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QC gov't approves P50,000 burial benefits for centenarians

The Quezon City government will now provide burial benefits to QC centenarian residents by increasing its financial support to them to P50,000, according to the city's Public Affairs and Information Services Office (PAISO).

PAISO chief Greg Bañacia said Mayor Herbert "Bistek" Bautista has just affixed his signature on an ordinance authored by Councilor Voltaire Godofredo Liban III which called for its full implementation.

The same measure also gave the title "Centenarian Citizen" to every QC resident who has reached the

age of 100, the PAISO chief said.

The new measure amends Ordinance SP-1986 S-2009 which provided QC centenarians Christmas and birthday gifts amounting to P2,000 in addition to a P10,000 cash incentive.

But the old ordinance did not provide for a burial assistance, council's presiding officer Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte said.

Belmonte added the Sangguniang Panlunsod passed the new ordinance on third and final reading in December last year as a Christmas gift to poor families who have to care for their sick centenarian elders.

Sponsors of the new measure said considering the high cost of funeral, burial or cremation services nowadays, the city government should also give additional assistance to support the centenarians' families for their expenses for such services.

Just last month, Bautista signed the new ordinance into law as a Valentine's sift to the families caring for their elders who qualify for the new benefit, PAISO said.

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MANILA BULLETIN

QC Mulls Low-Cost Burial Services

By CHITO A. CHAVEZ

The Quezon City government yesterday said it plans to develop next year a city-owned crematorium and columbarium that will offer low-cost cremation and burial services.

Mayor Herbert Bau-

tista disclosed that his 2013 plans include the establishment of a city-owned crematorium and columbarium to address the memorial needs of families who want their deceased member to be cremated and placed in a columbarium instead of being buried or placed in an apartment-type niche.

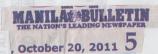
The city government may opt to close down the Baesa Cemetery along Quirino Highway and develop

it as a crematory and columbarium.

He noted that Baesa Cemetery can be used better if developed into a columbarium because, in terms of space, it can accommodate more cadavers.

City residents who want their departed to be buried need not worry because the Bagbag cemetery, which is also in Novaliches, could still be used as final resting place for the deceased.

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QC allocates ₱2.15-M burial assistance

Underprivileged residents of Quezon City will benefit from the burial and funeral assistance program as P2.15 million was set aside by the city government for the program.

Mayor Herbert Bautista and third district Rep. Jorge Banal entered into a memorandum of agreement with nine participating funeral parlors where the beneficiaries are each entitled to burial assistance not exceeding \$\mathbb{P}^3,000\$. The fund to be used will be sourced from the priority development assistance fund of Banal.

However, the program proponents said that only certificates of guarantee issued by the city's social services development department can be accepted by the participating funeral homes.

The participating funeral parlors are Wyn Funeral Services, La Funenaria St. Mark de San Juan, Tajuna Funeral Services, Bonita Funeral Services, Loyola Memorial Chapels and Crematorium, St. Peter Life Plan, Inc., St. James Memorial Chapel, St. Ignatius Funeral Homes Corporation and Santiago Funeral Service.

Earlier, Bautista also renewed the implementation of the city's "Murang Palibing" program to provide economic relief to underprivileged city residents in their moments of grief.

He sealed an agreement with members of the Quezon City Mortuary Association Inc. to implement the program, which was described "as a gesture of the city's genuine concern for the poor."

Under the agreement, association

members shall provide funeral services amounting to \$\text{P6,500}\$ for adults and \$\text{P3,500}\$ for children, including provisions for casket, retrieval of body from place of death (natural death), five-day embalming and use of funeral hearse for interment (Monday to Friday only).

Quezon City Resolution Number SP-2801, S-2005 authorizes Bautista to enter into an agreement with owners of citybased mortuaries for the implementation of the "Murang Palibing" program.

of the "Murang Palibing" program.
As provided under both agreements, the city government, through the social services and development department headed by Teresa Mariano, shall oversee the identification of qualified indigent residents who shall benefit from the program. (Chito A. Chavez)

QC Burial assistance



Monday, October 15, 2007 3 QC councilors seek higher burial benefit

By SEL BAYSA

Quezon City Councilors Jesus Suntay, Ariel Inton Jr., and Jorge Banal Jr., are pushing for the approval of their proposed ordinance seeking for a higher burial assistance for the city's barangay officials and tanods (guards).

The high cost of burial expense prompted the three councilors to file the new measures which has reportedly snowballed at the city council

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They said, "the burial assistance given to barangay officials and tanods has become unrealistic, considering the present cost of prime commodities, including funeral service."

The proposed measure, Ordinance No. SP-1207, seeks to amend Ordinance No. 223, S-91, in providing higher burial benefits to barangay officials and the regular Barangay Security Development Officer (BSDO), or tanods.

Suntay, Inton and Banal's proposed ordinance also covers former barangay officials and BSDO members who died in the line of duty.

At present, the city government grants P40,000 as burial benefits to barangay officials, including the punong barangay (chairman), kagawad (councilors), secretary, treasurer, Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) chair and regular barangay police security officers, who died in the line of duty.

Under the new measure, which also seeks for a P3 million appropriation, it pegs the burial benefits to P50,000 for barangay captain, P40,000 for kagawad and SK chairman; P30,000 for secretary, treasurer and regular BSDO; and P20,000 for SK kagawads and former barangay officials.

Inton, who is the council's majority floorleader, said the proposed benefit may be minimal, but its impact will be significant "as a token of recognition and appreciation to the great contribution of our barangay officials in the development and peacekeeping effort in their respective communities."

Burial benefits

QC gov't, mortuary ass'n to provide free funeral for the poor

8 Saturday, September 24, 2005

By RICO C. NAVARRO

The Quezon City government and members and non-members of the Philippine Mortuary Association, Inc. (PMAI) yesterday sealed an agreement providing free burial and funeral services to the poor residents of the city.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. was joined by PMAI president Benjamin Dychangco in signing a memorandum of agreement at the Quezon City Hall Bulwagan.

The ceremony was witnessed by city councilors, social services development department head Teresa Mariano, City Registry Office head Ramon Matabang, and 38 funeral members and nonmembers of the association.

Belmonte thanked the participating funeral parlors for supporting the city government in its commitment to lessen the economic burden of those less fortunate residents of the city who suffer from the death of their relatives. He lauded their "Murang Palibing," "Libre ang Serbisyo," and "Financial Assistance" programs

The mayor, citing the need for more cemeteries because of Quezon City's growing population, urged operators of funeral parlors to identify more free burial

Belmonte lauded the participating funeral parlors' gesture as a "symbol of their genuine concern for the poor, in partnership with the Quezon City government."

Under the agreement, the city government, through its Social Services and Development Department, will identify and screen qualified indigent residents for the program.

The city government will also issue "gift certificates" to beneficiaries who are required to submit documents such as barangay certification on their indigency, death certificate, and copy of the contract of agreement between the bereaved family and the funeral parlor.

The agreement was an offshoot of a Quezon City council resolution authorizing Belmonte to enter into an agreement with members and non-members of the Philippine Mortuary Association, Inc. for burial and funeral services.

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FUNERAL PARLOR PROBE. Quezon City Councilor Anthony Castelo called on his colleagues in the City Council to conduct a public hearing on funeral parlors in the city charging exorbitant fees to residents, especially poor folk. Castelo is shown with Councilor Chuck Mathay as they receive Benjamin Duque and relatives who complained of the exorbitant fees being charged them for the funeral services of Antonio Duque. Mayor Ismael Mathay and the City Council earlier appropriated P1 million for burial assistance to indigent residents.

Burial assistance