politics in 2001, also said "I find it ironic that while we are distributing houses for the homeless, we have here a city treasurer determined to oust poor residents from their homes."

He said that after the publication of lots to be auctioned, poor families from Tatalon and other NHA lots under socialized housing in Quezon City trooped to his office seeking his assistance to stop Endriga from proceeding with the scheduled auction today until such time that the lots were already registered in their names.

The residents informed Inton that they were not properly notified.

"The notices of City Treasurer Endriga were sent to NHA that is why we are not aware of such sale," Inton quoted one resident.

Inton urged his colleagues in the council to join him in stopping Endriga from auctioning the lots at Tatalon and other NHA locations in the city.

"They (lot owners) are going to pay what they owe to the city government and contribute to the prosperity and progress of Quezon City but for now they are merely asking for a temporary relief," Inton said.

"Our constituents are asking nothing but justice and fair play," Inton said.

Inton admitted that he was moved to make this appeal to Endriga after seeing the poor people sleepless and bothered as a result of the auction of their lots in major dailies.

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QC barangay chair faces raps for graft

A BARANGAY CHAIRMAN IN Cubao, Quezon City is facing malversation and graft charges for his alleged nonpayment of P750,000 in unused funds for a drainage rehabilitation project.

Barangay Socorro chair Bonifacio Rillon was charged with malversation and violating the antigraft and corrupt practices law before the Quezon City prosecutor's office last week.

In his complaint, Kagawad Eliseo Acosta Jr. cited a May 27, 2002, report by the Commission on Audit for 2001-2002.

CoA had ordered the barangay to refund P722,160 of a P2.5 million drainage project on 13th Avenue, Acosta said.

The project was certified completed but an investigation by the city reportedly showed it was only 71 percent complete. *DJ Yap*

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A Quezon City barangay's solution to food security

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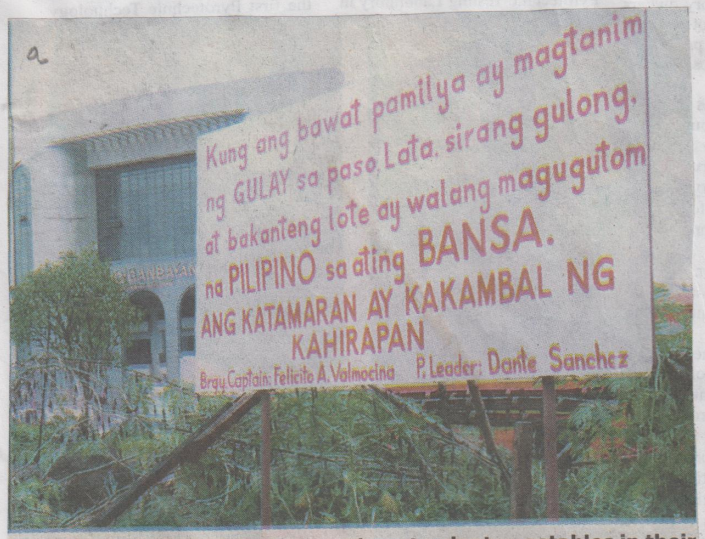

his constituents to encourage them to plant vegetables in their own homes.



SEMINAR. Barangay Holy Spirit chairman Felicito Valmocina in one of the regular seminars he holds about gardening with

Recent Social Weather Station (SWS) surveys show that 15 percent of Filipinos are hungry and with the current rate of inflation, that figure could be higher.

There are also disturbing reports that indicate that 40 to 50 percent of vegetables being sold in Baguio are now either imported or smuggled from abroad.

If these reports are to be believed, the country is facing a food shortage of appalling proportions that the country's leaders must come up with ways to ensure food security for the people.

In line with this, one barangay in Quezon City has already started its own solution to this problem – through urban gardening.

"The only solution I could think of is to put up vegetable gardens in any available open space throughout the village using organic soil from our zero-waste center," said Felicito Valmocina, chairman of Barangay Holy Spirit.

Valmocina said this strategy would be very beneficial to his barangay as more than 70 percent of his constituents were from the urban poor.

When he first assumed leadership of the barangay, Valmocina was faced not only with the problem of providing livelihood opportunities to the needy but to provide them with alternative sources of cheap food products as well.

It did not take him long to realize that he was holding an ace under his sleeves, for one by-product of his award-winning ecowaste management system is organic fertilizer.

Now, there are 11 vegetable

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PRODUCE. The barangay has currently 11 gardens scattered throughout the community that not only provide job opportunities but also cheap organically-farmed vegetables to residents and neighboring barangays. (PNA photos by Boy Antonio)

gardens scattered throughout Holy Spirit that not only provide livelihood opportunities but also cheap organically-farmed vegetables to his constituents as well as to nearby barangays.

The gardens produce a variety of vegetables ranging from local veggies like eggplants, tomato, okra, sitao, camote, and gabi to high-end veggies like broccoli, lettuce, cauliflower, cabbage, and even strawberry.

"We have shown that vegetables traditionally farmed in Baguio could be easily grown here in Metro Manila, thus reducing the price by eliminating freight cost," Valmocina explained.

The gardens themselves are the very model of urban gardening.

One can see all types of vegetables being grown not only in the soil but in all kinds of containers like empty cans, clay pots, plastic pails, bamboo poles and even sacks.'

"I always encourage every family in our barangay to plant vegetables in their own homes and to do their own composting," Valmocina said.

He does this by providing regular seminars on urban gardening to his constituents.

"Just a few minutes each day spent in their gardens would mean a lot to their health as well as their finances," he noted.

His ideas are not only beneficial to his village but other parts of the country as well.

"If only every barangay in the country put some of their resources and efforts in utilizing open spaces in their areas to gardening instead of concentrating all their resources to infrastructure projects like waiting sheds and basketball courts, food security would be no problem at all," Valmocina said.

The figures he presented were worth considering.

With each barangay just putting up a minimum of 1,000 square meters for gardening, multiply it by the total number of barangays in the country, one comes out with about 4,200 hectares of additional lot dedicated to vegetable production.

Valmocina does not stop there though.

"If every subdivision in the country also put up its own communal garden, the mathematics would be staggering," he enthused.

"All that it takes is a determined effort, a strong commitment and a strong sense of community spirit," he added.

"We in our barangay have proven that with strong political will, a dedication to serve the people and the cooperation of the community, no problem is insurmountable," Valmocina said. (PNA)

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'Heart of Quezon City'

The vibrancy of business and nightlife activities in Barangay South Triangle in Quezon City attributed to both an economically competitive environment and the tranquil character of the communities within, has prompted the council to declare it, in a proposed resolution, as the "Heart of Quezon City."

"South Triangle can be aptly likened to what a famous song, referred to as a 'place that never sleeps' such that its magnetic allure never fails to elicit interest of people from all walks of life," said Councilor Ariel Inton Jr., in his proposed measure (PR No. 2005-24).

Inton cited the need to carve a niche in the minds of the people recognizing Barangay South Triangle as the "Heart of Quezon City."

Barangay South Triangle, one of the most developed, if not the most developed community in the city, is strategically located and bounded by some of the busiest avenues including Quezon, Timog, and Epifanio delos Santos Avenue (EDSA).

It is the center of both commercial and entertainment establishments and home to a giant broadcast network, movie production outfits, fine dining restaurants, bars and shopping malls.

Once approved, the QC Engineering Office will append the phrase "Heart of the City" in all street signages within Barangay South Triangle. (Sel A. Baysa)

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Barangay leaders told to check status of fire hydrants

The more than 100 barangay chairmen in Quezon City were directed to check the condition of existing fire hydrants in their areas of jurisdiction and submit a report to the city council as soon as possible.

Resolution No. 2869, authored by district 4 Councilor Restituto B. Malangen, requires barangay chairmen to submit a list of existing fire hydrants and their condition, whether serviceable or unserviceable, for repair or replacement purposes. The fire hydrants are vital installations from which firemen draw water in putting out flames in the event of a fire.

Malangen's measure requires "all barangay chairmen in the city to submit a report as to the condition of existing fire hydrants to guide the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) in the replacement and/or repair of the equipment, whichever is necessary."

The city council collates the barangay chairmen's report for proper coordination with the fire bureau.

In filing the measure, Malangen said the fire hydrants situated on strategic areas in the city serve to protect life and property.

One of the priority concerns of any government truly committed to the promotion and enhancement of the general welfare and interest of its citizenry is to make sure these water pipes are working at all times, Malangen added.

At least a dozen other city councilors – including Antonio E. Inton Jr. majority floor leader; Elizabeth Delarmente, Eric Z. Medina, Jorge B. Banal Jr., Voltaire Godofredo Liban III, Joseph T. Juico, Francisco A. Calalay Jr., Franz S. Pumaren, Wenceron Benedict C. Lagumbay and Julian Coseteng – endorsed Malangen's resolution.

Malangen pointed out that the measure seeks to assure the citizenry that there will be available protection during the outbreak of fire incidents. These fire protection facilities should be maintained in tip-top condition.

He noted that the pitiful condition of existing fire hydrants delays the immediate, fast and effective response of fire fighters which oftentimes lead to the unfortunate and unnecessary loss of lives and properties. (Sel A. Baysa)

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FIGHTING POVERTY WITH WATER. Some 6,000 residents living in Barangays South Triangle and Kamuning in Quezon City, recently got some extra help to pay their monthly water bills when Manila Water set up a livelihood program in coordination with Congresswoman Nanette Castelo-Daza (right). Just a few months after providing 24-hour water connections to the community through a 'Tubig Para sa Barangay' project, the water concessionaire inaugurated the 'Kabuhayan Para sa Barangay' to provide seed capital to entrepreneurs to the Mother Ignacia and Silangan Kamuning neighborhood associations. To date, Manila Water has provided some 75 urban poor communities with completed water connections in the east zone with similar microfinancing arrangements. Sampling the new entrepreneurs' wares are (from left) Kamuning barangay chairman Feliciano Espiritu; Manila Water group director Ruel T. Maranan; and Congresswoman Daza.

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BARANGAY TANOD TRAINING. Interior and Local Government Secretary Ed Soliman (2nd from left) leads the awarding of certificates of completion to the 500 Barangay Public Safety Officers (BPSOs) who comprise the second batch of the 1,000 tanods who finished the Barangay Tanod Skills Enhancement Training conducted by DILG for QC District II (Area 7) barangays held at Barangay Holy Spirit, Quezon City. Also present during the ceremony were from left Punong Barangay Chito Valmocina (Holy Spirit), Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, Punong Barangay Rose Dadulo (Payatas) and Punong Barangay Ranie Ludovica (Batasan Hills). (Art Torres)

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2 tanods die, man hurt in Quezon City shootout

By RAISSA C. CORNELIO

Two barangay tanods (watchmen) died while a man was hit by a stray bullet when elements of the Barangay Security and Development Office (BSDO) engaged suspected robbers in an encounter yesterday in Quezon City.

The fatalities were identified by police as Modesto Contawin, 53; and Melencio Inclerto, 60, both BSDO members, and residents of Barangay Commonwealth, Quezon City, and Robert Villanueva of 36 Maya St., Barangay Commonwealth.

According to the Central Police District Office-Criminal Investigation Unit (CPDO-CIU), the incident occured at 3 a.m. on Kalapati St., Barangay Commonwealth while barangay watchmen were trying to apprehend the suspected robbers.

Investigation showed that the BSDO men were conducting surveillance when they received a report that there was an ongoing robbery involving three armed men.

The watchmen immediately ran after the suspects. The robbers, according to witnesses, fired at them using improvised shotguns (sumpak) that resulted in the death of the two barangay watchmen.

Villanueva was hit by a stray bullet when he went out of his house to find out what was happening.

The fatalities were taken to the East Avenue Medical Center on East Avenue, Quezon City but they died on arrival.

Police are conducting follow-up operations for the suspects' immediate arrest.

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. congratulates one of 500 Barangay Security Development Officers from Area 7 who successfully completed a seminar sponsored by the Department of Interior and Local Government during simple graduation rites at the covered court of Barangay Holy Spirit. Area 7 is made up of Barangays Bagong Silangan, Payatas, Holy Spirit, Commonwealth and Batasan Hills. Assisting the mayor are DILG Undersecretary Ed Soliman, barangay captain Felicito Valmocina and other barangay officials. JOEY VIDUYA

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QUEZON CITY BARKADA TRES INDUCTION: The officers and directors of the Barangay Kagawad District III Association (BARKADA) headed by Heide Aquino as president and Charminia Banal as vice president are shown being sworn into office by Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. (2nd from left), in ceremonies at the Quezon City Hall Main Lobby, as city councilors and guests look on. From left are Councilors Xyrus Lanot, Ariel Inton and Resty Malangen, Councilor-elect Jorge 'Bolet' Banal; Barkada Tres officers Aquino, Banal, Julie Inciong, assistant vice president; Fely Gatmaitan, secretary; Aliw Villena, treasurer; Dory Mardo, asst. secretary; and Lydia Visbal, Winston Alumisin, Lope Avendaño and Tony Barredo, directors.

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UGNAYAN: To address the complaints and the most pressing concerns of the city constituents, Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has initiated the conduct of regular dialogues with residents, especially from the depressed communities since he assumed office as city chief executive in 2001. The mayor is shown during a dialogue with residents of Barangay Talipapa in District II, where he concentrated his programs and projects on infrastructure development, road widening and improvement, construction of additional school buildings, housing, waste disposal system, traffic management and peace and order.

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. inspects the newly concreted P. Francisco Etension in Barangay Krus na Ligas during its recent inauguration and blessing. Residents in the area lauded the mayor for the project as the road will provide them easy access to nearby barangays. Joining him in the inspection are Barangay Captain Silverio Cruz and Councilors Lorenz Sumalabe, Felix Cuevas, Floring Francisco and Ronnie Salvador.

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Personal na ininspeksiyon ni Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte ang bagong gawa na P. Francisco Extension sa Brgy. Krus-na-Ligas kasama ang ilang barangay official sa ginanap na inagurasyon. Nagpahayag naman ng kagalakan ang mga residente sa pagsasabing mas madali na silang makakapunta sa kalapit na barangay. Kasama ni Belmonte sina Chairman Silverio Cruz, Kagawad Lorenz Sumalabe, Felix Cuevas, Floring Francisco at Ronnie Salvador.

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QC brgy chief succeeds in his crusade for drug-free community

By ROMINA S. AUSTRIA

MANILA — Would you believe that there is a drug-clear barangay (village) in the heart of Quezon City?

It may indeed sound improbable if not impossible indeed, but there is one such village, thanks to the untiring efforts pursued by Roxas District barangay chairman Mar Estrada who believes that impossibility is just a state of mind.

"I've always known that users of illegal drugs can reform their ways. It's hard but it's never impossible. It's just a matter of proper approach and right timing," Estrada said.

A lawyer, the barangay chief obviously knows whereof he speaks.

From being number two among Quezon City's drug-infested areas, next to Culiat district in August 2002 when Estrada first assumed office, Roxas now tops the list of drug-clear QC barangays. And not one single person had to be sent to a rehabilitation center.

Roxas District is certified drug-clear, but not necessarily drug-free. Estrada said the barangay's most notorious pusher who started Roxas' climb to notoriety, remains adamant that he is not into anything illegal.

Estrada said the pusher, whom he refused to name, has connections with the police and supposed raids in his house always yielded nothing.

Residents, including reformed drug users under Estrada's care, however, swear he is the area's chief source of illegal drugs.

Estrada, who specializes in labor cases, came to Manila from Samar in 1980 shortly after he got married.

He lived for a few years in nearby España, Manila before transferring to Roxas.

In 2002, Roxas residents, especially the older set, pleaded with him to run as barangay chair because they knew he could do something about the drug menace which has influenced about 300 of the barangay's estimated 25,000 population.

Upon assuming office, Estrada's first project was to study the map of Roxas and gather the names of drug addicts, users, and pushers.

"It was quite easy because people here know each other from north to south. Everybody knows everybody's business. The families of the users were also cooperative," Estrada said.

He then went on to categorize his subjects – heavy users, occasional users, and consistent users or the "addicts."

Estrada then set out on a special mission, with the determination of a man who is trying to woo the woman of his dreams.

As expected, there were a good number who discouraged him.

"They said it is impossible to reform Roxas' drug users because they have been at it for so long. They even warned me that instead of changing them, I might be influenced by and succumbed to their ways," Estrada said.

The crusader in Estrada, however, was resolute in his task.

He went from house to house, patiently lecturing his constituents about the evils of illegal drugs and promising them all the help he can extend, including and especially employment.

"I studied and understood their moods. I showed them they can trust me. My mindset was to win, just like I handle a court case," he said.

One by one, Estrada won them to his side.

He kept them busy with jobs at his office and the barangay and recommended them for regular gainful employment to his friends and clients.

Even after they are rehabilitated, he still talks to them and monitors their activities, making sure they don't suffer a relapse.

"I've always believed there is innate goodness in every man. Maybe they saw I am sincere in helping them so they relented and tried to change on their own accord," he narrated.

Estrada said his method seems more effective than the rehabilitation style offered by private and government centers, which focus mainly on physical healing.

"In my case, I heal both the body and spirit. Prayer is my number one weapon. I also include them in church activities," said Estrada.

Incidentally, the Roxas District barangay hall is right beside the Holy Family Parish, which is currently undergoing renovation to qualify as a shrine.

Elmer Cruz Kalaw, 52, is the oldest reformed drug user in Roxas District. After his one-year imprisonment for a petty crime, he decided to accept Estrada's offer to begin a new life.

"Maybe I just got tired of my life. I'm already old. I want to make something out of my remaining days," Kalaw said.

Although he has yet to find a long-term job, Kalaw said the first fruit of his transformation is finding a lifetime partner, whom he married in August last year.

Robert Laboa, 42, is one of Roxas' well-known drug pushers. One day last year, after his involvement in yet another brawl that sent him to jail for four months, Laboa decided he's had enough.

He accepts whatever menial job thrown his way to keep him busy.

"Sometimes I am tempted to try (the illegal substance) shabu again. What I do is drink a shot of alcoholic drinks to distract my mind," Laboa said.

Former heroine addict Alex Alon, 51, was a band member during his youth and counts among his friends the most famous rock stars and pelotaries (players of pelota or jai alai, the so-called world's fastest sport) of his generation.

"I started getting during my late teens to escape from my problems. No one could control me. Many tried to reform me, my parents know about my addiction, but they all failed," Alon recalled.

"I got my supply from the most notorious underworld characters during my time," he added. (PNA Features)



CERTIFIED DRUG-CLEAR. Roxas District, Quezon City barangay chairman lawyer Max Estrada (right) answers questions posed by PNA reporter Romina Austria in an interview at his residence in Roxas District. Through his humane and persistent efforts, his village in the heart of . Quezon City has been certified as drug-clear, a rarity in itself, especially in Metro Manila. The three men at left are reformed drug users who said they finally and voluntarily abandoned illegal drugs in response to the gentle but firm persuasion of Estrada who also helped them get gainful employment. (PNA/Boy Antonio)

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. and Councilor Eric Medina inspect the garbage collected from Kalamiong Creek in Barangay Commonwealth after volunteers began clean-up operations yesterday under Sagip Batis 2. The program hopes to rid the city's waterways of garbage and other obstructions before the rainy season. BOY SANTOS

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METROLINE

Role of barangays in community development cited

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. vowed to continue empowering the city's 142 barangays to allow private enterprises to prosper at the grassroots level.

"Let us not belittle the capabilities of our barangays. They play a vital role in the community development," Belmonte told City Hall employees during last Monday's flagraising ceremonies.

He said in Quezon City, barangays have been empowered by the city government to issue barangay clearances as pre-requisite in securing business and other permits.

The mayor said delegating the power to the barangay has practically cut off red tape and shorthened processing of business permits.

"In effecting development you must use common sense, why make securing a permit hard for a small *sari-sari* store," he asked, noting that even in advanced and progressive countries like the United States, red tape is the main problem confronting local government units and the business sector.

The city government has also released the P600 million share of QC's 142 barangays in the real estate tax collected in 2003. This will allow barangays to implement development programs in their localities.

– **Perseus Echeminada**

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QC barangays receive tax share

The Quezon City government has turned over to the 142 barangays a total of P562,645,372.43, representing their real property tax share for year 2003.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. distributed the last batch of checks amounting to P60.6 million to barangay captains during simple ceremonies held at the Bulwagang City Hall earlier this week.

"With the funds, you can now carry out development projects in your localities, a very good step toward empowering barangays," Belmonte told the barangay officials.

The mayor said fully developed barangays like Pansol, Bagumbayan, Ugong Norte and Loyola Heights received the biggest share due to the high value of properties in said localities.

Other barangays which are not as fully developed received lower shares of the real property tax.

To raise the share of depressed barangays, particularly those with large areas and populations, the city government has undertaken massive development projects, including the concreting of roads.

The city government has spent at least P2 billion for infrastructure projects all over the city.

Belmonte said investing in development of a particular barangay is one way of raising the market value of real property, thus also increasing the tax share of barangays.

He cited the need to devolve responsibilities so as to empower barangays in delivering basic services to the people.

"You must exercise your responsibility to the people," Belmonte said.



Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. presents to Siena barangay captain Tomas Castor Jr. a check representing the barangay's 30 percent real property tax share for the last quarter of 2003. Also in photo are Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista and Councilor Dante de Guzman. JOEY VIDUYA

Under the local government code, the barangays are entitled to 30 percent of the real property tax collected by the city government.

Aside from giving them their 30 percent share, the mayor also said that barangays are given the responsibility of issuing clearances for small businesses in their localities.

He said the system is aimed at cutting red tape in securing permits for small businesses.

Belmonte said the innovation adopted by the city government has drastically cut the processing time of securing business permits in the city. – **Perseus Echeminada**

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BARANGAY DIALOGUE. The improvement of the drainage and power system in Barangay Escopa 3 to enhance sanitation and prevent crimes are discussed by Councilor Dante M. de Guzman and councilwoman Beth Daluraya during their dialogue with residents who approved their proposals. (DDL)

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MANILA BULLETIN, p. 8 Wed., Jan. 21, 2004

2,000 barangay folk thank lady councilor

At least 2,000 residents from different sitios in Barangays Bahay Toro and Paltok in Quezon City yesterday expressed their heartfelt gratitude to a lady councilor for conducting week-long civic action projects in their communities.

Quezon City Councilor Elizabeth "Tita Beth" Delarmente said the week-long undertaking "is my humble way of celebrating my birth anniversary, a practice which I have adopted since my election."

She said, "It gives me a sense of fulfillment and happiness to celebrate this important day with my constituents."

The beneficiaries of the week-long civic action were those from sitios San Jose, Masagana, Maligaya, Sinagatala, Fariñas, Cattleya, and Road 23, all in Barangay Bahay Toro; and sitios Zorra and East Riverside in Barangay Paltok.

The beneficiaries were given free medical and dental services by doctors and nurses from the Quezon City General Hospital led by Director Ed Salud.

It was also gathered that over 1,500 reading glasses were distributed to needy residents in the barangays. (Sel A. Baysa)



Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. and District III Councilor Dante de Guzman are accorded a warm welcome by officials and residents of Barangays East and West Kamias as they heed to a call for community improvement during the inauguration of SB infrastructure projects and concreting of K-8th street.

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COMMUNITY PROJECT. Majority Floor Leader and 4th District Councilor of Quezon City Antonio Enrile-Inton Jr. and his constituents in Barangay Damayang Lagi lead the ribbon cutting ceremomy and inauguration of Calvary Hills Multi-Purpose stage. The project is in coordination with the Barangay Council of Damayang Lagi, headed by Punong Bayan Antonio Manalo, Kagawads Jocel Clet, George Navarro, Ver Coronel, Jojo Pastores, Alex Biag, Ricky de los Santos, and Franklin Marqueda, to promote Inton's community-based projects. (Irene Banzon)

People/Events

Editor: TONY F. KATIGBAK

THE PHILIPPINE STAR B-6 TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2004



NEW BARANGAY HALL: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. leads city and barangay officials in the inauguration of the newly-built barangay hall of Bagbag, in Novaliches recently. The mayor has included the construction of barangay halls in the city's infrastructure program in recognition of the vital role barangays play in nation-building. Also in photo are Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, Councilor Allan Francisco and Barangay Captain Carlito Bernardino.

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MANILA BULLETIN
THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER
Monday, Dec. 8, 2003

QC village gets new center, hall

Residents of Barangay Balingasa, Quezon City are thankful for their multi-purpose hall and health care center which was inaugurated recently.

The project was initiated by the Bigay Puso Foundation Inc. and the Barangay Council of Balingasa through the efforts of Berna Romulo Puyat, daughter of Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo.

She, along with Quezon City Mayor Sonny Belmonte, attended the center's inauguration.

Known as "Ate Berna" by listeners of her public service radio program and Prof. Berna to her Economics students at the University of the Philippines, she was congratulated by Belmonte for her efforts in making possible projects that are beneficial to the whole barangay.

She is now being urged by several sectors to run for a congress seat in the first district of Quezon City.

Puyat thanked non-government organizations (NGOs) and lauded the people of Balingasa for manifesting unity or the spirit of "bayanihan."

"We should continue to uphold and practice unity in solving problems within our communities and in bringing to our people the services they need," she said.

The new health care center will be used for barangay projects and programs.

Barangay Balingasa chairman Erlinda Madrilejo said that the multi-purpose hall is a conducive place where people can do their part in serving the community.

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BARANGAY INFRASTRUCTURE

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. inaugurates the newly-concreted 1.5 km. Mangga st. in Barangay San Antonio. A similar project was inaugurated in Barangay Kaunlaran. In photo are barangay officials led by chairmen Martin Dino of San Antonio and Bayani Secillano of Kaunlaran.

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BARANGAY HEAD HONORED: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. leads city and barangay officials in the inauguration of the newly-renamed R. Familara Street in Barangay Tatalon, in honor of the late Raymundo Familara, the first barangay captain of Tatalon, over the weekend. The renaming of Familara street, formerly Tuayan street, was made by virtue of a council ordinance approved last March 4. Joining the mayor are Councilors Bong Suntay, Babes Malaya and Ariel Inton; Barangay Captain Rowena Fernandez and other barangay council members.

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ELECTRONIC STATISTICS IN A MINUTE. Quezon City Councilor Bernadette 'BH' Herrera, PB Fermin Bilaos and Kagawad Emil Garcia of Barangay Bagong Pag-asa watch as DILG Undersecretary Eduardo Soliman Jr. signs for posterity the printed copy of an information material from the National Statistics Office. The material was downloaded from the newly launched GMAC website. Councilor Herrera is sponsoring the establishment of E-GMAC in all the barangays of District 1, Quezon City. (JO)

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METRO MANILA BULLETIN

Saturday, November 1, 2003 Metro 1

ACROSS THE CITY

QC to launch search for cleanest barangays

The Quezon City government is set to launch shortly the "Search for the Cleanest Barangay" among the 142 barangays within the former capital.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., said the search aims to boost the effort of the city government in its desire to make QC a garbage-free metropolis.

Belmonte who was recently cited as the Country's Outstanding City Mayor, said a ₱1 million cash prize is at stake for the winner which will be announced sometime in December.

Meantime, Frederika Rentoy, chief of the QC Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD) said the tilt is a joint undertaking of the QC government and the Solid Waste Management Commission.

As this developed, the city government has reportedly stepped up its drive against indiscriminate throwing of garbage, especially at nighttime to curb illegal dumping.

Rentoy said the measures include the conduct of garbage collection at night and the holding of regular dialogues in the barangays.

The city, according to her, is reportedly being eyed by foreign officials because of its efficient garbage collection system. (Sel Baysa)

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National News Bulletin

8 MANILA BULLETIN THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER Thurs., Oct. 30, 2003

142 QC brgys to receive 6,000 new streetlights

QUEZON CITY — At least 6,000 new street lighting facilities in the 142 barangays within the former capital will be put into operation on Saturday, November 1, All Saints' Day.

"Sinag sa Barangay Program," a project of the city government in coordination with the Manila Electric Co. (MERALCO), seeks to light up dark streets notable those leading to cemeteries and memorial parks within this city.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., earlier dircted the Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS), led by former Land Transportation Office (LTO) Commissioner Manuel N. Sabalza, to carry out a comprehensive and detailed plan for the orderly observance of the religious event within the city.

Many of these lighting facilities are reportedly installed at the three public cemeteries at Bagbag, Baesa and Novaliches proper to deter the commission of petty crimes and secure the safety of people who will troop there.

Also, the DPOS will be deploying uniformed security personnel inside the cemeteries on a 24-hour duty starting October 31 along with Central Police District (CPD) men and barangay tanods to monitor and implement the ban on liquor, illegal possession of firearms and the orderly movement of people going in and out of the cemeteries and memorial parks.

Belmonte ordered Sabalza, assistant city administrator for operations, to field out additional traffic enforcers in major thoroughfares and roads near graveyards to ensure a smooth flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in coordination with the CPD Traffic officers and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA).

Furthermore, DPOS fieldmen are under instruction to assist policemen in securing bus terminals on the account of the volume of passengers going to their respective provinces on the night of October 31, a non-working holiday. (Sel Baysa)

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Metro 3
Wed., October 29, 2003



CLEANEST BARANGAY IN QUEZON CITY. Barangay Chairman Charmina B. Banal (4th from left) of Barangay St. Ignatius receives the Cleanest Barangay trophy and the Best Barangay in Fiscal Management award for her barangay from Quezon City Mayor Feliciano R. Belmonte Jr. (5th from left) during the Mayor's birth anniversary celebration at the Celebrity Sports Plaza as Quezon City Councilor and Quezon City Council President Pro-tempore Jorge L. Banal (2nd from left) looks on. Also in photo are (from left) Quezon City Councilor Wenceron Lagumbay, Environmental Protection and Waste Management head Techie Rentoy, Councilwoman Maria Luz J. Lejano, Councilwoman Luz P. Corpuz, and Belinda N. Costudio, all of Barangay St. Ignatius; barangay operations chief Donato Matias, and Quezon City Liga ng mga Barangay president Xyrus Lanot.

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TODAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2003

QC gives garbage trucks to barangays

By M. PUNONGBAYAN
Correspondent

QUEZON CITY approved the the purchase of 142 garbage trucks to be distributed to all barangays.

The Sangguniang Panlungsod, or city council, has passed an ordinance authorizing Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. to spend for better garbage-collection services.

The bill, principally authored by councilor Resty Malangen of the Fourth District, is now awaiting Belmonte's signature.

The purchase of garbage trucks to be given to all barangays is expected to boost the government's campaign to clean up Quezon City.

Malangen, in an interview, said it would be up to Belmonte as to where the garbage trucks would be bought, but he indicated his preference for trucks from Japan.

"*Wala naman tayong magandang* trucks *dito, eh. Maganda kung galing siguro sa ibang bansa, pero bahala na si* Mayor *dun* [We don't have quality trucks here. It would be better if we import them, but the mayor will decide]," he told TODAY.

According to him, the city government spends more than P600 million every year to rent dump trucks operated by private contractors.

This year the city council has set aside some P690 million for garbage-collection services in all the 142 barangays.

"It would appear more economical and management wise to give each barangay a brand-new garbage truck than to appropriate such amounts yearly for garbage collection," Malangen explained.

"Giving barangays the means to collect their own garbage, he added, would also promote self-reliance among them as well as minimize irregularities," he added.

Malangen said the city government will still support barangays that will still need help in garbage collection if one truck is not enough for them.

"Support is all that is needed if ever, and the expense is not big. Those garbage trucks will be a big help and will save the city millions of pesos," the Fourth District alderman stressed.

Councilor Toto Medalla of the Second District, one of the coauthors of the ordinance, said the garbage trucks will definitely be a big help, especially in areas like barangay Holy Spirit.

Malangen's bill was supported by majority of the members of the city council, including Majority Floor Leader Ariel Inton, who fought for its passage during council deliberations.

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CLEANEST BARANGAY: Quezon City Barangay Chairman Charminia Banal of Barangay St. Ignatius (4th from left), receives the Cleanest Barangay trophy, and also the Best Barangay in Fiscal Management award, for her Barangay from Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., during the mayor's birthday celebration at the Celebrity Sports Plaza recently as City Councilor and Council president pro tempore Jorge Banal (2nd from left) and other barangay officials look on. In photo (from left) are Councilor Wencerom Lagumbay, Environmental Protection and Waste Management head Techie Rentoy, Mayor Belmonte, kagawads Maria Luz Lejano, Luz Corpuz, Pilar Custodio, Marylou Bulahan, and Barangay secretary Ma. Belinda Custodio, all of Barangay St. Ignatius, Barangay operations chief Donato Matias, and Quezon City Liga ng mga Barangay president Xyrus Lanot.

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MANILA BULLETIN Tues., Oct. 21, 2003 D-12

142 QC barangays get ₱49.5-M real property tax shares

By SEL A. BAYSA

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr., led city officials at the distribution of the ₱49.5 million real property tax shares of the city's 142 barangays for the third quarter in simple turnover rites at the Amorante Sports Complex.

It was gathered that Barangay Bagumbayan in District 3 got the lion's share with ₱4.4 million followed by Barangay Ugong Norte, also in District 3, with ₱2.5 million and Barangay South Triangle, in District I, with ₱1.3 million.

Today, over ₱340 million worth of real property tax shares have already been transferred to the city's barangays after Belmonte ordered the distribution of the barangay share last April.

The move, the first ever since the passage of the Local Government Code in 1991 is in line with its provision granting barangays with a 30% share in the collection of real property taxes.

As you know, the real property tax share is one of the three sources of revenues for the barangays. The other two are the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) and collections from barangay itself, including the proceeds from the issuance of barangay clearances and certifications.

As this developed, QC Treasurer Dr. Victor B. Endriga said his office has started distributing delinquency notices against erring property owners, including government-owned and controlled corporations urging them to settle their tax obligations to avoid inclusions in the list of properties that will be auctioned off on December 12.

Endriga assured Belmonte that efforts will be intensified by his office to ensure that taxes collected from these properties ends up in the city coffers.

Government-owned and controlled corporations with pending back taxes with the city government include the Metro Rail Transit (MRT), Heart Center of the Philippines, Kidney Center and Lung Center of the Philippines.

Endriga said the QC Government collected some ₱43 million in back taxes from the Robinson's Group of Companies last week representing payments for real property taxes the company has incurred for the last 10 years.

Robinson's Group of Companies chair John Gokongwei, Jr., was awarded with a plaque of appreciation for being one of QC's biggest employers and taxpayers at the t recent QC's 64th founding anniversary.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2003

QC barangays get tax share

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. distributed yesterday to the city's 142 barangays some P49.5 million, representing their share of real property taxes for the third quarter of the year.

In simple ceremonies held at the Amoranto Sports Complex, the mayor personally handed checks to barangay officials, who were given full autonomy in the implementation of development projects in their localities.

Barangay Bagumbayan in District 3 received the biggest share with P4.4 million followed by Barangay Ugong in the same district and Barangay South Triangle in District 1 with P1.3 million.

To date, over P340 million in real property tax shares have been transferred to the city's barangays. The first batch of the fund, which amounted to more than P200 million, were released last April.

Quezon City has collected more than P5 billion in taxes last year. As of this month, the city has breached the P5 billion level in collection.

The real property tax share is one of the three sources of revenues for barangays. The two others are the Internal Revenue Allotment and collection of the barangay from clearance and certifications. — **Perseus Echeminada**

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POLICE SAY COMMUNIST REBELS BEHIND KILLING

QC barangay official shot dead

■ By MICHAEL PUNONGBAYAN
Correspondent

SUSPECTED New People's Army assassins shot dead a barangay chairman of Quezon City during a flag-raising ceremony at a barangay hall Monday morning.

The victim, Rodrigo Borgonio, 55, a native of Liliw, Laguna and chairman of barangay Pansol in Quezon City, was killed in front of scores of residents and barangay officials that attended the flag-raising ceremony.

Initial reports from the Central Police District said the killing happened around 8 a.m. in front of the barangay hall on Plaza Street.

After the singing of the national anthem, Borgonio was called by the emcee to deliver a short speech as he always does every Monday morning.

But before he could grab the megaphone, three men armed with handguns quickly approached and blocked his path.

One of the gunmen allegedly uttered the words *"ikaw pala si kapitan, hanggang ngayon ka na lang"* before shooting the victim in the head at close range.

The assailants made sure that their target was dead when they pumped more bullets into the victim's body.

Threatening witnesses at gunpoint, the armed men also fired their guns at the direction of the barangay hall to stir panic among the crowd.

The gunmen then commandeered a passing Toyota FX van with license plate TWR 943 and fled.

Witnesses described the assailants to be in their early 20s who mingled with residents who were going to attend the flag-raising ceremony and even joined the queue to register for next year's elections.

Chief Inspector Rudy Jaraza, CPD-District Police Intelligence Unit chief, said communist insurgents could be behind the killing..

"*Marami kasing* symphatizers *ng* NPA *sa area na 'yan eh*. We are now looking into this angle," he told TODAY.

He said the manner Borgonio was killed is similar to murder of labor leader Popoy Lagman who was shot dead in UP Diliman two years ago.

Jaraza explained the gunmen in the Lagman slay also fled toward barangay Pansol.

"Signature move *nila 'yan eh*," Jaraza said.

Police, however, are also looking into other motives including political rivalry and an old grudge in Liliw, Laguna.

CPD authorities are also looking into reports that Borgonia was planning to demolish squatter shanties in the area and this might have angered residents.

Jaraza said affected squatters could have sought assistance from the communist rebels.

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. who rushed to the area after learning about the killing denounced the slay and ordered the CPD to work on the case quickly.



QUEZON City residents mill around the body of barangay captain Rodrigo Borgonio (inset). NONOY LACZA

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MANILA BULLETIN
THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER
Metro 2
Sun., October 5, 2003

QC mayor treats brgy residents to a hearty meal

QUEZON CITY – Many residents of barangay Gulod in Novaliches here on Thursday took lunch with a very special person (VIP) who even treated them to a sumptuous meal – Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr.

The lunch treat was preceded by the distribution of bagful of grocery items to some 1,000 residents as Mayor Belmonte marked his 67th birth anniversary.

Belmonte arrived at sitio Pajo, barangay Baesa, at 10 a.m., after a mass at the QC Hall, accompanied by some city hall officials, where he was welcomed by barangay officials and residents led by barangay captain Bayani Aquino.

The QC chief executive, visibly elated by residents chanting "Happy Birthday Mayor," assured residents of his plans to transform not only the physical structure of the city but also the economic well-being of its residents.

"At ang pagbabagong ito ay hindi magaganap kung hindi kasama ang lahat sa atin (All these great changes in the city would not be realized without you and I)," he added.

From here, Belmonte and his party proceeded to barangay Gulod where he inaugurated the newly concreted Dr. Villareal St. "which manifests the local government's continuing effort in improving the living condition and wellbeing of the city's poor.

He said "Kailangang maramdaman ng lahat ang anumang pag-unlad ng ating lungsod. (Every city resident should feel and see any changes to take place within)." (Sel A. Baysa)

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METRO MANILA BULLETIN

THE DISCOVERY OF PHILIPPINA PEOPLES SINCE 1900
MANILA BULLETIN
THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Metro 2
Sunday, September 14, 2003

Quezon City barangay heads model gunholders

The proposal of PNP chief Director General Hermogenes Ebdane to allow barangay chairmen all over the country to carry firearms has spawned a heated debate among Metro Manila mayors.

Those who are against the proposal, spearheaded by Mayor Lito Atienza of Manila and Mayor Peewee Trinidad of Pasay City, cite of possible abuse by barangay chairmen and breakdown of discipline among policemen; while those who are in favor, like Mayor Jaime Fresnedi of Muntinlupa City, stress its practicality and effectivity in combating criminality and lawlessness.



HERRERA

Amidst all the hoopla, a young, first-term lady councilor from District I, Quezon City correctly read and anticipated the public and official sentiments on the matter, and has taken proactive steps to address the issue.

As early as last July, Councilor Bernadette "BH" Herrera organized the barangay officials of District I, Quezon City, from the chairmen down to the BSDO's into a SEC-registered gun club aptly called the "Pistoleros ng Distrito Uno." These officials were organized into three levels: the Barangay Captain Level; the Kagawad Level; and the BSDO Level. Together, on a per barangay basis, they were given seminars on gun safety and responsible gun ownership in coordination with and under the supervision of world shooting champion, Jethro Dionisio.

Subjects discussed during the one-day seminar include: basic firearms laws, rules and regulations; kinds of firearms licenses and causes for its revocation/termination; transport and manner of carrying firearms; basic firearms safety procedures; and basic markmanship on pistols/revolver handguns.

The culminating activity of the seminar is actual individual firing at the Jethro Shooting Range. So far, the peace and order initiative of Councilor "BH" Herrera has trained 265 barangay officials (chairmen, kagawad, lupon, BSDO's and Citizens Crimewatch volunteers) from the 23 barangays comprising Areas 1 to 4 of District 1, Quezon City. The training seminars are still ongoing and will eventually cover all barangay officials from the 37 barangays of said district.

And as a fitting climax to the comprehensive peace and order program, a shootfest dubbed as the "BH Cup Shooting Festival" will be held on Nov. 11 and 12, 2003 to be participated in by all the graduates of the gun safety and responsible gun ownership seminars.

"The Local Government Code allows Barangay Captains to bring licensed firearms within their areas of jurisdiction. That is a fact. But instead of imagining the problems it may cause, we, in District I, made sure that the Barangay Captains, and all barangay officials for that matter, will have the necessary training and discipline to handle guns, if and when the time comes," said the young councilor, herself an accomplished shooter and responsible gun owner. (JO)

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SB MULTI-CAB VEHICLES. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. is assisted by District III Councilor Dante de Guzman during a barangay visit. They also turned over multi-cab vehicles to some 14 QC barangays. The event was held in Barangay Bagumbuhay led by its Chair PB Raulito Datiles. (VA)

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THE PHILIPPINE STAR
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Belmonte turns over compost facility to QC barangay

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. inaugurated and turned over to Barangay Holy Spirit the P1.3-million Material Recovery and Compost Facility (MRCF) that segregates, processes and transforms garbage into organic fertilizers.

In a simple ceremony, Belmonte turned over the modern facility to local officials led by barangay captain Felicito Valmocina. The facility, funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is expected to further improve the system of waste management and disposal in the area.

The ADB had selected Holy Spirit as pilot area for improving the system of waste management. The city government also provided a P425,000 counterpart fund for the project.

Located on a two-hectare lot at Sitio Republic, the MRCF consists of several composting machines, vegetables and flower garden and recycling facilities for non-biodegradable materials. The garden produces high quality organic vegetables and fruits.

"This composting facility is not only vital in managing the waste generated by Barangay Holy Spirit, but also in providing additional livelihood opportunities to residents, considering that the compost materials produced during process can be converted into soil conditioners and eventually be marketed commercially," Belmonte said.

The mayor said prior to MRCF, Holy Spirit has been generating at least 12 tons of garbage a day, but now with effective segregation and composting, garbage has been reduced by at least 30 to 40 percent.

He said the success of the Holy Spirit MRCF will be replicated in other areas in the city.

"With the conversion of the Payatas dump into a controlled facility it is important to look for other viable methods that would improve system of waste management," Belmonte said.

Cora Teves, DENR director for the National Capital Region, lauded the city government for its high level of awareness as far as the environment is concerned.

Teves said Quezon City is among the cites that has been quick to respond to the concerns related to environmental issues.

Councilor Godfredo Liban III described the MRCF as clean and orderly, with no foul odor emanating from the garbage collected.

"With this composting facility the vision of Mayor Belmonte to make Quezon City a quality city will soon be a reality," Liban said.

— Perseus Echeminada

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QC gov't firming up plans to enrol over 1,800 BSDOs to PhilHealth

The Quezon City government is firming up plans to enroll the city's more than 1,800 Barangay Security Development Officers (BSDOs) to the PhilHealth program.

This was bared by Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. during the initial enhancement course for BSDOs at the Amoranto Multi-purpose Hall of the Amoranto Sports Complex in barangay Paligsahan over the weekend.

Belmonte underscored the need for the BSDOs' enrolment to PhilHealth considering the vital role they play in maintaining peace and order in the city.

He said the BSDOs should be rewarded for their bravery and peacekeeping efforts as they effectively complement law enforcers in the fight against lawless and criminal elements.

The one-day seminar, conducted by the city government through the Barangay Operations Center (BOC), in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government QC and the Central Police District, was participated by 389 BSDOs and 23 barangay captains and police personnel from the city's District 1.

The QC mayor described the enhancement course for QC BSDOs as the most important preparation for the BSDOs "to know their rights, duties and priorities of the government to be able to perform their functions."

He cited the need for the police and BSDOs to work together to deter incidents of criminality in their communities.

"With proper training the tanods can be very effective partners of the police in the city's intensified peace and order drive," Belmonte said.

The mayor also thanked the barangay captains for their determined efforts in helping the city government in making Quezon City a quality city.

Donato Matias, head of Barangay Operations Center, said the enhancement course will be conducted in the same venue every Friday — August 15, and 22 for the BSDOs from Districts III and IV, respectively. The course was conducted yesterday for BSDOs from District II.

The topics discussed during the seminar include the legal perspective on the roles, functions and responsibilities of barangay tanods, overview on "Radyo Aralan: Ang Tanod at Kapayapaan," responding to challenges in barangay public safety and terrorism, responding to anti-drug campaign, and responding to anti-illegal gambling drive.

Resource persons included lawyer Moises Samson, member of the QC Peace and Order Council; Clarissa Amamos of DILG-QC; SPO4 Arnulfo Franco, CPD; SWAT Supt. Richard Albano of CPD, and Supt. Alfredo Corpuz, CPD Station 1 commander.

Also present during the one-day enhancement course were DILG Undersecretary Eduardo Soliman Jr. and Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista. (PR)

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Belmonte cites role of *tanods*

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. said yesterday there was a need for the city's 1,800 Barangay Security Development Officers (BSDOs), or barangay *tanods* to undergo law enforcement training so that they can be effective partners of the police force in the intensified anti-crime drive at the grassroots level.

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Belmonte also said the city government is now firming up plans to enroll the BSDOs with the PhilHealth program, considering the nature of their work and the hazards that go along with it.

Speaking before participants of the initial enhancement course for the BSDO at the multi-purpose all of the Amoranto Sports Complex, Belmonte said BSDOs should be rewarded for their bravery and peacekeeping efforts as they effectively complement law enforcers in the fight against lawless and criminal elements.

"With proper training, you can be very effective partners of the police in the city's intensified peace and order drive," Belmonte told participants.

The one-day seminar is part of the series of training being provided by the city government and the Department of the Interior and Local Governments (DILG).

DILG Undersecretary Eduardo Soliman said similar training programs are also being conducted in other parts of the country, particularly in urban areas, as part of the government effort to combat criminality and terrorism at the grassroots level.

Among the topics discussed during the seminar were legal issues and responsibility of *tanods* in performing their tasks, particularly in the anti-drug campaign and illegal gambling drive of the government.

Belmonte said the enhancement course for BSDOs is vital so they know their rights, responsibilities and duties as well as the priorities of the local government to which they have to respond.

The mayor cited the need for the police and BSDO to work together to deter criminality in their respective communities.

— **Perseus Echeminada**

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SB multicab vehicles



Quezon City Mayor Feliciano 'Sonny' Belmonte Jr. turns over to officials of 37 barangays in the 1st district of the city 'Serbisyong Bayan' multicab Suzuki vans recently. Each of the barangays received a vehicle to be used in law enforcement, rescue operation and other official functions at the barangay level. Belmonte (third from left) turns over the vehicles to barangay officials headed by Barangay San Antonio chairman and District 1 Association of Barangays president Martin Diño as Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista (second from left) looks on. PNA

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COMMUNITY ROUNDS. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano 'Sonny' Belmonte Jr. and District III Councilor Dante de Guzman hold their recent community visit at Barangay Loyola Heights highlighted by the blessing and turn-over of Serbisyong Bayan multi-cab vehicles to some 13 barangays in QC, distribution of "Sagip Buhay" medicap cards and induction of the newly elected officers of the Association of Senior Citizens (ASC) of the said barangay. Joining them are Brgy. Chair Cesar Noguera (center), president of District III ABC and ASC, and Ma. Theresa Mariano of QC Social Services Development Department and other District III councilors (not in photo).

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MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR BARANGAY VOLUNTEERS: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. leads city officials during the distribution of 'SB' Medicap cards to Quezon City's District 4 barangay volunteers, in simple rites at Barangay Mariana. The mayor said some 2,000 barangay volunteers will receive medical cards this year, entitling them and their beneficiaries access to free medical services not exceeding P5,000 in at least six government hospitals in Quezon City. Joining the mayor are Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista and Councilors Ariel Inton, Neneng Montilla and Bong Suntay. Receiving the SB Medicap card is Barangay Tatalon Chairwoman Rowena Fernandez.

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Barangay leaders hail fund release

Barangay chairmen in Quezon City lauded the release of their 30 percent share from the basic real property tax collected by the city treasurer for the first and second quarters of the year.

The release was ordered by QC Mayor Feliciano Belmonte in his directive to City Treasurer Victor B. Endriga. The release, QC barangays said, will enable them to implement their projects promptly.

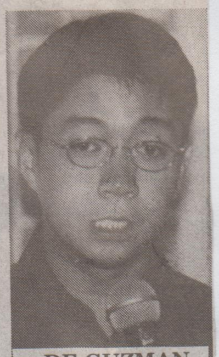
Councilor Dante M. De Guzman of the Third District also thanked the mayor for the release, saying the barangays being the basic political unit, serve as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community.

De Guzman, chairman of the committees on trade, commerce and industry, and the committee on amusements and vice chairman of the committee on appropriations, in Resolution 1634, appealed to Belmonte to initiate appropriate action for the regular release of the 30 percent barangay share in the proceeds of the basic real property tax.

De Guzman said Section 271 (b) of Republic Act 7160, the Local Government Code of 1991, expressly provides that in the case of cities, the barangays are entitled to such shares.

He said that in the past, the 142 barangays in QC felt that they have been deprived of their right to enjoy and use their shares in the proceeds of the real property tax because of intermittent, irregular and delayed release of such shares to the barangay treasurers.

"The sangguniang barangay's main source of revenues, which are the basis of their annual budget, are the Real Property Tax Share (RPTS) and Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) received from the national government," De Guzman said.



DE GUZMAN

It is the moral duty of the local chief executive to see to it that the rights of his constituents are protected, he said.

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BARANGAY BUSINESS

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano R. Belmonte, Jr. (seated right) signed with local officials and Quezon City Chamber of Commerce and Industry officials an agreement to implement the Barangay Micro-business Enterprises Act 9178 or the BMBEs Law in Quezon City. The mayor created a panel headed by City Treasurer Dr. Victor Endriga (second from left) and QCCCI president and CEO Nathan C. Zulueta (third from left). Witnessing the signing were (seated left) PCCI president Sergio Ortiz-Luis, Jr.; (standing from left) PCCI VP for SMEs Francisco Floro, PCCI VP for NCR Jess Tanchanco Sr., QC Councilors Dante de Guzman and Bong Suntay, QCCCI director for SMEs Juan Luis Faustmann and QCCCI VP Jess Cifra. At the podium is QCCCI VP for business development Carl E. Balita.

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SB MULTI-CABS FOR BARANGAYS: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. shares a light moment with barangay officials of District 4 whose barangays received 'SB' multi-cabs from the city government, in simple turnover rites at Barangay Mariana. Recipients of the multi-cabs include Barangays Pinagkaisahan, Kaunlaran, Bagong Lipunan ng Crame, Valencia, Mariana, Kalusugan, Immaculate Conception, San Martin de Porres, Horseshoe, Tatalon, Kristong Hari and Damayang Lagi. Joining the mayor are Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista and Councilors Bong Suntay, Resty Malangen, Neneng Montilla, Babes Malaya, ABC president Councilor Xyrus Lanot and Ariel Inton.

Brgy microbusiness law takes off in Quezon City

The Office of the Treasurer of Quezon City and the Quezon City Chamber of Commerce and Industry (QCCCI) jointly announced recently that they are now accepting application for registration/accreditation to the Barangay MicroBusiness Enterprises (BMBEs) Act.

Mayor Feliciano R. Belmonte Jr. created an action panel headed by City Treasurer Dr. Victor B. Endriga and QCCCI President Nathan C. Zulueta to implement in the entire city the provisions of Republic Act 9178, otherwise known as the BMBEs Act of 2002 to ensure the success of the program especially to its intended beneficiaries in the barangay level.

BMBEs is defined as "any enterprise engaged in production, processing or manufacturing of products including agro-processing, as well as trading and services with total assets of not more than ₱3 million, exclusive of land". It encourages the formation and growth of barangay micro-business enterprise by giving them incentives and other benefits.

The Act was signed into law by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on November 2002. Its implementing rules and regulation was issued Feb. 7 thru DTI Administrative Order No. 01 series of 2003.

"Micro-business are essential to the country's economic development since they effectively serve as seedbeds of Filipino entrepreneurial talent. The law aims to integrate BMBEs registered enterprises in the informal sector into the mainstream economy to help create more jobs and livelihood and provide better quality of life for Filipinos. In Quezon City, micro-business dealing with essential goods and services will receive automatic 50 percent discount in fees and licenses," Dr. Victor Endiga, QC treasurer, said.

Zulueta, president of QCCCI, said that the BMBEs shall be 1) exempted from the coverage of the minimum wage law provided employes will still be given the same SSS, PAGIBIG and Phil. Health coverage, 2) income tax exemption for two years form income arising form the operation of the enterprise, 3) priority to a special window set-up especially for the financing requirement of BMBEs and 4) technology transfer, production management training, marketing assistance program.

Application form for accreditation which is good for two years can be secured from the Office of the City Treasurer, Quezon City Hall of from the Office of Quezon City Chamber of Commerce & Industry located at 139 Agustin Bldg., Malakas St., Diliman, Quezon City.

Applicants will be required to submit the following: 1) duly filled-up BMBEs application form in triplicate signed by the owner. 2) three passport size ID pictures. 3) photocopy of the certificate of registration from DTI or SEC. 4) sketch/location of the enterprise 5) latest business/mayor's permit and latest audited financial statement from existing enterprises 6) and payment of registration fee of ₱1,000.

The Quezon City Council is now in the process of passing an ordinance which will grant BMBEs 50 percent discount in local business permits, licenses and fees.

"QCCCI will assist BMBEs in their application for financing in various government financial institutions such as Land Bank, DBP, SBGFC,PCFC and assist them in their transaction with government agencies such as DTI, DoST, CDA, TESDA, TLRC for technology, production, management training and marketing assistance," Zulueta said.

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MANILA BULLETIN, Wed., July 23, 2003 P. B-10

QC barangays to help in cleaning up of esteros

With the onset of the monsoon season, many of the streets and major thoroughfares of Metro Manila will again be under water as a result of floods brought about by heavy downpours during this time of the year.

To ease up, if not totally avert, the perennial problem of floods and its accompanying ill effects on the citizens' health and well being, the Quezon City government is calling for the involvement and participation of every barangay unit under its jurisdiction in the declogging and cleaning of esteros, canals and sewerage in the city. In a resolution filed by Councilor Resty Malangen of District IV Quezon City before the Sangguniang Panglunsod (city council), all barangay captains are being urged to involve their respective barangays and communities as active partners of the QC government in said cleaning-up drive.

Malangen said the QC government could use all the help it can get from its residents to implement the gigantic task of a no-nonsense clean-up of the problematic flood water ways in the city. Moreover, he said "the health and personal well being of the residents should not be compromised because of the high incidence of waterborne diseases during this season such as leptospirosis (caused by rat urine) and dengue fever, among others.

"We need to ensure that our water ways and sewerage are always clean and free from obstructions to promote a good community hygiene and percent the occurrence of ailments and diseases associated with dirty water," Councilor Malangen added. He stressed "all barangay captains of Quezon City should serve as models for their constituents in actively participating in worthy and highly beneficial undertakings such as community cleanliness programs."

Aware of the many dangers brought about by flooded streets during the rainy season, Malangen said "it is high time that not only the city government but every citizen should do their part in giving solution to this perennial problem." He continued, "for one, every individual should observe the proper disposal of wastes and garbage so as not to contribute further to the drainage clogging problem.

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QC barangays get new service vehicles

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. turned over 12 "Serbisyong Bayan" multi-cab vehicles yesterday to 12 barangays for use in maintaining peace and order as well as enhancing the delivery of basic services to city residents.

Receiving the vehicles during a simple ceremony in Barangay Mariana were representatives of Barangays Pinagkaisahan, Kaunlaran, Bagong Lipunan ng Crame, Valencia, Mariana, Kalusugan, Immaculate Concepcion, San Martin de Porres, Horseshoe, Tatalon, Kristong Hari and Damayang Lagi.

In his speech, Belmonte vowed to vigorously pursue his administration's program to provide equal benefits among the city's more than 2.3 million residents.

"We will try to make services equally available among the city residents," Belmonte said.

He said this was part of the city government's pursuit of making the city No. 1 in terms of governance as well as development and delivery of basic services.

The city government was scheduled to turn over another 14 "SB" vehicles and distribute Sagip-Buhay medicards in Barangay Sta. Teresita yesterday afternoon.

Recipient barangays are Barangays Vasra, Ramon Magsaysay, Paraiso, Talayan, Sto. Domingo, Siena, St. Peter Sta. Teresita, Lourdes, Pag-ibig sa Nayon, Paang Bundok, Salvacion, Maharlika and San Isidro Labrador.

The mayor distributed "SB" medicards to various barangay volunteer-workers, entitling them and their beneficiaries access to free medical services not exceeding P5,000 in at least six government hospitals in Quezon City. These hospitals include the Heart Center of the Philippines, Lung Center, National Children's Medical Center, V. Luna Medical Center, Quirino Memorial Medical Center and Philippine Orthopedic Hospital.

Belmonte said the city government expects to provide medicards to 2,000 barangay volunteers this year to complement the city's extensive health care program.

He thanked the city council, headed by Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista as presiding officer, for sharing the city government's vision in making Quezon City a quality community through the strong working relationship between the legislative and executive branches.

– Pia Lee-Brago

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Search on for cleanest, dirtiest barangays in QC; gov't departments, trash team alerted

By MONICA T. MACARIOLA

The Quezon City government will soon launch its search for "The 20 Cleanest and Dirtiest Barangays in Quezon City," to be called "Gawad Sinop Basura" to give recognition to both the cleanest and dirtiest among the city's 142 barangays.

Stressing the positive effect of cleanliness in transforming the city into a "quality community." Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. directed members of the trash watch team to go after illegal garbage dumpers and litterbugs.

Belmonte directed six City Hall departments involved in field work and the city administrator, Atty. Paquito Ochoa, to report to him the sites of unsightly piles of garbage for immediate action. The six offices are the engineering department, the health department, Barangay Operations Center (BOC), Community Relations Office, Social Services and Development, and the Parks and Development Administration.

Belmonte said the Trash Watch team could also help the city government identify the city's cleanest and dirtiest barangays so that remedial measures can be taken.

The mechanics of the contest have been drawn up by the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD), the proponent of the project, to complement the city government's intensified bid to become a garbage-free community.

Frederika Rentoy, EPWMD head, asked Tady Palma, secretary to the mayor, and chief of the Novaliches District Center, and Donato Matias, BOC chief, to give the search for the cleanest and dirtiest barangays the widest information dissemination among city residents.

Awards will not only be confined to the best but also to the worst. The best would be given incentives, in the form of cash, sanction, and, at the same time, the worst would be embarrassed.

"Owning the dirtiest barangay title is not flattering, considering that the city government has not been remiss in garbage collection," Rentoy said.

Palma suggested the assignment of permanent city-owned trucks to collect construction debris left behind by contractors, saying these mounds serve as invitation for dumping.

Belmonte instructed Joselito Cabungcal, city engineering chief, to enforce the infrastructure project contracts which require contractors to clean their debris before their retention papers could be released to them.

QC releases P42-M barangay tax shares

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. turned over yesterday P42 million checks to the city's 142 barangay chairmen representing their barangay's real tax shares.

"What we are giving the barangays right now is not simply money, but full fiscal autonomy and responsibility. You decide on what to do with your money, but we also expected a check and balance on your part," Belmonte said in his speech during a simple turnover rites at the Bulwagan Hall.

Barangay Ugong Norte in District III received the biggest share with P1.2 million. Belmonte said the payment of Nawasa of its back taxes to the city government jacked up the share of Barangay Ugong Norte.

Second and third biggest share recipients were Barangays Socorro with P1.1 million and Kalusugan with P.8 million

Belmonte reminded all barangay chairmen to spend their money on worthy projects that will benefit the people.

He also noted that the barangays received a smaller share during the second quarter as compared to the P256.9 million transferred to them by the city government during the first quarter.

"We must remember the bulk of collection came from the first quarter when the city government gave 20 percent discounts to real property owners who settle their tax obligations on time," Belmonte said.

However, the mayor is optimistic that the barangays' shares will increase during the third and fourth quarters once the treasurer's office will be able to collect all tax delinquencies from errant real property owners.

The Local Government Code of 1991 provides the barangay with a 30 percent share in the collection of real property taxes. However, poor fiscal management from previous administration has hampered the distribution of the barangay share. — Pamela Samia



Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. turns over to barangay captains Lehner Martirez (right) of Ugong Norte and Bonifacio Rillon (second from left) of Socorro the shares of their respective barangays in the collection of real property taxes for the second quarter, in simple turnover rites at the QC Hall Bulwagan. About P42 million in real property tax shares were turned over by Belmonte to the city's 142 barangays, with Barangay Ugong Norte getting the lion's share, with P1.2 million. Joining them is City Treasurer Victor Endriga.

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QC to launch search for best and worst barangays

Awards are not only confined to the best, after all.

The Quezon City government will soon launch its search for both the best and the worst.

The soon-to-be-launched search for "The 20 Cleanest and Dirtiest Barangays in Quezon City," to be called Gawad: Sinop Basura, aims to give recognition to both the cleanest and dirtiest among the city's 142 barangays.

The only difference is that, while the best would be afforded with incentives, in the form of yet to be determined cash, sanction, not to mention the shame that goes with it, awaits the worst.

The mechanics of the contest has been worked out by the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD), the proponent of the project, to complement the city government's intensified bid to become a garbage-free community.

Earlier, Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. directed six City Hall departments involved in field works and the City Administrator, Atty. Paquito Ochoa, tasking them to report on unsightly piles of garbage for immediate action. The six offices are the departments of Engineering, Health, Social Services and Development, Parks Development and Administration, Barangay Operations Center, and the Community Relations Office.

Belmonte said the trash watch team could also help the city government in identifying the city's cleanest and dirtiest barangays so that remedial measures can be taken.

Stressing the contributing effect of cleanliness in transforming the city as a quality community, the mayor enjoined members of the trash watch team to go after illegal garbage dumpers and litterbugs.

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The Philippine STAR P/8 MONDAY, JULY 7, 2003

Search is on for cleanest barangay in QC

By PAMELA SAMIA

The 20 cleanest and dirtiest barangay in Quezon City will be named this year as the city government launches the search called "Gawad: Sinop Basura."

The search, which will be launched soo, covers the city's 142 barangays. Although both the best and worst will be named, only the cleanest barangay will receive a cash award.

On the other hand, the worst barangay will be meted with appropriate sanctions.

The mechanics of the contest has been worked out by the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD) to complement the city government's intensified bid to become a garbage-free community.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has directed six city hall departments involved in field work as well as City Administrator Atty. Paquito Ochoa to report "unsightly piles of garbage" in the locality for immediate action.

The six offices where the departments of engineering, health and social services and development, barangay operations center, community relations office, parks development and administration.

Belmonte said the trash watch team could also help the city government in identifying the city's cleanest and dirtiest barangays so that remedial measures can be taken and they can go after illegal garbage dumpers and litterbugs.

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VANS FOR QC BARANGAYS

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. drives a "carry-all" van which he plans to provide to each of the city's 142 barangays. The vehicles will be distributed to the barangays in three tranches. The first 42 were presented to barangay chairmen yesterday. At the passenger's seat during the test drive is Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista.

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MANILA BULLETIN, Sun., June 8, 2003 27



BEST VILLAGE VANGUARDS. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. and Quezon City Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista are with outstanding Barangay Security and Development Officers (BSDOs) at the Quezon City Hall which were honored in an ordinance authored by Quezon City Councilor Wilma Amoranto-Sarino. Also in photo are Executive Officers John Bergancia of Barangay Sto Domingo, Nicanor Reyes of Barangay San Jose, and Jesus Villas of Barangay Paang Bundok. (Art Torres)

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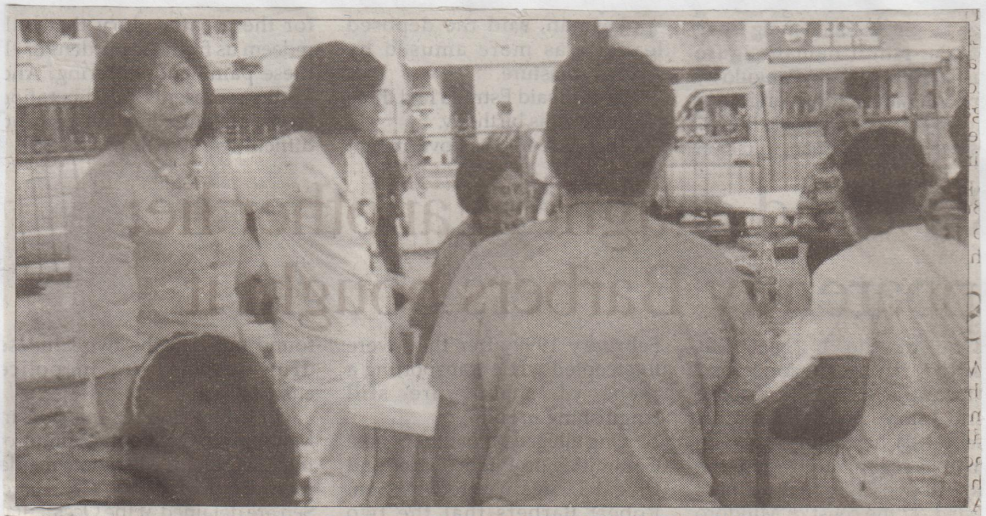

BARANGAY HEALTH SERVICES

Councilor Janet "Babes" Malaya of Quezon City explains to her constituents in Barangay Paligsahan her health program which includes free medical and dental services, distribution of free vitamins to children and eyeglasses to adults and senior citizens, among others. These activities are held regularly in several barangays particularly in District IV to bring the city government closer to the people and her projects right to their very doorsteps.

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12 MANILA BULLETIN, Mon., Apr. 21, 2003

QC transfer of ₱256 M to barangays: Big problem

Dad fears many controversies

By BEN ROSARIO

The recent decision of the Quezon City government to release directly to barangay units their share of real property taxes (RPT) has become a cause for concern among many local governments in the country, Barangay leaders are bracing for a deluge of complaints.

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Metro Manila Bulletin

Sun., Apr. 20, 2003

MANILA BULLETIN
THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Metro 3

LGUs air concern over QC gov't decision on real property taxes

by: BEN ROSARIO

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Barangay leaders laud QC mayor for release of tax share

QUEZON CITY — Barangay leaders in Quezon City lauded the decision of the Quezon City government yesterday to release their share of real property taxes, saying that the move is expected to hasten the implementation of development projects in their respective communities.

This developed as a number of barangay units in various Metro Manila localities are reportedly readying their appeal to their respective local government units to follow what the Quezon City government has done.

In an unprecedented move, Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte released to 142 barangays in the city some ₱256.9 million as their share in the collection of real property taxes. The city government is expected to transfer to the barangays more of its collected revenues in three trenches within the year.

Barangay Chairmen Andrew Abundo of Marilag and Rolly Datiles of Bagumbuhay lauded Belmonte for giving barangays the "fiscal autonomy we deserve."

Quezon City Councilor Franz Pumaren also praised Belmonte but warned that the move could set off a series of court cases in many local government units that are still withholding barangay funds in their coffers.

"Belmonte could now become the object of the ire of many mayors who may face criminal charges to be initiated by barangay units which have long been denied access to their own funds," Pumaren explained.

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Metro Manila Bulletin

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Sat., Apr. 12, 2003

QC brgys get real property tax share

For the first time since the passage of the Local Government Code in 1991, Quezon City barangays are finally getting their shares in the collection of the city's real property taxes.

This, after Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. ordered the transfer of some ₱256.9 million as real property tax share of the barangays for the first quarter of 2003, in simple turnover rites at the QC Hall Bulwagan.

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The Local Government Code of 1991 provides the barangay with a 30 percent share in the collection of real property taxes. However, poor fiscal management from previous administrations has hampered the distribution of the barangay share. Except for barangay UP Village, which has appealed its case, not a single barangay in QC was able to receive its RPT share since 1991.

Of the 142 barangays, barangay South Triangle in District IV got the biggest real property tax share with ₱8.1 million, followed closely by barangay Pansol in District III with ₱7.3 million. Also getting bigger real property shares are barangays Talipapa in District II and Sto. Cristo in District I, with ₱5.2 million and ₱4.3 million, respectively.

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The real property tax share is one of three sources of revenues of the barangays. The other two are the Internal Revenue Allotment and collections from the barangay itself, including issuance of barangay clearances and certifications.

Meanwhile, city treasurer Victor Endriga disclosed that all previous balance of the barangay share shall be given by the city government on a staggered basis within the year.

Endriga said the 2nd quarter transfer of RPTS share has been scheduled on July 10 while the 1st tranche of RPTS share for calendar year 2002 has been set on Aug. 5. The second tranche has been scheduled on Nov. 10.

The city government, under the Belmonte administration, has made revenue collection as a centerpiece program, to ensure the delivery of quality services to city residents. (Public Affairs & Information Services Office)

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THE PHILIPPINE STAR
18 THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2003



TAX SHARES: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. turns over to Barangay Captain Fermin Bilaos of Bagong Pag-asa the share of his barangay in the collection of the city's real property taxes, in simple turnover rites at the QC Hall Bulwagan. About P256.9 million had been ordered transferred by Mayor Belmonte as real property tax share of the barangays for the first quarter of 2003. Joining the mayor are City Treasurer Victor Endriga and Community Relations Office chief Donato Matias.

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Metro 4
MANILA BULLETIN
THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER
Wed., Apr. 9, 2003



MONEY FOR Q.C. BARANGAY. Quezon City Mayor Feliciano 'Sonny' Belmonte Jr. turned over yesterday morning the Real Property Tax Share (RPTS) of Barangay Alicia in Quezon City at the Bulwagan Conference Room at the third floor of the Quezon City Hall main building. Edna Llante and Cresencio Bacaoy Jr. received Barangay Alicia's RPTS. Looking on is Dr. Victor Endriga Jr., Quezon City treasurer. (Art Torres)

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Wednesday, March 26, 2003



KNOW YOUR BARANGAY

Interior Secretary Jose Lina, Jr. appeals to people throughout the country to join the synchronized barangay assembly on Saturday in their respective barangays. Dubbed as "Barangayan", the activity would bring together barangay officials and their constituents to discuss matters affecting their communities. Also in photo are Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte and Undersecretary Eduardo Soliman.

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C-4 SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2003
THE PHILIPPINE STAR



BARANGAY RESCUE COMPETITION: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. welcomes participants to the launching ceremonies of the 1st Vice Mayor's Barangay Rescue Competition at the lobby of the Quezon City Hall. The rescue competition, initiated by the Office of Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, aims to enhance the disaster awareness and exercise in individual skills of the city's different fire brigades. The launching coincided with the start of the observance of 'Fire Prevention Week' in Quezon City.

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Malaya

Wednesday, March 12, 2003



T-SHIRTS FOR TANODS

T-shirts were distributed recently to barangay tanods of Teachers Village West, Quezon City, by Councilor Antonio Enrile-Inton Jr. as part of his project to boost the capabilities of tanods, who the Metro police said have helped reduce the incidence of street crimes. Photo includes barangay captain Loida Ednacot, Barangay Teachers Village West, and all the members of Barangay Security and Development Office (BSDOs).

THE PHILIPPINE STAR
B-8 THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2003



OUTSTANDING RESIDENTS: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. greets one of the awardees during the awarding of outstanding citizens and barangay officials of Barangay Batasan Hills, which highlighted the 20th Foundation Day celebration of the barangay. Also in photo are Councilor Eric Rey Medina, Barangay Batasan Hills officials, and Rep. Imee Marcos.

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Tuesday, February 18, 2003

Malaya
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BARANGAY VISIT

Quezon City Mayor Sonny Belmonte and Councilor Dante de Guzman preside at the blessing of a road improvement project in barangay Milagros in Project 4, Quezon City as part of their joint community infrastructure project in cooperation with barangay Milagros council headed by Rolando Jarabelo and kagawads Wilfredo Isaac, Delio Igarta, Virgilio Trinidad, Esmeralda Roxas, Nelson Ortiz, Marilyn Camilet and Elizabeth Endaya.

B-10 MANILA BULLETIN, Wed., Feb. 5, 2003

QC barangay leaders picket Lower House

by: BEN R. ROSARIO

ccccQUEZON CITY – Some 1,000 barangay officials and leaders of various non-government organizations in Quezon City's District I picketed the Lower House yesterday to dramatize their protest against the designation of Rep. Nanette Castelo Daza as caretaker of the congressional district.

Protesters led by Kagawad Ramon Jimenez of barangay N.S. Amoranto and Angel Omampo of 37 K, a group of barangay councilmen and supporters of the late Rep. Reynado Calalay, accused Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. of being behind the appointment as part of his re-election bid for 2004.

Lucila Palomo of the Kababaihang Ilaw ng Barangay San Antonio said Daza does not have any qualification in taking over Calalay's post because she never was identified with District I.

Palomo added that many Calalay supporters in the district have also shown disgust over Daza's failure to inform "all concerned about her takeover."

"She did not even have the courtesy to confer with Calalay's widow, Mrs. Jennifer Calalay, that she would be taking over the responsibility of the district," Palomo said. She revealed that immediately after Daza received her appointment, the lady lawmaker called for a meeting of engineers of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) who were in charge of the infrastructure contracts in District I.

At least 70 percent of officials in the 35 barangays of District I passed a resolution expressing their displeasure over Belmonte's decision to push for Daza's designation as caretaker of District I.

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THE PHILIPPINE STAR
16 MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2003



GROUNDBREAKING RITES: Rep. Nanette Castelo Daza of Quezon City's Fourth District (fourth from right) leads local officials in the recent groundbreaking rites for the construction of a new Barangay hall in Barangay UP Campus.

Mla. Bulletin Jan. 4, 2003



BARANGAY OFFICIALS SEMINAR. Quezon City mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. addresses barangay officials during a two-day live-in seminar at the Development Academy of the Philippines in Tagaytay City. The mayor urged the city's 1,420 barangay leaders to help the city government in the effort of making Quezon city a Quality city making every resident to be proud to live in QC more than anywhere in the world.

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BARANGAY CONSULTATION. Barangay Captain Dennis Caboboy (4th from right) of Barangay Bahay Toro, Dist. I, Quezon City, is shown conducting consultation and dialogue with Jun Cordova (center) of JC Foundation for Community Services. Others present in the meeting are barangay officials, retired Col. Chito Dacanay (5th from left), Engr. Rey Milla (3rd from left), Brgy. Treasurer Anthony Villegas (2nd from left), Brgy. Secretary lawyer Ernesto Escobar (partially hidden), Boying Sarmiento of Task Force Clean & Green, and Ben dela Cruz (extreme left), Lupon member. (ETS)

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MANILA BULLETIN, Thurs., Nov. 28, 2002



BUSINESS TRAVEL

● Percival Cruz

Barangay Summit in Q.C.

A successful tourism program presupposes that the destination is unique, peaceful, inexpensive, comfortable and alluring. The barangay can be harnessed to make our communities attractive and conducive to tourism.

This and how to make the barangay a better place to live in and visit, and prosperous is the object of the first ever large-scale partnership between local governments and an international NGO. In Quezon City, the Barangay Summit was launched November 21, a matching of barangay and Rotary Clubs, so that together they can work toward improving the quality of life of the common people.

Rotary has the unique ability of drawing contributions in money, kind and service from donors here and abroad for use in promoting skills and livelihood, environmental protection, health and sanitation, literacy and in fighting social problems like drug addiction, abuse of children and women, recurrent diseases and the like. If a value is put into the amount of money, goods and services that the Rotary puts into the communities, it would run into millions of dollars; resources that the national government, let alone the barangay, cannot afford.

The Barangay Summit is the brainchild of Rotary Club of San Francisco del Monte and has been adopted by current Gov. Bobby Viray of District 3780 as a district-wide project. The barangay in Quezon City, represented by the chairmen; and the Rotary Clubs, represented by the presidents, will sign the Memoranda of Agreement on December 13, with Q.C. Mayor Sonny Belmonte as witness.

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Just to illustrate the clout of Rotary in improving communities, in 1985 Rotary pledged to the United Nations $120M to control polio. It was able to raise $247M. In 1988, the progress in controlling polio was so successful that the World Health Organization decided to eradicate polio. Eradication of polio by 2005, Rotary's 100th year is, therefore, all Rotarians' top priority. Rotary will continue to provide vaccines, volunteer hours and leadership in more than 100 nations. The goal is to raise $80M by June 30, 2003. Gov. Bobby Viray and PDG Bimbo Salazar, the Polioplus chairman had said that the share of the Philippines would be raised by the 10 Rotary Districts in the country.

Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul was the main speaker in the Rotary Zone Institute Manila 2002 about a month ago. He said, "... it is important to remember that PolioPlus began with a local effort to immunize children in the Philippines, was a seed of love that grew far beyond anyone's initial expectations. Up to $25M of the contributions to the campaign will be matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The combined $50M in funds from the Rotary Foundation and the Gates Foundation will allow the World Bank to lend a maximum of $125M to certain polio-endemic countries for the purchase of polio vaccine. These organizations along with the WHO, U. N. Children's Fund and the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention are as committed to this effort as we are. We must not let them down."

THE PHILIPPINE STAR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2002 B-9

QC barangay officials train to fulfill vision of progressive community

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr.'s vision to make Quezon City a quality community got a boost recently with the holding of an orientation seminar for the city's 1,420 barangay officials aimed at strengthening barangay governance and fiscal management at the Development Academy of the Philippines in Tagaytay City.

Belmonte said the role of barangay officials, as well as those who were given fresh mandate in the last barangay election, toward the realization of the city government's vision of building a clean and progressive model community that every resident could be proud to live in Quezon City more than anywhere in the world, should be fully emphasized.

Barangay Operation Center chief Alberto Seno said the participating barangay officials, who include barangay secretaries and treasurers, will be immersed on the city government's various key areas of concern: quality environment, peace and order, improved public health care, greater degree of private and government collaboration and partnership and effectiveness of the local government delivery of service.

The two-day seminar initially opened with the first of eight batches, consisting of 160 barangay officials from 18 barangays from Nov. 8 to 9.

Seno said topics of the seminar include urban barangay governance and development, the role of barangays in the implementation of the city's thrusts and priorities in the areas of solid waste management, illegal vending, illegal squatting, business establishments, social services, greening and beautification and order, barangay fiscal management and revenue raising management.

Resource speakers include City Treasurer Victor Endriga; Editha Alzona, city accountant; Bella Fernandez, city budget officer; Center Police District Director Napoleon Castro; Business Permits and Licensing Office chief Pacifico Maghacot; Teresa Mariano, social services development department head; city planning officer Arch. Gerry Magat, and Dr. Angelita Manalili, dean, College of Social Works and Community Development, UP, Diliman.

The other batches will be held on Nov. 16-17; Nov. 23-24; Dec. 2-3; Dec. 4-5; Dec. 6-7; Dec. 9-10 and Dec. 11-12.

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MANILA BULLETIN, Sun., Nov. 10, 2002

QC barangay men in Tagaytay

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The Philippine STAR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2002



QC LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. swears in the new officers of the Quezon City Liga ng mga Barangay at the Quezon City Hall lobby. From left: Cyrus Lanot, president; Rodolfo Ubales, vice president; and board of directors Charminia Banal, Eunice Bucsot, Elenita Balajonda, Filemon San Antonio, Ronnie Sicat, Mario Nuñez, Arturo Lee, Mario Padolina and Ma. Victoria Co-Pilar, auditor.

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
METRO
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2002

QC barangay chairwomen elect officers

THE NEWLY organized barangay chairwomen level of the Quezon City Associated Ladies' Foundation Inc. recently elected its officers for 2002-2003.

President-elect Charminia B. Banal of Barangay St. Ignatius said the new officers will be inducted at 8:30 a.m. today at the Quezon City Hall by Mayor Feliciano R. Belmonte Jr.

The foundation is a group of women leaders in public service.

The other officers to be inducted are Regina San Miguel of Barangay Mariana, vice president; Humiliada Advincula, UP Campus, secretary; Eunice Bucsit, Nayong Kaunlaran, treasurer.

The directors are Patria Chan, San Isidro Labrador; Rosario Dadulo, Payatas; Elenita I. Balajonda, Sta. Monica; Lourdes Milan, Bayanihan; Gloria Rosal, Villa Maria Clara; Loida Ednacor, Teachers Village West; and Vivian Quitiuit, Pinagkaisahan.

The members are Olivia F. Chico, Sta. Teresita; Erlina Mardrilejo, Balingasa; Leonor Briones, Balumbato; Milagros Mira, Camp Aguinaldo; Emily T. Algabre, West Kamias; Delia M. Bongbonga, Escopa III; Evangelina Mangaliman, Escopa II; Lilia R. Serrano, San Martin de Porres; Teresa Jardeo, Bagong Lipunan ng Crame; Josefina Perez Ang, Horseshoe; Marietta Panabi, San Vicente; Fely Ong, Malaya; and Rowena Fernandez, Tatalon.

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MANILA BULLETIN, Sun., Aug. 25, 2002

QC barangay chairwomen to be inducted at City Hall tomorrow

The newly organized Barangay Chairwomen level of the Quezon City Associated Ladies' Foundation, Inc., a group of women leaders in public service, recently elected its officers for the 2002-2003 term. President-elect Charminia B. Banal of Barangay St. Ignatius announced that they will be inducted tomorrow, Monday, Aug. 26 at 8:30 a.m. at the QC Hall Bulwagan by Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr.

The other officers to be inducted are: Barangay Capts. Regina San Miguel, Bgy. Mariana, vice president; Brgy. Capt. Humiliada Advincula, UP campus, secretary; and Eunice Bucsit, Nayong Kaunlaran, treasurer. The directors are Brgy. Capts. Patricia Chan, San Isidro Labrador; Rosario Dadulo, Payatas; Elenita Balajonda, Sta. Monica; Lourdes Milan, Bayanihan; Gloria Rosal, Villa Maria Clara; Loida Ednacot, Teachers Village West; and Vivian Quitiquit, Pinagkaisahan.

The members are: Brgy. Capts. Olivia Chico, Sta. Teresita; Erlinda Madrilejo, Balingasa (District 1); Leonor Briones, Balumbaot; . Ma. Victoria Co-Pilar, Pasong Tamo (District 2); Milagros Mira, Camp Aguinaldo; Emily Algabre, West Kamias; Delia Bongbonga, Escopa III; Evangelina Mangaliman, Escopa II; Redencion Nicandro, Dioquino Zobel (District 3); Lilia Serrano, San Martin de Porres; Teresa Jardeo, Bagong Lipunan ng Crame; Josefina Perez Ang, Horseshoe; Marietta Panabi, San Vicente; Fely Ong, Malaya; and Rowena Fernandez, Tatalon (District 4). (CB)

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Metro MANILA BULLETIN
Mon., June 24, 2002

Quezon City folks cite accomplishments of barangay chairwoman

by: EDGAR J. TAMAYO


QUITIQUIT

QUEZON CITY — Residents of barangay Pinagkaisahan, Cubao, Quezon City have lauded their barangay chairwoman, Vivian B. Quiriquit for her efforts in undertaking various projects to promote their welfare.

The group's spokesman, Kagawad Jun Vasquez, said that residents of Pinagkaisahan have recognized the accomplishments made by Quitiquit in the field of peace and order, livelihood, budgeting and finance management, rural development, human rights advancement, nonformal education, cleanliness and anti-drug addiction campaign.

Because of these accomplishments, Quitiquit, now on her second term as barangay head, is considered this early a run-away winner in the forthcoming barangay and SK elections on July 15. "It will be hard to put a good chairwoman down," Vasquez, a contender for No. 1 kagawad, commented.

Among barangay chairmen in District 4, perhaps throughout the city, Quitiquit is considered one of the most academically qualified and most knowledgeable in local administration.

She is a business administration and Master in Public Administration graduate of the University of Manila, and B.S. General (Pre-Med) graduate of the University of Santo Tomas; former revisor of the House Electoral Tribunal; fiscal economist, project development division, DILG; and former Community Development Officer II, DILG.

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MANILA BULLETIN
THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER
Mon., June 10, 2002

QC barangay execs hit smear campaign

By EDGAR J. TAMAYO

QUEZON CITY — A barangay chairman and a council member of barangay Pinagkaisahan, Cubao yesterday branded as "cheap gimmick" and "ridiculous" reports that they are facing charges before the Ombudsman for alleged violation of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act in connection with the reported non-payment of their barangay's electric bills.

Vivian Quitiquit and Jun Vasquez, barangay chairman and kagawad, respectively, of said barangay, claimed that reports being peddled by a group alleging that a formal complaint for malversation of public funds has been filed with the Office of the Ombudsman against them is "false, malicious and baseless."

Reacting to the report, Vasquez, a leading contender for number one kagawad in the coming elections, said the accusations are part of a disinformation campaign and a cheap gimmick to discredit them during the coming elections. "The truth is that Chairman Quitiquit has been cleared of any financial liability when audited by the COA, and that I have never been a party to any irregularity because there is no such thing to speak of," he clarified.

Quitiquit and Vasquez are running for third terms as barangay chairman and kagawad, respectively, in the coming July barangay and SK elections.

"This has been peddled by groups who are insecure of their political fate in the coming elections and, of some ambitious entities here in our barangay who love to sow intrigues and disinformation," said Vasquez. "They are the kind of people who invent falsehoods, persons who have no credibility at all in our barangay."

"Accusations against our chairman are all figments of their imagination. If they want to assume elective positions in our barangay, they should run this coming election to determine if they are credible or not," Vasquez said.

Quitiquit dismissed the allegations as nothing but a "desperate attempt" to discredit them before the electorate. "All the issues being hurled against us are outrageous lies but they will never succeed in denting our credibility. We have been victimized by this kind of smear campaign in the past, yet our voters gave us a resounding victory in the elections, Quitiquit said.

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TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2002

Quezon City barangay execs assail city council

■ By M. PUNONGBAYAN
Correspondent

OFFICIALS of barangay Immaculate Conception in Quezon City lambasted the Quezon City council yesterday for the delayed action on the complaints against the local barangay chairman.

The barangay officials said the Sangguniang Panglungsod had been ignoring the complaints against the alleged illegal activities of barangay chairman Maria Nuneca Chua.

Chua has allegedly been using the resources of the barangay hall for her personal use and had been taking all their government-owned properties and equipment to Malolos, Bulacan.

In a formal complaint addressed to Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., the seven barangay councilmen said some P2 million worth of barangay property had either been declared missing or unaccounted for by Go.

Go had taken the barangay patrol tricycle, a Serbisyong Bayan vehicle from the Office of the Mayor and another vehicle donated to them by Dante Liban. The vehicles were allegedly brought to Malolos.

The councilmen also accused Go of forging their signatures when the barangay chairman availed himself of the Pamaskong Handog Program of the Office of the Mayor last Christmas and even delivered one-half of all 125 pieces of the bags containing various goods to Malolos.

Go, they further noted, should be investigated for failing to turn over the barangay clearance collections from 1997 to 2000, imposition of excessive fees and failure to issue official receipts.

Kagawad Peter Tan Cabasag said the city council seems to be ignoring their complaints and have been tossing their concerns from one councilor to another like it is in a badminton game.

"*Nasa* second endorsement *na naman daw ngayon*," Cabasag said after being told that their complaint has been forwarded to the Committee on Laws chaired by councilor Jesus Suntay.

In a short press briefing at the Quezon City Press Club office at the city hall, the barangay officials urged the members of the Sangguniang Panglungsod to do something.

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QC bgy. asks city council for curfew ordinance

A BARANGAY council has presented before the Quezon City government a proposed ordinance that would impose a curfew on minors.

The Sanguniang Barangay of Socorro said in its proposal that the curfew was necessary to protect minors from crime and drug addiction in their area.

Under the proposal, the curfew would last from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. the following the day. All persons below 18 years old, whether singly or in groups would be prohibited from the barangay's streets. Only stu-dents attending night classes or minors accompanied by a parent, guardian or elder relative would be exempted from the curfew.

If approved, the proposed ordinance would confine curfew violators at the barangay headquarters for six hours. Those caught violating the curfew twice would again be confined and be made to pay a fine of P500. Third time violators would be fined P1,000 and imprisoned for 15 days, depending on the court's decision.

The proposal, if approved by the city council, would be implemented immediately in all the streets and public places in Bgy. Soccoro in Cubao. ◆

JEFFERSON ANTIPORDA, CORRESPONDENT

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LOCAL HISTORY

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QC bgy. officials, cops to undergo seminar – Bautista

JEFFERSON ANTIPORDA
Correspondent

VICE Mayor Herbert Bautista yesterday announced that all Quezon City barangay officials and members of the Central Police District (CPD) are scheduled to undergo a seminar next month to ensure their familiarization with all resolutions and ordinances passed by the city council.

The city secretary, he said, would conduct the seminar.

"We have numbers of existing and approved resolutions and ordinances that our law enforcers and officials of barangay should know so I will asked the city secretary to conduct a seminar," Bautista told THE MANILA TIMES.

Bautista said he would be coordinating with CPD director Chief Supt. Rudolfo Tor, city official Many Sabalsa and lawyer Gene Jurilla for the details of the seminar. ◆

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

A new era dawns in QC barangay

Joey C. Papa and Ana Ver-Papa
(Contributors)

A SMALL community off Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City has become an eco-tour stop owing to its ecological center that an energetic practitioner of zero waste management has put up almost a decade ago.

Today, Barangay New Era is set to build a P1-million, two-story Ecological Center to replace its small and worn-out eco shed.

Manang Luz Sabas, a long-time practitioner of zero waste management, started her project in the barangay in 1993. While residents were initially lukewarm about her idea, they soon warmed up to the concept, which was supported by the enthusiasm of former barangay captain Prudencio Medrano and former council member Dr. Corazon Bolus, who is now barangay captain.

Alay Linis Day

The barangay received a shredding machine from the Zero Waste Recycling Movement and the basic tools for sorting, segregation, and composting in 1994, and launched the following year its Alay Linis Day.

Two years later, the government through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, took notice and tapped the World Bank-Brown Fund to support the Centralinis Project that included Barangay New Era (on Central Avenue) and nearby UP Diliman. The start-up funds covered three to four months for the material expenses and salaries of the personnel.

Four Es

Manang Luz saw to it that the project would be undertaken under the Zero Waste Recycling Movement of the Philippines, Foundation Inc., and—more important—that it would be carried out along her Four Es concept or her "People Empowerment Formula for Sustained and Sustainable Projects."

The Four Es refer to Education, using all media; Engineering, to provide support mechanisms and resources, both human and material; Enforcement Strategies, which provide for incentives (carrot) and legal measures (stick) to ensure implementation; and Entrepreneurship Development.

Education initially included an orientation session for the leaders of the community, including those from government, the professionals, the religious and civic organizations, the school, the non-government organizations, the business community, said Manang Luz. Initial training followed for the potential Eco-Manager, Eco-Center officer, trainers, coordinators, monitors, and technicians (eco-aid, bio-man/collectors, composters, re-sorters) who volunteered or were designated.

An Eco-Demo Center was prepared, which was initially the old Sabas home that also served as the Ecohaus of the Zero Waste Recycling Movement and the demo center.

Engineering involved organizing and appointing those who will operate the Eco-Center; and gathering the material resources, such as the sorters for biodegradable and non-biodegradable items for each household; and the home composters such as tires, pits, sacks, pots, heaps, plots.

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MANILA BULLETIN, Sun., Feb. 3, 2002

QC barangay marks 29th year

Barangay Masagana in Project 4, Quezon City celebrated its 29th Founding Anniversary last Jan. 25 and 26.



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On the first day, there were athletic competitions and a disco.

On the next day, the celebrations started with a flag-raising ceremony followed by a community breakfast and the unveiling of portraits of past barangay captains. In the afternoon, there was a thanksgiving mass, presentation of awards to outstanding residents and former barangay officials, a socio-cultural program, and ballroom dancing.

Masagana's former barangay captains are Juan V. Pareja, deceased, who served in 1973-75; Jose M. Flores, deceased, 1975-80; Nestor I. Papa, 1980-82; Silverio S. Pineda, 1982-85; Hector C. Villanueva, deseased, 1985-88; Aniceta C. Balolong, 1988-94; Eduardo C. Avillano, 1994-97; and Dionisia M. Reyes, 1994-present.

The councilmen are Jaime E. Sarabia, Juliet L. Ginete, Arnie C. Kunz, Paul C. Bancuyo, Rey A. Buenaventura, Winnie Z. Chu, and Narciso M. Lorilla. Other officials are Lydia C. Villamor, secretary; Leri Grace Millan, treasurer; Willie Lampen, ex-officio; Leila S. Gonzales, clerk; Perla Deniega, BNS; and Herminia Reyes, caretaker. The Sangguniang Kabataan chairman is Jay Vargas.

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LOCAL HISTORY

Malaya
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Thursday, November 1, 2001

Barangay summit called in Quezon City

To maximize Quezon City's meager resources to provide the delivery of basic services to its 2.2 million residents, Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. will convene leaders from 142 barangays to explore new approaches in governance on November 10.

Belmonte said the summit, called "Barangay Leaders Consultative Summit," is the first step toward the full mobilization of the barangays and the tapping of their potential in accelerating development and delivery of service.

The one-day workshop with the theme, "Siyudad at Barangay: Sa Kaunlaran Magkaagapay," will be held on Nov. 10 at the Amoranto Sports Complex on Roces ave.

Salvador Enriquez, Jr., chief of the city's Technical Assistance Group and chair of the summit organizing committee, said the eight major concerns of the city will be discussed the determine areas where partnership and collaboration between the barangays and the city government could be established.

The eight concerns are waste management, traffic management, public safety, informal settlers, infrastructure, peace and order, beautification, greening and streetlighting.

Enriquez said part of the workshop will be data gathering for the city, such as the identification of prominent tax payers, garbage problems, structures for assessment purposes and other related issues.

Meanwhile, city planning officer Gerardo Magat, also a member of the organizing committee, said the department heads will take part in the workshop on their respective area of concern.

The initial summit will be participated in by the city's 142 barangay captains, the second, which is yet to be scheduled, will be for Kagawads, and so on, until all barangay officials have undergone the workshop.

Belmonte said this is to ensure that the city can tap the full cooperation of barangay officials at all levels.

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Lina asked to oust QC barangay head

Officials of barangay Batasan Hills, Quezon City, have appealed to Interior and Local Government Secretary Jose D. Lina for the immediate implementation of the Office of the Ombudsman's order dated July 13, 2001 dismissing Manuel D. Lacsina Jr. as barangay captain of Batasan Hills for grave misconduct.

"The Barangay Council of Batasan Hills lost its trust and confidence in Manuel D. Lacsina Sr. due to involvement in different administrative and criminal cases," the barangay officials said in a letter to Lacsina. "The whole council is not in good terms with the Punong Barangay due to his one-man rule policy in governing Barangay Batasan Hills."

The letter-appeal was signed by Kagawads Charlie O. Mangune, Gonzalo S. Briones, Joeboy G. Mendoza Jr., Rosario E. Espino, Maryan T. Castañeda, Dr. Elias G. Gamboa and Teresita S. Mendoza and SK-Chairman Sharone Y. Amog.

The barangay officials attached to their letter a copy of the decision Ombudsman Aniano A. Desierto finding Lacsina guilty of grave misconduct.

"All told, this Office is now of the considered view that there exists more than sufficient evidence to rule that respondent Manuel D. Lacsina Sr. is guilty of the administrative charge of grave misconduct defined and penalized under Section 22 (c) on Grave Offenses, Rule XIV of the Omnibus Election Rule Implementing Book V of Executive Order No. 292. Consequently, the penalty of dismissal from office is hereby imposed upon him together with the forfeiture of his material benefits, if any," the Ombudsman said.

Other findings embodied in the NBI Report dated Feb. 15, 1999 was recommended to be considered for the conduct of a fact-finding investigation by this Office through its fact-finding and investigation bureau (FFIB). (E. T. Suarez)

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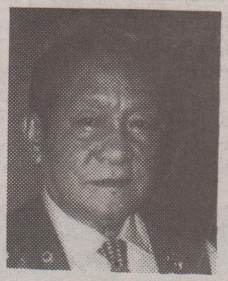
QC barangay cap't gets Lions award

Leoncio L. Cabato of the Quezon Mabuhay Lions Club, Dist. 301-D2, has been named a Melvin Jones Fellow of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) during the induction of officers, Dist. 301-D2, Manila Hotel, October 21.

The award is the highest honor granted by Lions Clubs International in recognition of his 28 years as Lion member and dedicated service to Lionism.

Cabato is the incumbent Barangay Captain of Barangay



CABATO

Pinyahan, Dist IV, Quezon City since 1987 to date, 1st Vice President and director, Liga ng Mga Barangay, Quezon City covering four congressional districts with 142 barangays.

He was also past president of the Quezon City Barangay of the Quezon City Mabuhay Lions Club, Dist. 301-D2, past Zone chairman for three terms outstanding, Regional chairman outstanding and has held several appointments by the District Governor as Deputy Governor, director, chairman, etc. and has received numerous plaques, certificates of service awards and medals from previous District Governors.

Lions Clubs International, a service-oriented organizations, has around 1.5 million members worldwide. (Jimmy O. Oliver)

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Metro

134 QC barangays making city dirtiest in metropolis

QUEZON City is the dirtiest city in Metro Manila not because it has the Payatas dumpsite but because many of its barangays refuse to comply with its waste reduction and segregation scheme.

This was pointed out yesterday by Tetchie Rentoy, head of the garbage dispoal task force as she decried reports that of the 142 barangays in Quezon City, only eight fully comply with the scheme.

The eight barangays, which have full waste segregation capabilities, have even installed recycling facilities and have developed processes of proper composting, she said.

They are East Fairview, West Fairview, North Fairview, Talayan, Holy Spirit, Blue Ridge A, UP Village, and the University of the Philippines (UP) campus in Diliman.

Rentoy's Clean and Green Task Force has sent out teams to educate the barangays on the processes of reducing and segregating waste in the city since last year.

Rentoy said she could not explain why the other barangays have continuously refused to implement the scheme.

She told THE MANILA TIMES that only 200 to 250 trucks are operational as opposed to the 350 to 390 needed for the collection of 95 percent of the trash in the city.

"*Kasi dati nakakadalawang* trips *pa ang mga* dumptrucks *isang araw, noong bukas pa ang* Payatas. *Pero ngayon, isang* trip *na lang dahil* open *lang ang* San Mateo Landfill from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.," (when the Payatas was still open, dumptrucks can make two trips a day. Now, the trucks can only make one trip since San Mateo is only open from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.) Rentoy explained.

"*Ngayon*, we are pushing for the waste reduction and segregation scheme *dahil* we expect *na* seven percent *hanggang* 10 percent *na lang na basura galing sa mga kabayahan ang kakailanganing kolektahin ng mga* dumptrucks, which will be good for the environment," she added, admitting that they are currently suffering a backlog in garbage collection.

Should the closure of the San Mateo Landfill push through, she said an entirely different tactic should be employed.

Rentoy said Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr. has been suggesting the establishment of other disposal facilities such as pyrolysis although the technical aspects of the plans have yet to be settled. ◆

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MANILA BULLETIN, Fri., Sept. 15, 2000 B-13

Role of barangay in solving garbage crisis cited

By SEL A. BAYSA

Quezon City Mayor Ismael A. Mathay, Jr. and Councilor Elizabeth "Tita Beth" Delarmente have underscored the role of the barangay plays in solving the worsening garbage problem brought about by the closure of the Payatas dumpsite in the former capital.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Ecological Center in Barangay Talayan, Mathay stressed that the garbage problem should be the concern of everybody and the solution can be fast achieved through the barangays.

Delarmente, chairperson of the Committee on Park, ecology and environment, offers to hold seminars on solid waste management in cooperation with the Task Force Clean and Green of QC.

The Ecological Center, the first to be put up in QC and elsewhere in the country, is a joint project of Delarmente and the Barangay Talayan Council led by Barangay Capt. Marcelina A. Sumilang.

It features a garbage recycling machine, a composting pit, a shredder and garden plots for vegetables and flowers in line with the First Lady, Dr. Loi Ejercito Estrada, "Bulaklakan at Gulayan" project.

Delarmente said the recyclable items and wet materials in garbage brought to the ecological center are segregated.

She said recyclable stuffs like plastic, empty bottles, corrugated boxes and papers are segregated from the wet garbage which are converted into fertilizer after having been gone through the composting machine and shredder process.

Mathay endorsed Delarmente's proposed ordinance for the setting up of ecological center and the acquisition of composting machine in each barangay before the end of the first quarter of 2001.

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B'gay leaders raid seedy QC disco-pub

Heeding constituents' complaints and spurred by birthday greetings and messages he received from local and national officials including House Minority Leader Feliciano Belmonte, a Quezon City barangay chairman led a raid on a notorious disco in San Francisco del Monte at dawn the very next day.

Chairman Romeo dela Cruz of Barangay Paraiso, supported by policemen from Quezon City Station 2, raided the Kuliglig Mega Disco at 143 Roosevelt Avenue, once the Benper Cinema, at about 4 a.m. Saturday.

The dingy and ill-smelling disco had long been the subject of complaints from barangay residents for playing loud music way into the wee hours of the morning and the alleged easy or quick sex which could be had on the premises.

After *Kagawad* Edwin Lozada and executive officer Eduardo Torrente again received a telephone complaint at 3 a.m. Saturday, from another resident about the disco, the chairman rounded up *Kagawad* Amang San Pedro and barangay *tanods* and they converged on the place after calling for police support.

The STAR saw the barangay officials load 17 male and female personnel of the disco, which had been the recipient of several warnings from local officials, onto the clean and empty barangay garbage truck and hauled them off to the Baler police station, after it was found that the establishment did not have the necessary business, fire, or health permits; and neither did the personnel have health or work permits.

PO3 Joselito Chantengo of the Central Police District's Station 2, filed charges against 10 female and seven male workers of the disco for working without the proper permits.

The alleged owner, Leila Enriquez of 277 Quirino Highway, Baesa, Quezon City was charged with operating without permits.

The disco personnel are detained at the Baler police station pending payment of P2,000 bail each recommended by inquest prosecutor Josephine Fernandez.

The Paraiso barangay hall has the rare distinction of being open and manned 24 hours a day, ready to assist the public, even non-residents. Rape, carnapping, traffic accidents, illegal drugs and firearms cases involving non-residents have been solved by barangay personnel. — **M. P. Mirasol**

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QC b'gay exec accused of sexual harassment

Agents of the Central Police District Criminal Investigation Unit arrested yesterday a Quezon City barangay captain for allegedly sexually harassing and molesting his clerk.

Suspect Manuel Laxina Sr., 67, barangay captain of Barangay Batasan Hills was brought to Camp Karingal following his arrest at about 1 p.m. at his office.

Evangeline Ursal, 22, pointed to Laxina as her alleged attacker before Chief Inspector Rodolfo Jaraza, chief of the CIU Homicide Section. Ursal tearfully told reporters that Laxina allegedly molested her two times two years ago.

But Laxina denied the charges against him saying Ursal was just trying to "get back at him." According to Laxina, he fired Ursal for alleged inefficiency just before she filed the charges before the NBI. "She is just playing personal politics. She is trying to get back at me after I fired her for work inefficiency," he said.

In her complaint Ursal said the first attack allegedly happened on July 1998 while she was working with the computer inside Laxina's office.

Ursal claimed the barangay official arrived and closed all the windows and dimmed the lights. She added that Laxina then grabbed her and touched her private parts while forcing her to perform oral sex on him even when she refused. Ursal had worked as a clerk for the suspect for six months before the incident.

After the attack, Laxina allegedly warned her not to report the incident or she and her father, a Barangay Self Defense Organization leader will be fired. Apparently not contented, the suspect allegedly repeated the abuse on August 1998. — **Mike Frialde**

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MANILA BULLETIN, Sun., July 30, 2000 F-21

QC barangay fiesta today honors St. Ignatius de Loyola; Mathay leads guests

Barangay St. Ignatius on Katipunan Avenue, Quezon City, is celebrating its fiesta honoring St. Ignatius de Loyola, its patron saint, with a village mass at its community multi-purpose hall at 8 a.m. today, July 30, with Msgr. Jaime Mora of the Christ the King Parish, Green Meadows, and Fr. Jojo Madadia, SJ, of the Ateneo de Manila University officiating. Charminia B. Banal, barangay chairman, said the four-day celebration, under the joint auspices of the Barangay Council, the St. Ignatius Village Association, headed by Jesus de la Fuente, the Buklod ng Panginoon headed by Luz T. Corpuz, and the St. Ignatius Village Senior Association, headed by Amador Astudillo, kicked off with a massast Thursday, July 27, at 6:30 p.m., followed by a funrun-walk and sportsfest at 5 a.m. yesterday, July 29, and fellowship-socials last night.



BANAL

The fiesta ends with the blessing and inauguration of the barangay's new Village Park, newly-renovated Community Center, and newly-installed street and traffic signs, with QC Mayor Ismael A. Mathay, Jr. heading the list of special guests.

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14 FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2000

Heirs of QC b'gay officials to get indemnity benefits

The Quezon City government has readied P450,000 in indemnity benefits to families of barangay officials "who have died in the line of duty."

The families of 15 barangay officials and civilian volunteers will each receive P30,000 in assistance from the awards and indemnities fund set up by city hall.

Barangay Operations Center chief, Albert Seno said Mathay himself will turnover the cash benefits to heirs of deceased barangay civil servants on June 25, which marks the city's Barangay Day.

The awarding ceremony is part of week-long festivities to be held in honor of the city mayor who celebrates his 68th birthday on June 26.

In an ordinance passed in 1995, the city council designated June 25 each year as the day to highlight the contributions of its 142 barangays to the city's development.

The beneficiaries include the families of nine Barangay Self-Defense Organization (BSDO) regulars, two barangay *kagawads*, a barangay captain and a barangay treasurer.

"This is in recognition of the important role local officials in our most basic political units play for our city," Seno said. "They too, deserve recognition for the services they perform."

Last year, the city gave out close to P1 million for the same purpose.

In 1994, the city council passed an ordinance to put up a P2 million fund for the burial benefits of barangay officials, barangay tanods, and members of the *Sangguniang Kabataan*.

The money, taken from the city's general fund, is held in trust by the city treasurer.

— Romel Bagares

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6 THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2000

QC barangays rally vs drugs

Several hundred placard-bearing residents of four adjacent barangays in San Francisco del Monte, Quezon City, took to the streets over the weekend to denounce drug abuse and trafficking.

Called *Alay Lakad Laban Sa Droga Rally,* it was organized by the San Francisco Eagles Club of civic-minded citizens led by its president, Roberto Seelin.

Seelin said the rally was "to dramatize and drum up awareness of the menace of illegal drugs and the evil it creates."

According to rally marshall, Eduardo Torrente, drug trafficking has proliferated in certain parts of the community and the area's law-abiding citizens are crying for effective action from police agencies.

Aside from the residents, members of 37 other civic, religious and non-government organizations like the Holy Name Society, Parish Council, Knights of Columbus, *Kabalikat, Kapit-bisig,* MAD (*Mamayan Ayaw sa Droga),* and also teachers and pupils from the area's three public elementary schools joined the rally. — Mariano Mirasol

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6 THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2000

Payatas barangay exec arrested for cutting trees

By CHRISTINA MENDEZ

A Quezon City barangay chairwoman was arrested by the police on Tuesday afternoon shortly after she emerged from a court hearing at the Hall of Justice. Her crime: illegally cutting trees.

Chief Inspector Rodolfo Hernandez, city hall police detachment chief, said Emenita Pecson, barangay chairwoman of Barangay Payatas, was nabbed by his men by virtue of a warrant of arrest issued by Regional Trial Court Judge Apolinario Bruselas Jr. last Monday.

Pecson is facing graft charges for allegedly ordering the cutting of trees inside the La Mesa Dam and Water Reservoir on Jan. 29 last year for the construction of a barangay post, a beerhouse and other structures.

Ironically, Pecson was a recipient, of an environment award given by Isabela Rep. Heherson Alvarez last week.

Payatas residents led by Virgilio Baliwagan, Bernardo Apurillo and Mariano Dumaoal, charged that the land was instead used as a junk yard, which Pecson allowed. Junk shops were set up by the Payatas Junk Shop Owners and Scavengers Associations (PAJOSA), which is headed by the barangay chairwoman.

"The cutting of trees was done without permit of the authorities concerned. It was done on Pecson's orders who even provided a vehicle to haul the illegally cut Gliemina trees," the charge sheet of the Office of the Ombudsman read.

In an interview, Pecson denied ordering the cutting of the trees, claiming the charges were politically motivated since Apurillo and company lost to her colleagues during the last polls.

Meanwhile, a suspected Filipino-Chinese drug pusher was arrested by agents of the police Anti-Narcotics Group with three kilos of shabu in Quezon City last Tuesday.

Agents led by Chief Inspector Leonardo Suan nabbed Tony Uy after he delivered the drugs worth some P4 million to an undercover agent at the corner of Santolan Road and Granada St. at about 11:40 a.m.

Also taken from Uy was his sister's Toyota Corolla GLI with plate number WAR-866. At about 2:50 p.m. that same day, police agents raided a townhouse unit, reportedly owned by the suspect, at 318-CI Villa Ortigas I, Santolan Road and seized one more kilo of shabu worth P2 million.

Also arrested during the raid were Johnson Derama and two women, Ana Ramos and Alma Lorilla. The suspects are detained at Camp Crame as charges of drug trafficking are being readied. — **Mike Frialde**

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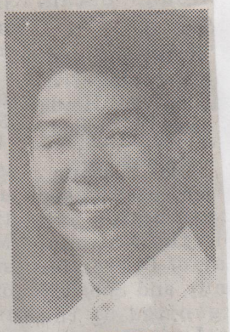
Inter-brgy tourney set in QC



DE GUZMAN

An inter-barangay invitational women's volleyball tournament will kick off on April 15 at the covered court of barangay Bagumbayan, Project 4, Quezon City, with Commissioner Teresita Abundo of the Philippine Sports Commission as guest of honor and speaker.

Dubbed as "Dante Palarong Pambarangay," the sports event is being sponsored by the Asian Pacific Golden Heart Foundation (APGHF) headed by its executive director, realtor-economist Dante M. de Guzman who is also the president of the Quezon City Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

APGHF is non-stock, non-profit corporation that renders assistance to the underprivileged such as free medical and dental missions, scholarships for out-of-school youths and livelihood for the unemployed.

"We give high importance to occasion such as this one because we believe this is one best way we can involve the youth into something developmental and productive rather than see them engage in drugs and other vices," De Guzman said.

Thirty-seven sangguniang barangays in Quezon City, namely Silangan, Socorro, E. Rodriguez, West Kamias, East Kamias, Quirino 2-A, Quirino 2-B, Quirino 2-C, Quirino 3-A, Quirino 3-B, Duyan-Duyan, Amihan, Matandang Balara, Pansol, Loyola Heights, San Roque, Mangga, Masagana, Villa Maria Clara, Bayanihan, Camp Aguinaldo, White Plains, Libis, Ugong Norte, Bagumbayan, Blue Ridge A, Blue Ridge B, St. Ignatius, Milagrosa, Escopa I, Escopa II, Escopa III, Escopa IV, Marilag, Tagumpay and Dioquino Zobel, will participate in the league.

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Barangay row in QC

Officials of Barangay Del Monte in Quezon City headed by Barangay Captain Junn L. Sta. Maria assailed the outgoing and incoming officers of the Lupon Tagapamayapa Federation District 1 Quezon City for their inaction on the reports of irregularities in the Lupon Federation. The outgoing officers are headed by Jorge Canonigo and the incoming officers are headed by president-elect Moises S. Samson.

Barangay officials of Barangay Del Monte boycotted the Lupon Tagapamayapa Federation District 1 Quezon City induction of officers held recently. Sta. Maria said the reason for the boycott is the apparent disregard of the federations' officers and members (headed by Canonigo and Samson) to act on Sta. Maria's complaint of irregularities and "political maneuvers" going on inside the Lupon Federation.

Sta. Maria said the federation leadership has refused to recognize the present members of the Lupon Tagapamayapa of Barangay Del Monte despite their being officially appointed and recognized by the Office of the Mayor of Quezon City. Sta. Maria stressed that its president Ferdie D. de Guzman heads the official Lupon members of Barangay Del Monte.

Sta. Maria added he was shocked when informed that some members of the federation "refused" to send the Del Monte Lupon members an invitation and that they still recognize former Lupon members, headed by Nestor Aguinaldo. Aguinaldo and his group were "removed" from office through the concurrence of the majority of the Lupon members and barangay council. The ousted Lupon members questioned their removal from office in court.

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QC folk help in Carmel feast cited

Barangay officials and residents of Barangays Project 6 and Vasra at District 1 in Quezon City were cited yesterday for their cooperation and support in making the recent celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel a big success.

"Without their support, the week-long community service-oriented activities would surely be a flop," said Economic Intelligence and Investigation Bureau (EIIB) Deputy Commissioner Teodoro B. Delarmente in his capacity as this year's Hermano Mayor.

Delarmente, a lawyer and retired colonel in the defunct Philippine Constabulary (PC), said the recent barangay feast had shown the oneness of the residents to community-oriented endeavors.

He cited Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr., Congressman Rey Calalay and Councilor Elizabeth "Tita Beth" Delarmente for their unsolicited help.

Delarmente told the Bureau of Broadcast Service's Radyo ng Bayan (DZRB) that "a concrete achievement we accomplished was the furtherance of the camaraderie among neighbors within the two barangays."

Among the many community-related projects waged by Delarmente and his committee, from July 11 to 18, were the "Isang Suklay-Isang Gunting," a free haircutting lesson, amateur dance, computer lesson and the Barangays Project 6Vasra wide cleanliness effort.

The resident and barangay leaders, for their part, hailed Delarmente for exerting genuine effort in making the annual feast a memorable one. (Sel A. Baysa)

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Q.C. MEDICAL MISSION. Realtor-economist Dante M. de Guzman (right) watches as a medical volunteer attends to a patient in a medical mission in barangay Dioquino Zobel, Project 4, Quezon City. Barangay Chairwoman Redencion Nicandro (center) assisted the more than 200 of her constituents benefited by the community outreach project held in lie with the Asian Pacific Group of Companies' 25th anniversary celebration. The mission was held in cooperation with the St. Francis of Assisi Marriage Encounter Community and St. Vincents Hospital.

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QC's barangays chosen UNICEF pilot area

The United Nations Children's Fund has chosen Quezon City one of the five cities to become a pilot area for child-friendly communities in the country, city officials said yesterday.

Five of the most depressed barangays in Quezon City's second district have been chosen for the child-friendly community program.

They are barangays Bagong Silangan, Batasan Hills, Commonwealth, Holy Spirit and Payatas. About 356,663 residents will benefit from the child-friendly community project.

Quezon City Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr. said the Unicef project is aimed to improve the well-being of Filipino children, and make Quezon City the country's child-friendliest city.

The program, a joint undertaking of the government and the Unicef Fifth Country Programme for Children, is meant to pursue the goals of the Convention of the Rights of the Child through the propagation of the child-friendly movement.

UN studies show that 77,000 children under the age of five die in the country annually. Statistics show that one out of every three children remain malnourished; 33 out of every 100 grade one pupils fail to finish their grade school education and many children become victims of abuses, neglect, exploitation and violence.

In response to the UN program, Mathay designated city administrator Manuel Alba to head the Programme Coordinating Committee and Project Management Task Force in the city. The city's 13 department heads were designated members.

In a press statement, the mayor explained that the committee will be responsible for formulating policy, strategy, and operating guidelines of the city's programs for children and women.

To address children's concerns, Mathay established at least 195 day-care centers in the city. About 45,481 preschool children from the city's depressed areas benefit from the project.

The city's Social Services and Development Department also helps in assisting children, especially those in need of special protection like victims of abuses and exploitation. Street children and the disabled are included in the program to uplift their livelihood and living conditions.

— Christina Mendez

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FOR BIDDING IRREGULARITIES

Graft raps filed vs 5 bgy officials

GRAFT charges have been filed before a Quezon City court against five barangay officials for their alleged involvement in an irregularity on a bidding for the purchase of medicines to be given to their constituents in 1995, the Journal learned yesterday.

For violating Section 3 (e) of Republic Act 3019, Barangay chairman Hilario Baguino, Aida Herrera, treasurer, kagawads Reynaldo Alcantara, Juanito Sibayan and Dennis Caboboy, all officials of Barangay Bahay Toro in Proj. 8, QC, were recommended charged by the Office of the Ombudsman.

The Ombudsman also recommended the filing of charges of falsification of public documents against these five barangay officials for alleged fictitious use of funds for the food and drinks served during the anniversary celebration of Pugad Lawin in 1995.

Another graft charge was also filed against Baguino for his alleged irregular implementation of the barangay project on the construction of six waiting sheds.

Court records showed that the barangay officials, with manifest partiality, evident bad faith and gross inexcusable negligence awarded to Jemyceph Pharma, Inc. the authority to provide the medicines to be given to the barangay residents.

It was found out that there was an overpricing in the purchase of medicines intended for the residents of Barangay Bahay Toro in the sum of P119,972.00.

In the second case, the barangay officials had approved through a resolution the disbursement of P39,905 to be used for purchasing food and drinks intended for the anniversary celebration of Pugad Lawin held on Aug. 23, 1995.

However, even if there were no foods and drinks served during the celebration, it has recorded the said amount was used.

The third case was in connection with the installation and fabrication of four of six waiting sheds with three columns and without concrete floor slab, despite a provision in the approved program of work and detailed estimates, without authority from the concerned local officials, the government lossing P17,716. **Cory Marinez**

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The development of the barangay community equals the development of the city. Conversely, non-development of the barangay means lack of development of the city. This is an application of the principle that the parts compose the whole and that the whole is greater than any of its parts.

Before President Marcos issued Presidential Decrees 86 and 86-A, Quezon City had 44 barangays (then known as barrios). At present, Quezon City has 138 duly organized barangays. They are distributed in the four political districts. District I consists of 30 barangays — clustered in the La Loma, Frisco, Dapitan and Project 7 Areas; District II, 48 barangays — clustered in the Bago-Bantay, Project 6, Project 8, Novaliches, and Diliman Areas; District III, 34 barangays — clustered in the Murphy, Quirino, Projects 3 and 4 and part of Cubao Areas; District IV, 26 barangays — clustered in the Galas, Kamuning, Roxas and part of Cubao Areas;

Since the constitution of the barangays in Quezon City, the city has undergone a development process emanating from the barangay level. This development devolves in the social, economic, political, moral, cultural, and spiritual areas. The picture of Quezon City today is provided with a backdrop of its own barangays:

Presidential Decree 557 issued on September 21, 1974, adopted Republic Act 3590 as the Barangay Charter. The Barangay Charter gives the Mayor the power of supervision over barangay officials. It gives the barangay greater autonomy and incentives for help. It makes explicit that the National, Provincial, City and Municipal Governments shall not relinquish their respective obligations to the barangay.

Generally, the city government has the obligation to deliver basic services to the barangay and to provide assistance to barangay governments in its work for community development.

The duties and responsibilities therefore of the City Mayor as well as the obligations of the city government to the barangay are clearly tremendous, particularly taking note of the fact that there are 138 barangays to handle and at least 1,380 barangay officials to supervise including the representatives from the Kabataang Barangay.

Added to these are the officials and members of the Lupon Tagapayapa numbering about 2,760, Council for the Protection of Children numbering 959, and the Barangay Brigade executive officers numbering about 2,070, not to include the members of the brigades. In addition to all of this are some 6,850 Pook Leaders. In other words, there are approximately 14,019 barangay officials and leaders in Quezon City.

In the discharge of her duties and responsibilities to the barangay, the Quezon City mayor is assisted by the Barangay Operations Center which is tasked to handle said functions.

After the issuance of PD 86 and the organization of barangays in Quezon City, the Quezon City Barangay Operations Center, which was formerly known as Barangay Secretariat, was constituted by Executive Order No. 15 of the late City Mayor Norberto S. Amorantо. The Center provides a link of interrelated activities between the city and the barangay governments. It functions under the supervision and control of the city mayor with the responsibility of administering and supervising the affairs of barangays of the city. Up to this stage, the linkage between the City and the Barangay Governments centers on the development of the barangay as an approach to city development. Recently, Mayor Adelina S. Rodriguez adopted the "Barangay Approach" as a strategy of community development.

The Quezon City Barangay Operations Center is one of the most responsive and committed agencies of the Quezon City Government. It is headed by Eduardo T. Fiel, executive director, and is staffed by well-trained personnel imbued with dedication and commitment to hard work.

Basically, the QCBOC provides the following services to the barangay:

— It serves as the secretariat of the Panlungsod na Katipunan Ng Mga Sangguniang

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