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Contractors Told: Follow QC Rules

By **CHITO A. CHAVEZ**

The Quezon City Engineering Department (QCED) yesterday warned private contractors of stiff sanctions if they fail to follow the construction standards and specifications set by the city government.

In a meeting with contractors, Engr. Joselito Cabungcal, Head of the QCED, reminded them to maintain the highest quality of their work cautioning them to "shape up or ship out" to avoid being blacklisted from infrastructure projects in Quezon City.

"I will not hesitate to recommend to Mayor Bautista to blacklist non-performing and stubborn contractors who continue to disobey the standards set by the Quezon City government," Cabungcal said.

He warned groups of allegedly duping the city government by using substandard materials that may cause the premature wearing and tearing of government projects and even endanger the lives of the public.

Cabungcal added that inspectors

and employees of the QCED stand to face dismissal from the service if they are found conniving with errant contractors.

Cabungcal claimed that errant suppliers of construction materials are mislabeling their undersized, plywood, wooden planks, steel bars and metal sheets passing them off as a few sizes or grades higher than their actual size or strengths.

Cabungcal advised the contractors to purchase their material from suppliers with long standing good records and to avoid dealing with fly-by-night hardware firms selling inferior quality materials at lesser costs.

He asked the contractors to build field offices that are clean, presentable and manned by courteous and knowledgeable field personnel that may answer questions from the public regarding the infrastructure work in the vicinity.

On orders by Bautista, Cabungcal asked the contractors to ensure that all their workers are wearing the firm's uniform and identification cards to ensure public safety especially on school building projects.

Construction standard

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QC to shut down 34 UP dormitories

By Rio N. Araja

AROUND 34 boarding houses and dormitories in Barangay Krus na Ligas in Quezon City are facing closure after city building officials discovered that they purportedly did not have building permits.

Isagani Verzosa, the city's building official, said the 34 structures are three- to four-story buildings and were found not to have complied with fire safety code and other security features, such as fire alarms and emergency light installation.

For lack of the necessary building permits, he said such structures could be considered squatters, but they will give the building owners the chance to comply with the safety standards set forth under the National Building Code and Fire Code.

The boarding houses are occupied mostly by students and teachers of the University of the Philippines.

According to city fire marshal Sr. Supt. Bobby Baruelo, Mayor Herbert Bautista sees the need for more dormitories and the mayor wanted to ensure that all dormitory operators comply with existing laws.

City hall inspectors have earlier inspected boarding houses and dormitories on Xavierville Avenue in Barangay Loyola Heights and they were deemed compliant with the city's fire and safety regulations.

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3,000 buildings in QC to undergo inspection

By Rio N. Araja

TO PREVENT a repeat of two major fires that killed scores of people years ago, the Quezon City government on Wednesday vowed to beef up the inspection of over 3,000 buildings in the city.

Isagani Verzosa, city building official, said they have intensified the inspection of large popular chains of malls and supermarkets, and other medium-rise and high-rise buildings in Quezon City.

He said the city government has a pool of over 100 licensed engineers and architects making the rounds daily.

"We do not want to be blamed if another major fire tragedy, such as

that of the Ozone disco club's or the Manor Hotel's, because of the gross negligence of the building official to ensure the structural integrity of our buildings here," he told the Manila Standard.

He said they have hired civil engineers who are graduates of the University of the Philippines, Mapua Institute of Technology, Technological Institute of the Philippines, University of Sto. Tomas, and University of the Philippines to professionalize their department.

"Did you know that one of the engineers who inspected the structural integrity and fire safety of the Ozone club was an ophthalmologist? We do not want such a thing to happen again," he said.

He said he has instructed his personnel to prioritize the inspection of old buildings put up several decades ago, big shopping malls and supermarkets, and other populated business establishments.

He said even the city government's P2-billion to P3-billion infrastructure projects are not spared from their stringent inspection.

"Government projects also pass through us," he added.

He said they have ensured that city inspectors could not be bribed by building owners and administrators.

A major fire struck the Ozone disco club shortly after midnight of March 18, 1996, killing 162 people.

QC Building inspection

QC housing anomaly bared

Quezon City Councilor Enrico "Ric" S. Serrano yesterday revealed that the city government is losing millions of pesos in revenues intended for building permits due to illegal conversion of apartments to townhouses.

Serrano, chairman of the city council's committee on subdivision, housing and real estate, said some unscrupulous housing developers would apply for building permits to

construct apartments, but will build townhouses instead, thus depriving the city government and the national government through the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) of revenues.

The Quezon City alderman said he wonders why despite these violations, the housing businessmen are still able to secure the occupancy permits from the Office of the City Building Official.

Serrano urged prospective buyers of townhouses in Quezon City to be wary because they might be buying townhouses without the necessary building permits from the Quezon City government and permit to sell from the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB).

He is now preparing a resolution for an immediate investigation of erring housing developers in the city. (Jojo Taduran)

Building Permit



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QC to construct schools for student relocatees

The Quezon City government will allocate funds for the construction of two-story school buildings for elementary and high school students from relocated QC families in Rodriguez, Rizal.

According to Mayor Herbert Bautista, he already directed City Treasurer Edgar Villanueva to coordinate with the Department of Education and the local government of Rodriguez, Rizal on addressing the educational needs of the affected children.

"The QC government is willing to provide assistance to those informal settler families in Rizal

to enable them to finally cope with their situation in the relocation site, including the need for basic education for their children," Bautista told members of the Quezon City Press Club.

It was, however, not known immediately how much would the school buildings cost. Details as to when it would be started were not also made available.

Earlier, the local government, on orders of the mayor, had turned over electric sub-meters, with a total cost of P1 million, to the new homes of some 1,000 informal settler families in

Southville, Barangay San Isidro, Rodriguez.

Beneficiaries of the electric sub-meters include some of the victims of typhoon "Ondoy" and indigent families living dangerously along creeks and riverways such as the Tullahan River, San Francisco River and Culiati Creek.

Also given their share of the sub-meters are families displaced during a demolition of shanties along 6th and 7th Streets in Barangay Mariana, the city government said.

It has also agreed to shoulder

the cost of the electric sub-meters to help QC relocatees avail themselves of legal electrical connections from the Manila Electric Co. Each sub-meter costs around P1,000 per family per connection.

Under Bautista's administration, a continuing effort to provide more livable communities for QC informal settlers is now focused on those residing in danger areas such as sidewalks, roadways, waterways, under transmission lines and on water pipelines, City Administrator Vic Endriga told *Tribune* in a text message. " **Arlie O. Calalo**

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QC sets 'green standards'

The Quezon City government advised the public that no building construction without the necessary eco-friendly requirements will be allowed in the city beginning April 2011 as part of the city's "green building standards."

Isagani Verzosa, head of the Quezon City Department of Building Official (DBO), said the move is part of the city government's effort to

reduce greenhouse gases and other hazardous emissions from buildings and other structures.

The city's green building infrastructure ordinance mandates the use of environment-friendly technology and system in the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance including retrofitting of building projects in the city. (Chito A. Chavez)

QC - Building Standard

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

DepEd taps city gov'ts for classroom building

To address the shortage in basic education system in two years in public schools, particularly lack of classrooms, the Department of Education (DepEd) yesterday spearheaded the launch of a cooperation program encouraging city governments to shoulder at least half the cost of building new classrooms in their respective areas.

With the help of two other government agencies - League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) - DepEd is addressing perennial classroom shortage in public schools which currently stands at 152,569 classrooms on a single shift to meet the 1:45 ideal classroom-student ratio.

Education Secretary Armin Luistro said the memorandum of agreement signed by DepEd, DBM, and LCP is expected to considerably fill up classroom shortages in the coming years in line with President Aquino's instruction to address education resource gaps in two years.

Luistro added that while DepEd is thankful for the 100 percent increase—from P6 billion to P12 billion—in budget allocation for classroom construction for 2011, “we know all too well all that it is still not enough.”

Based on DepEd reports, Luistro said the agency could hardly cope with at least one million new entrants to the public school system every year. “Also, there are a substantial number of school buildings which need to be replaced on account of old age,” the DepEd chief disclosed. “Moreover, the recent years saw the succession of calamities which also reduced the number of school build-

ings,” he added.

Luistro said that under the counter-parting program, the initial 50 percent of the building cost will come from participating LGUs which give priority to areas experiencing acute shortage.

“The release of DepEd's 50 percent counter-part funds will be made upon receipt of certification from LGU's that their 50 percent share has been fully spent and that the construction is 50 percent complete as certified by DepEd schools division superintendent,” Luistro explained.

For its part, the DBM is expected to assist the DepEd in identifying the appropriate funding sources under its budget and facilitate the release of allotment upon submission of required documents.

Luistro lauded the “50/50 approach” to address classroom shortage, saying it can be compared to modern-day ‘bayanihan.’ “We also call on the implementers of this partnership scheme to professionally carry out the task as many sectors are expecting it to succeed,” he added.

The DepEd chief said that the program, if successful, might pave the way for cooperation among other government agencies and from the private sector to address the shortages in public schools.

“We also appeal to parents, teachers, school officials and other concerned education stakeholders to ensure that this counter-parting scheme delivers optimum result to the communities,” Luistro said.

classroom construction



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QC has enough classrooms

Quezon City is ready for the opening of school year 2010-2011.

Dr. Rowena Cacanindin, officer-in-charge of the division of city schools, assured parents that QC public schools will have enough classrooms when classes open on June 15.

"Holding classes under the mango tree is already a thing of the past. The need for classrooms is only minimal even with the expected influx of transferees from the private schools," Cacanindin said.

QC's enrolment figure usually grows by at least two to five percent each year, Cacanindin said.

To date, the QC government under the administration of Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., has already built 100 schoolbuildings, which provides an additional 1,641 new classrooms for the city's educational system. District II, which constitutes majority of the city's poor, got the lion's share of the city government's schoolbuilding program.

Inaugurated recently were the four-story and 29-classroom schoolbuilding at the Batasan Hills Elementary School in District II, now known as the Corazon C. Aquino Elementary School and the four-story and 19-classroom schoolbuilding at the Bagong Pag-asa Elementary School in District 1.

Also being completed is the four-story and 18-classroom schoolbuilding at the

Justice Cecilia Muñoz-Palma High School in Barangay Payatas.

Construction is also underway for additional schoolbuildings at Maligaya Elementary School, Old Balara Elementary School — Villa Beatriz Annex, National Orthopedic Hospital School for Crippled Children, Manuel Roxas High School, Tandang Sora National High School and Judge Feliciano Belmonte Sr. High School.

While the division may not be able to achieve the ideal student-classroom ratio of 1:45, Cacanindin said the division has been exerting efforts to ensure that classes shall be maintained at a minimum of two shifts.

To date, QC hosts the biggest public school system in the National Capital region with 428,271 enrollees, including pre-school.

Cacanindin said the city government has already set aside P15 million for the procurement of additional textbooks in the five core subjects — Math, English, Science, Filipino and Sibika, for distribution to QC students this coming schoolyear.

Mayor Belmonte called for the standardization of textbooks in Quezon City to achieve a textbook parity in the city's public school system.

Cacanindin also announced the hiring of 400 contractual teachers to agument the city's teaching force, which to date, numbers to 10,100.

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Sunday, October 18, 2009

QC prioritizes repair of school buildings

By **CHITO A. CHAVEZ**

Quezon City authorities said yesterday they will prioritize the rehabilitation of storm-damaged school buildings to allow classes to resume with minimal inconvenience to the teachers and students.

The rehabilitation program also includes the repair of public schools and classrooms used as evacuation centers for families severely affected by tropical storm "Ondoy."

Joselito Cabungcal, chief of the Quezon City Engineering Department (QCED), said his office will also repair the comfort rooms of the damaged public school buildings.

Initial findings of the QCED said P371.8 million worth of infrastructure in the city were damaged by the storm, with the floods rendering thousands of families homeless.

Cabungcal said at least P179.3 million is needed to repair 115 dilapidated roads with District 2 having the most number of damaged roads due to floods.

school buildings - repair

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'Use sports complex funds for school rehab'



THE BELARMINO Elementary School in Quezon City, earmarked for demolition, will be replaced by a sports complex.

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USE SPORTS COMPLEX FUNDS FOR
SCHOOL REHAB

MORE THAN 300 STUDENTS of the Belarmino Elementary School (BES) in Project 4, Quezon City, and their parents have asked local government and education officials to use the funds marked for a new sports complex to rehabilitate the school.

Earlier, the city government announced that the school would be demolished to make way for the construction of a sports complex, citing the dwindling number of enrollees in the school in the last five years and the need for a sports center.

It advised BES students to transfer to the nearby Pura V. Kalaw Elementary School (PVKES).

Students, parents and officials of the BES Parents-Teachers Association; however, have argued that the PVKES already has too many students.

They said that if Victoria Q. Fuentes, the Quezon City school division superintendent, and Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. really wanted to im-

prove the quality of education in public schools, they should rehabilitate BES facilities instead of building a sports complex.

Paula Taguba, BES PTA secretary, said in an interview that they are appealing to officials of the Department of Education and the city government to renovate the school's 22 rooms and provide additional facilities such as a science room, computer room, library, property room, first aid and safety room and home economics room, among others.

According to her, the school's classrooms are dilapidated, with the city government and DepEd officials ignoring their requests for the school to undergo rehabilitation.

At present, BES has only eight rooms—one for its kindergarten students, three for its third grade students and two for second to sixth graders.

The two remaining rooms are used as a faculty room and a stock room.

"We think that they intentionally neglected us so they can convert the school into a

sports complex. They have been 'killing us softly' for many years," Taguba said.

She pointed out that if the school would be rehabilitated, this would lead to an increase in enrollment.

"Pura [PVKES] is overcrowded. We have been seeing their students hold classes in their covered courts. How can one principal handle a total of 3,000 students if we all transfer to Pura? Where will they put us?" she asked.

Taguba noted that the city government did not build additional classrooms at PVKES in anticipation of the transfer of students from BES.

The new sports complex is expected to serve the needs of the students of the city's 97 elementary and 47 high schools.

"We wonder how they will do that. The school's lot area is not that big," said Taguba.

Parents of BES students said they do not need a new sports complex because the city already has the Amoranto Sports Complex which students could use for their physical education activities.

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New building. Quezon City mayor Feliciano Belmonte and other city officials join school and barangay officials at the inauguration of the new four-storey school building for the Sto. Cristo Elementary School.

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Enough classrooms, teachers, textbooks for QC are assured

By SEL A. BAYSA

There will be enough classrooms, schoolteachers and textbooks in public elementary and high schools in Quezon City when the school opens next month.

This was the assurance by reelected Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., to parents who likewise said that construction of seven new school buildings had already been completed while the construction of 15 other new school buildings is being rushed by the city government to ensure a zero-shortage of classrooms in the city's 42 public secondary and 97 elementary schools.

Belmonte said the completed new school buildings are the San Agustin Elementary School, Placido del Mundo Elementary School, San Bartolome Elementary School, Kaligayahan Elementary School, Maligaya High School, Commonwealth High School and Judge Juan Luna High School.

As of February, 43 new school buildings, made up of 727 classrooms, have been built by the Belmonte administration. District 2, which houses majority of the city's urban poor, got the lion share with 38 new school buildings.

Belmonte said, "with the

ever increasing number of public school enrollees, the pressure is continually on us to construct more school buildings to provide a comfortable student-to-classroom ratio for our school children."

Meantime, city schools superintendent Dr. Victoria Q. Fuentes revealed that the city has already sufficient classrooms as the local government succeeded in reducing the ratio of student-to-classroom distribution in the city in a more manageable proportion with the construction of additional school structures, notably in District 2.

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**QC councilor cites 16
new schoolbuildings**

Quezon City Councilor Winston "Winnie" Castelo has welcomed the construction of 16 new schoolbuildings in Quezon City.

In a press statement, Castelo said the infrastructures are part of the city's thrust on quality education led by Quezon City Mayor Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte Jr.

"This development would tremendously boost the local government's drive for quality education and campaign against illiteracy," Castelo said.

Castelo said eight of the 16 schoolbuildings are in his district, the second, while the rest are scattered in the first, third, and fourth districts.

A total of 286 additional classrooms were provided for elementary and high school students of the city as a result of the projects, he added.

Aside from housing, Castelo said the city government has also been prioritizing programs on education to help youths in Quezon City become productive citizens.

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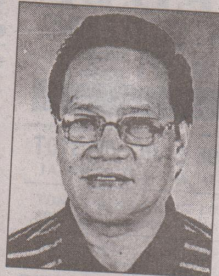
QCAFCBI DONATION: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. receives a letter of donation of four school buildings from the Quezon City Association of Filipino-Chinese Businessmen, Inc. (QCAFCBI) during the mayor's 67th birth anniversary at the City Hall Bulwagan. The four school-buildings are San Agustin Elementary School, Nagkaisang Nayon Elementary School, Payatas B Annex Elementary School and Kaligayahan Elementary School. The QCAFCBI officers present during the simple turnover rites were (from left) director Tommy Tan, VP Lorenzo Ching, secretary Ben Chan, VP John Kaw, president Charles Chen, past president Tan She Ling, EVP Bonifacio Lui, asst. treasurer Benito Ong, Nena Ordonez and Sheila Da Silva, a QCAFCBI staff.

QCAFCBI - school building donation

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QC dad asks for more classrooms, toilets

Amid the growing concern and clamor by parents and teachers in Quezon City for the provision of sufficient classrooms and clean toilet facilities in all public elementary and high school buildings, outstanding Councilor Resty Malangen of the 4th District has called on the Quezon City government to address said issues.



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In two separate resolutions he filed before the City Legislative Council, Malangen has asked the city government through Mayor Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte Jr. for the immediate provision of more classrooms for students noting that many public school classrooms are congested because of the high number of enrollees this year. "Because of the lack of classrooms, some classes are being held in areas of the school premises that are not conducive to the learning experience of the students," Malangen noted.

"Not only do we need more classrooms but clean and working toilets as well in the schools," Malangen said adding "We need to safeguard the health of the students and teach them the rudiments of good hygiene."

According to the Quezon City "action man," he has been receiving requests from several school authorities and organizations for the immediate construction of more classrooms and toilet facilities in various public schools in the city where enrolment has considerably increased. "The number of students in practically all QC public schools has almost doubled because many students coming from the private institutions have transferred there due to the hard times," Malangen observed.

"The more that we need now to provide adequate classroom and other educational facilities for the school children because if the hard economic conditions continue, many more students will be flocking to free schools in the future," Malangen added. (VON)

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More classrooms constructed in QC

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., in response to the growing population of students in public elementary and high schools in the city, inaugurated last Friday a newly constructed school building in Barangay Novaliches proper.

The four-story, 16-classroom building of the Novaliches High School is the seventh public school building constructed since Belmonte assumed office on July 1, 2000, translating into 212 additional classrooms.

Jun Escaro, infrastructure coordinator of the city school division, said the new school buildings include five elementary schools and two high schools in various parts of the city.

The construction of new school buildings has addressed

By PERSEUS ECHEMINADA

the growing number of students in the city's public schools. At least 400,000 students were enrolled in various public elementary and high school in the city this school year.

Apart from the new school buildings, the city government is set to bid out the repair and construction of 38 more school buildings in the four school districts of the city.

The current average ratio of students in public school is one room for every 43 students in elementary, and one for every 29 students in high school. There are about 94 public elementary and 38 secondary schools in Quezon City.

To ensure the delivery of education services particularly to urban poor areas, the city gov-

ernment has also set up at least 201 day-care centers with supplemental feeding stations.

Belmonte said the aim of the city government is to provide enough day-care centers facilities to cater to almost 30 percent of Quezon City's three-year-old population.

He said the city government is now providing free tuition in kindergarten classes offered in some public schools. In the past, tuition was P100 a month for each pupil.

The city school board has also allotted P11.52 million for payment of the honorarium of P2,000 per month to each teacher in these classes.

The mayor also said improvements are being done to upgrade kindergarten facilities.

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QC to bid out construction of 11 schoolbuildings

QUEZON CITY — In its continuous effort to curb classroom shortage, the city government will conduct a quarterly public auction on Aug. 31 to bid out 11 more new proposed schoolbuildings.

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. said, "We are doing our very best to improve the city's public educational system. The city government is vigorously pursuing the implementation of schoolbuilding program to ensure that students from urban poor communities are also provided access to quality education."

Mayor Belmonte disclosed plans to construct additional schoolbuildings to curb classroom shortage, especially in District II, the city's most depressed area. District II comprises barangays Commonwealth, Holy Spirit, Payatas, Batasan Hills, and the Novaliches area.

The City Treasury's Office was instructed by Mayor Belmonte to include in the city infrastructure bidding program for the third quarter the 11 proposed public schoolbuildings. These are the Bagong Pag-asa Elementary School in barangay Bagong Pag-asa; Bagong Silangan Elementary School in barangay Bagong Silangan; San Bartolome Elementary School in barangay San Bartolome, Novaliches; Batino Elementary School in Proj. 3; Belarmino Elementary School in barangay Amihan, Proj. 4; Fort Aguinaldo Elementary School, in barangay San Roque; and Betty Go-Belmonte Elementary School in barangay Doña Imelda.

And for secondary school buildings — Lagro High School in barangay Pasong Putik, Lagro; Novaliches High School in barangay San Agustin also in Novaliches; Quirino High School in Proj. 3; and Camp Aguinaldo High school in barangay Murphy.

However, city treasurer Dr. Victor B. Endriga, who co-chaired the city's Pre-Bids and Awards committee (PBAC), has yet to submit the infrastructure projects for the August 31 bidding to the city council for confirmation. (Monica Macariola)

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Belmonte underscored the need to sustain the development of the city's public educational system, as he cited its vital role in the effort of making the city a quality city.

The mayor assured that "while we continue to improve the city's public educational system, the city government is also vigorously



Belmonte

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city's Pre-Bids and Awards Committee (PBAC), has yet to submit the list of infrastructure projects for the August 31 bidding to the City Council for confirmation.

Meanwhile, Dr. Victoria Fuentes, superintendent of the Division of City Schools, said enrollees in the city's public high and elementary schools have increased from 347,505 in the opening of classes last June 19 to 378,170 as of July 1, 2003.

Of this number, 132,407 are enrolled in the secondary, and 254,763 in elementary.

To date, Quezon City has 41 high schools and 96 elementary schools scattered in the city's 142 barangays.

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QC to build 11 school buildings

The Quezon City government is set to build 11 more school buildings in line with Mayor Feliciano Belmonte's ongoing development of public educational system.

One of the 11 school buildings scheduled to be built is the Betty Go-Belmonte Elementary School in Barangay Doña Imelda. The construction of the 11 newly proposed buildings will be bidded out during a quarterly public auction on Aug. 31.

Belmonte has instructed City Treasurer's Office to include in the city's infrastructure bidding program for the third quarter of the year for the 11 proposed public school buildings.

The other new school buildings will be for the Bagong Pag-asa Elementary School in Barangay Bagong Pag-asa; Bagong Silangan Elementary School in Barangay Bagong Silangan; San Bartolome Elementary School in Brgy. San Bartolome; Novaliches; Batino Elementary School in Project 3; Belarmino Elementary School in Barangay Amihan, Project 4; and Fort Aguinaldo Elementary School in Barangay San Roque.

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— Pamela Samia

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Belmonte focuses on education projects

By Jing Villamente

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte has announced the awarding of P282 million worth of infrastructure projects to winning bidders for the construction of two more school buildings.

The projects, Belmonte said, were awarded to the third batch of lowest bidders contracted by the city government under its 2002 budget, which brought to P764.09 million the total amount of infrastructure contracts.

Apart from the construction of two school buildings, the city government will also rehabilitate other school buildings and facilities; repair three health centers; complete the construction of three barangay halls and a police headquarters; construct a multipurpose gymnasium at the Amoranto Sports Complex; improve 50 city roads, drainage systems and flood control projects.

Belmonte said the projects are part of his vision to make the city a quality community.

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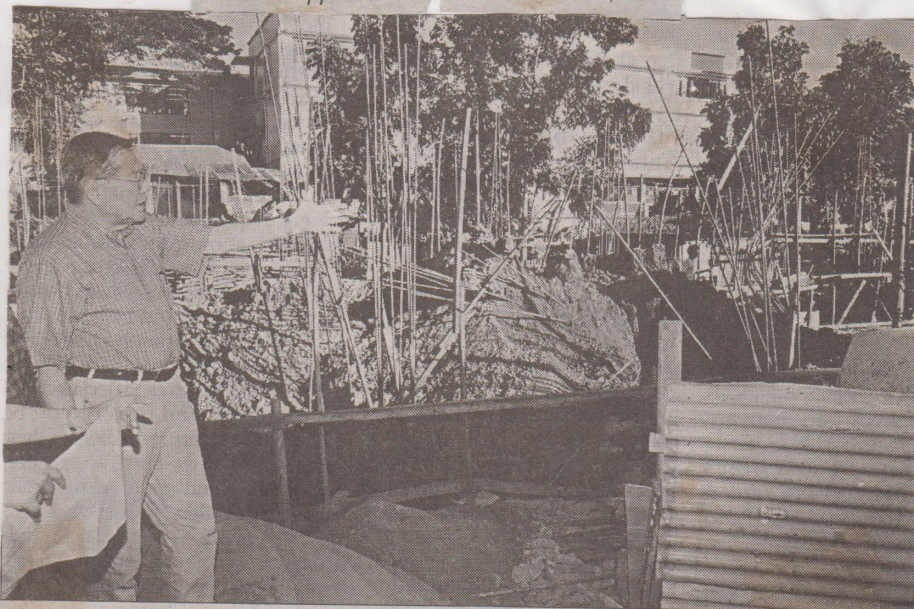
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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte (left) and AMA Education System chairman Amable Aguiluz V (right) led the groundbreaking ceremony for the AMA Basic Education building that will soon rise along Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City. AMA Basic Education, in partnership with the University of California in Berkeley, introduces innovations in preschool, elementary and high school through the Great Explorations in Math and Science Program (GEMS), and through an IT-based instructional program that allows introduction to the internet and hands-on student familiarity with new technologies. The school is set to open this June. For inquiries, call 4545352/4545345.

AMA Basic Educ. Building -
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groundbreaking **LOCAL HISTORY**

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NORTH FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL: Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. supervises the construction of the four-story North Fairview High School building being built by the city government. Once completed, the school will accommodate students from neighboring barangays in the Novaliches area, where most of the 350,000 students from the city's public schools are concentrated.

North Fairview school building construction
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North Fairview High school

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LOCAL HISTORY**

QC building owner faces suit over wall collapse

THE Quezon City government is set to file charges of negligence and violation of the National Building Code before the Prosecutor's Office for the death of two people when a wall of a warehouse collapsed in Barangay Masambong on Monday night.

Isagani Verzosa, head of the city building office, said the owner of LG Atkinson Import-Export Inc. will held liable for the accident, and its permit will be revoked.

"A wall (is) constructed atop an existing wall (is) not within engineering standards. (A) permit (was issued) for lot 18 only, but they (developer) extended construction to lots 17, 19, 20 and 21 without permit," he told report-

ers in a text message.

Investigation showed that one of the walls of the warehouse owned by L.G. Atkinson on Malasimbo Street collapsed at around 8:30 p.m. At least six passenger jeepneys parked in the area were buried under the debris.

Rescuers retrieved from the rubbles the bodies of Norma Magada, 44, and Robin Leuterio, 22, jeepney driver.

Two other people remained missing. "The building official has informed me that he has already sent structural engineers (to the site)," city administrator Aldrin Cuña told reporters.

The building owner must shoulder the funeral expenses, he said.

Rio N. Araja

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Rescuers look for survivors after a building wall collapsed on May 19, 2014 in Masambong, Quezon City. **DANNY PATA**

Monday, June 25, 2012

Additional Offices

The Quezon City (QC) government said yesterday that it plans to use real properties acquired through donations and forfeiture in the past few years as sites for the city's additional offices to improve the delivery of basic public services.

Tadeo Palma, secretary to the Quezon City mayor, said that the city-owned buildings that the city has bought or acquired through auction sale of tax delinquent properties can also be used as exten-

sion sites for schools to ease the classroom woe shortage in the city.

On orders of (QC) Mayor Herbert Bautista, Palma said that the city government must evaluate the condition of the properties, develop and make use these properties if necessary, most especially those with buildings, to support the expansion of all the city government offices and to further improve the mobility of services and to avoid waste of time in responding to public needs.

The Quezon City General Services Department reported that about 15 city-owned properties are ready to be used, seven with special cases and due for recovery and 46 donated assets that require rehabilitation and renovation. (Chito Chavez)

QC Building

QC gov't building new Hall of Justice

The Quezon City government is building a new Hall of Justice in response to the call of President Aquino for greater efforts in ensuring the speedy dispensation of justice, especially among the poor.

"This is our own way of showing our support to the President," Mayor Herbert "Bistek" Bautista said during the ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of the P98.4 million six-story Department of Justice (DoJ) building (phase 1) located beside the old QC Hall of Justice building at the QC Hall grounds.

The construction project, which will be completed by the end of the year, will house the office of the city prosecutor, public attorney's office, parole and probation office, mediation office and the office of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines-QC Chapter, he said.

"The new building will provide a more spacious area for our prosecutors that will enable them to effectively respond to the needs of our constituents," he said.

He added: "This time our prosecutors will no longer cram in one small space with the new hall of justice."

Bautista was joined by Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte and City Prosecutor Donald Lee during the ground-breaking ceremony, according to Greg Bañacia, head of the city's public affairs and information services office.

Providing support to the judiciary has always been a priority of the QC government, the three officials said.

Recently, the city chief executive unveiled the P2-million document tracking system designed to expedite the docketing of cases filed before the Clerk of Court of the QC Regional Trial Court.

To set up the system, the city acquired 16 new computer units, two scanners and printers to help transfer the manual records of the RTC clerk of court into a new system database for easy retrieval of trial court records and documents.

Plans to adopt the system in the MTC are also being mullied by the city government, Banacia said. **Arlie O. Calalo**

QC Hall of Justice - Building Construction



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Modern stockroom system for QC

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The Quezon City government is set to build a modern and computerized central stock warehouse for the storage of construction materials, electrical supplies, and other essential equipment used by the city.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte approved the recommendation of Rolando Montiel chief of the city's General Service Office (GSO) in a bid to further enhance its development projects while enjoying huge price cuts and boosting the locality's status as the country's richest local government units (LGU).

Montiel said Quezon City should have a modern central stock warehouse similar to that in Valenzuela City and Marikina City where bulk procurements also facilitate the implementation of government projects.

In some unforeseen instances, the completion of government projects is delayed with the sudden skyrocketing prices of materials, equipment and supplies while cases of lack of supply of key essentials are also blamed for unfinished undertakings.
(Chito Chavez)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009

QC opens air-conditioned taxpayers lounge

TAXPAYERS in Quezon City can now sip free coffee while paying their dues to the city government at the city's newly opened taxpayers lounge at city hall. Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. presided over yesterday's inauguration with City Treasurer Victor Endriga Jr. and Finance Secretary Margarito Teves. The new air-conditioned taxpayers lounge has 73 counters where residents and businessmen can line up in comfort, complete with coffee. "If the taxpayers take more than an hour to finish their transaction, then they can complain to the supervisor," Belmonte said. The new lounge is located on the ground floor of a new building which cost P30 million. Belmonte said the facility was equipped with a state-of-the-art computer system which will be connected to all taxpaying counters, serving as a taxpayers' database. Teves said he was impressed with the new taxpayers lounge. "I hope this can be adopted as a model for other local government units wishing to improve their services," he added.

Julie M. Aurelio

Teves, Belmonte to open QC's new treasury building

Finance Secretary Margarito Teves and Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. will lead the opening tomorrow of Quezon City's new treasury building that will serve as a one-stop shop for residents transacting with the treasury and assessor's offices.

"The new treasury office will have 72 booths with computer linkup to speed up transaction with the public. Taxpayers will also be given free coffee," city treasurer Victor Endriga said.

He said the payment process will be fully computerized, and a single transaction will only take a few minutes.

Endriga expressed confidence that with the opening of the new treasury building, the city government's tax collection will greatly improve.

Last year, the city government overshoot its tax target by more than P1 billion when it collected at least P9 billion.

- Perseus Echeminada

8-story twin towers to rise in QC Hall complex

The Quezon City government is set to construct an eight-story civic center building in the five-hectare city hall complex.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. said the closure of Matatag and Makatungan streets signals the start of the construction of the twin tower buildings that form part of his plan to transform the city hall complex into a world-class facility at par with those in the United States and Europe.

He said a photo print of the plans, forwarded to the National Historical Institute and the

National Parks and Development Council, includes the newly-constructed Quezon City Memorial Circle underpass.

Belmonte said one of the buildings will serve as a one-stop shop for city government offices that render front-line services.

Aside from the twin towers, Belmonte has also approved the construction of a multi-purpose building and the rehabilitation of all sidewalks in the city hall complex.

— Perseus Echeminada



Vice President Noli de Castro (left) and Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. confer on plans for the city's central business district. The two executives are chair and co-chair, respectively, of the Urban Triangle Development (TriDev) Commission, a body created by President Arroyo to manage and speed up the development of the 250-hectare area in the North and East Triangles and Veterans Memorial into a model, progressive, mixed-use community. The framework plan for the district was created by the World Bank which assessed it to be the 'center of gravity of all commercial activities in Metro Manila in the coming years.' Looking on is city communication coordination center head Reggie Samson.

Quezon City structures are safe

BY JEFFERSON ANTIPORDA REPORTER

THE Quezon City Government on Wednesday gave assurance that all city-based establishments are complying with the necessary safety and security procedures, and there's no need for the city to conduct a special inspection.

"Building inspections are being done by the office of the city engineer regularly so we are confident with the integrity of the structures of our buildings so the public need not to worry," said the city's Majority Councilor Ariel Inton.

Inton made the assurance on accounts of security efforts prompted by the Makati bombing. He said that besides regular inspections, building owners are also making sure that their structures are in good shape as violating the city's many laws could get them in trouble.

Makati on Tuesday ordered the closure of the Glorietta shopping complex to give way for a structural inspection after the deadly blast last week that authorities believe to be an industrial accident. The Glorietta 2 blast killed 11 people and injured more than 100.

The temporary closure of Glorietta 1, 2, 3 and 4, one of Makati city's largest among its shopping centers, will last until the City Engineer's Office completes its inspection to find out if the mall owners, the Ayala Land Inc. (ALI), complied with structural plans submitted to the city government.

Just recently, the Quezon City council government enacted an ordinance regulating the construction, repair, modification and demolition of buildings to ensure the safety of its residents and promote proper land use.

Under the new building law, owners or operators of buildings found to have violations and structural damages will be given up to 120 days to undertake necessary repairs on their properties. Failure to comply with the city government's order will result in the demolition of the structure, with expenses charged to the owner.

The Quezon City Government holds the "shameful distinction" of having one of the country's deadliest fires, when the Ozone Disco tragedy killed 162 people, mostly teenagers on March 18, 1996.

DC Builders

QC govt to demolish abandoned structures

THE Quezon City government can now demolish abandoned and unfinished structures if its owners fail to secure permits and other documents showing their structures are safe and do not pose a danger to the public.

Last Monday, the Quezon City Council enacted an ordinance regulating the construction, repair, modification and demolition of buildings in the city to ensure the safety of its residents and promote proper land use.

The ordinance was introduced early this month by the Council's Majority leader Ariel Inton, and was certified as urgent by Mayor Feliciano

Belmonte Jr.

With the approval of the new measure, building owners particularly those with abandoned and uncompleted properties are required to secure necessary permits from the city government. Otherwise, their structures will be ordered demolished.

Building officials will be tasked to conduct inspection of all structures in the city and identify buildings that are not safe. The owners or operators of the dilapidated structures will be given up to 120 days to undertake the necessary repairs on their properties. Failure to comply with the city government's order will result in the demolition of the structure with expenses charged to the owner.

"Structures, particularly the dilapidated and the unfinished structures, could pose danger to the public, and we feel that it is better to remove these structures than to allow these to be the cause of another disaster," Inton said.

"Now that the measure has been approved, the city government can now start clearing these illegal and dangerous structures..." he added.

One of the structures identified for demolition is the unfinished building located along Matalino Street, Barangay Central at the back of the City Hall, which is more than 15 stories high. Another is a six-storey structure in Sikatuna, which was also left unfinished by its owners.

The said structures are one of

the many in the city that needs to be given attention because of the potential dangers they pose to the public.

Besides the unfinished and abandoned buildings, the measure also penalizes building owners who continue to ignore the National Building and Fire Safety Code. Quezon City actually holds the shameful distinction of having one of the deadliest fires in the country's history, when the Ozone Disco tragedy killed 162 people, mostly teenagers in March 18, 1996.

Five years after, another fire tragedy struck Manor Hotel along Kamias Road and claimed 75 lives.

In both incidents, investigators found numerous violations of the building and fire code.

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QC residents press complaints against hotel

CONCERNED residents of Quezon City are asking Mayor Feliciano Belmonte and the city council to immediately act on the case of Nice Hotel, which they claimed continues to endanger the lives of its tenants.

The petition came after residents learned that Belmonte certified as urgent a new bill dubbed as "Building and Structural Ordinance of Quezon City" that will regulate the construction, repair and expansion of buildings in the city.

The hotel has been operating despite the April 4 cease and desist order issued by Pacifico Maghacot, chief of the Business

Permit and Licensing Office.

Maghacot ordered hotel owner Carlos Te, president of Mica Inc., to correct the structures of the Nice Hotel in compliance with the Building and Fire Code, but to no avail.

Before Maghacot's order, the City Engineer's Office on December 18, 2006, had also ordered to stop the operation of Nice Hotel.

The building at present is also operating without a required fire certificate after Fire Marshall Oscar Villegas, last May 14 declined to issue fire safety inspection certificate to the hotel after fire inspectors found 20 viola-

tions of the Building Code.

A resident has filed a complaint before the Office of the Ombudsman to prosecute the city officials who would be found remiss in their duties to effect the closure of the hotel or at least make the necessary correction

Inton, in an interview, said there are an increasing number of building owners that have been ignoring the requirements of the building code like securing proper permits in major renovation.

He also wanted to put an end to unfinished building constructions, which pose a danger to neighbors and the public.

QC gov't stops hotel construction,

The construction of the four-storey Nice Hotel at Barangay San Martin de Porres in Cubao, Quezon City was ordered stopped by the city government for violation of the National Building Code.

This after a team of inspectors from the city engineering office, led by Joselito Cabung-

cal, found out that the project contractor had deviated from the approved plan, notably the construction of additional unit within the building.

In his report to Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr., Cabungcal said the construction had violated Section 304 of the National Building Code governing the

issuance of building permits.

Earlier, Mayor Belmonte reiterated that the city government shall continue to provide a more responsive implementation of the building code, to cope with the demands of a metropolis with the size and complex of the city. (Sel Baysa)

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LOCAL HISTORY

Association of Small Landowners in the Philippines, Inc. vs. Secretary of Agrarian Reform

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the weakest of the three departments of the Government, the judiciary is nonetheless vested with the power to annul the acts of higher the legislative or the executive or of both when not conformable to the fundamental law. This is the reason for

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER METRO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2006

QC gov't stops work on condominium

A CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPER has been ordered to stop work in Xavierville Subdivision, Quezon City, after a 400-kilo slab from the building fell onto an adjacent house two weeks ago.

Fortunately, no one was hurt in the incident although the house owned by Clarissa Fortuna, a doctor, sustained a lot of damage.

The Quezon City Office of the Building Official (OBO) issued a cease-and-desist order (CDO) on May 15 against the developer and contractor of the 25-story Regina Condominium, which is under construction in the subdivision.

The condo is being developed by BANFF Realty and Development Corp., under contract with Megawide Construction Corp.

On May 12, a slab of "pre-cast material," measuring nine-by-four feet, fell from a crane at the sixth floor of the condominium, onto the roof of the house at 33 Collantes Street.

The huge slab tore through the roof and destroyed the ceiling of

one of the bedrooms. Luckily, the slab caught on the wooden support of the ceiling and stopped it from crashing into the floor. The impact, however, sent pieces of plywood onto the bed, nearly hitting Fortuna.

Accompanied by her sister-in-law Tati, who lives in the same house, Fortuna said she and other homeowners complained about the incident before the OBO, prompting city officials to issue a CDO.

But work on the construction site continued, Fortuna noted, adding that the crane even went beyond the site perimeter.

Because of the violations, project engineer Leonardo Paule and civil engineer Donato Ragudo were arrested and detained over the weekend, according to Fortuna's lawyer, Francis Rivera.

At a hearing yesterday at the OBO, architect Edgardo del Rosario clarified that the CDO meant that no type of construction was allowed as long as the order remained in effect. **Melissa de Quiros**

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