



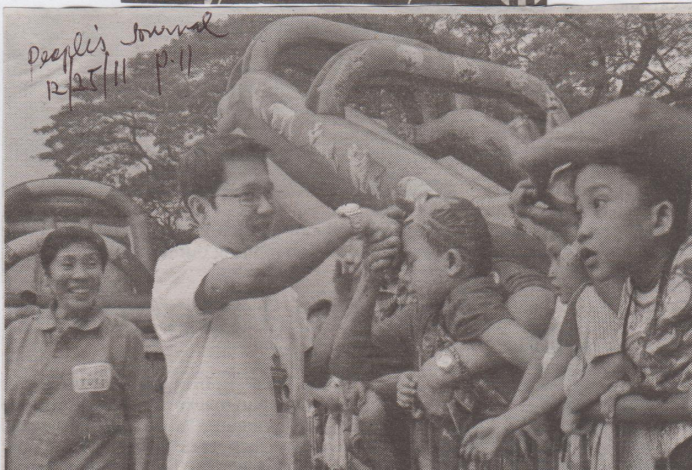
Bright holidays.

Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista switches at the QC Hall complex Christmas lights along with Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte and officials. Lower panel shows Administrator Victor Endriga and Chiba Chairman Toshiyuki Ogawa mark the 40th year of sisterhood with the Japanese city signed in 1972. Endriga was joined by PESO chief Carlo Magno Abella and youth development officer Rogelio Reyes.

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CHRISTMAS IS FOR THE KIDS – Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista shares the spirit of the holiday season to at least 10,000 day-care pupils who received special Christmas treats during an event dubbed "Maligayang Pasko, Maligayang Paslit," at the QC Hall grounds. Inflatable rides were set up to the delight of the children. The city's social services development department lined up puppets, magical shows and parade featuring anime characters and war robots. With the Mayor is SSDD head Teresa Mariano. Photo by TURO LACSON

Mayor H. B - Christmas celebration activities

QC sets holiday contingency measures

By CHITO A. CHAVEZ

Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista has directed local police and the city's traffic bureau to prepare contingency plans to avert chaos and ensure public safety for shoppers and revelers this Holiday Season.

He asked the Quezon City Police District (QCPD) and the Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) to coordinate to avoid untoward incidents usually associated with the Christmas Season celebration.

During this time of the year, incidents of hold-ups, snatching, robberies, drunken driving and traffic congestion usually increase.

However, the QCPD Intelligence chief Superintendent Nestor Abalos assured the mayor that police are ready for any eventuality, saying hundreds of uniformed and civilian police personnel are deployed on strategic locations like shopping malls, churches and known crowded areas leading to night club strips.

He said that the QCPD Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU) and the DPOS have joined forces with the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) in minimizing traffic snarls and bottleneck routes caused mainly by the influx of shoppers in malls and supermarkets.

Councilor Ranulfo Ludovica appealed to the motorists to temporarily avoid roads leading to and near shopping malls, department stalls, supermarkets to decrease traffic congestion to manageable levels.

He noted that motorists who use alternate routes this Christmas Sea-

son for known city's traffic-prone areas like Epifanio delos Santos Avenue (EDSA), Commonwealth Avenue, Aurora Blvd. and Ortigas Avenue would greatly ease the load off the shoulders of traffic enforcers.

Ludovica also advised the public to use alternate routes called by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) as Christmas lanes to relieve heavily congested roads from heavy traffic.

The MMDA advised Makati City bound vehicles coming from EDSA-North Avenue to take Mother Ignacia St. leading towards Wilson St. in San Juan and Shaw Blvd. in Mandaluyong City leading to the Makati-Mandaluyong Bridge.

Northbound vehicles from Makati City may take Circumferential Road 5 (C-5) via Ayala Avenue or Mackinley Road leading to the farthest north without passing through EDSA.

Vehicles going south coming from Monumento, Caloocan City may take North Avenue going to Commonwealth Avenue, Katipunan Avenue and leading to C-5 in going to Makati City.

Tadeo Palma secretary to the mayor said that the DPOS and the QCPD will meet with officials of the 142 barangays in Quezon City to discuss strategies in providing maximum security to the faithful during the traditional "Simbang Gabi" starting on Dec. 16.

Meanwhile, a Quezon City councilor said volunteer firemen using fire trucks purchased through his community development funds (CDF) will roam the city's streets on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day to

ensure public safety in cases of fire incidents.

Councilor Jaime Borres of the city's third district appealed to the public to use any of the 81 designated firecrackers zone in the city and to avoid burning of tires in the middle of the road that may cause accidents and pollution.

He also requested that aerial fireworks should not be aimed at individuals, structures, buildings or even shanties to avoid injuries and incidents of fire while warning stubborn individuals to refrain from using banned fireworks to avoid injuries, damage to property or even death.

"If it was up to me or if I would have it my way I prefer to celebrate the Yuletide Season safely without diminishing the solemnity of the celebration. We can attend mass and thank the Lord for all the blessings," Borres said.

He commended the volunteer firemen who opted to go on duty instead of celebrating New Year's Eve with their respective families and relatives calling them "our modern-day heroes" for their selfless acts.

In 2009, Borres earmarked P5.5 million of his P28 million annual allocation for the training of barangay volunteer firefighters, opening of a fire station facility in Barangay Quirino 2-A and purchase of modern firefighting gears to facilitate response during incidence of fire.

The fire station has since been strategically re-located in Project 3.

The expenditures included the training expenses of the firefighters in Camp Aguinaldo, purchase of firefighting equipment like the self heat-

ing apparatus, fire suits, fire trucks, axes and bolt cutters.

To complement the firefighting equipment, Borres said that he had initiated talks with the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage Systems (MWSS) where modern fire hydrants

will be installed in strategic areas in Quezon City.

Borres said that the modern fire hydrants are built to discourage water pilferage since it will take a special kind of equipment only available to firemen.

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Yule activity set for scavengers

The Quezon City government said yesterday that it will sponsor next month an employees' scavengers night -- a Christmas event that will be attended by the Payatas Operations Group (POG) and urban poor groups in the area.

POG chief Jameel Jaymalin said the employees' scavengers night will be highlighted by the usual gift-giving that will benefit more than 3,000 indigent families living at the landfill facility.

"It is the season of hope to many of our brethren whose dream of living in prosperity is shuttered by a hand-to-mouth existence, raking what to others are wastes in order to live," Jaymalin added.

Jaymalin is optimistic that the city governments' efforts of closing the gap between the marginalized and the privileged in Quezon City will be realized through a Christmas activity for the benefit of the poor. (Chito A. Chavez)

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Lighting of tree, lanterns signals start of Yule in QC

Christmas will officially start tomorrow in Quezon City with the traditional lighting of lanterns and other decors placed along the city's major streets and thoroughfares.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. will lead city hall officials in the ceremonial lighting of the Christmas tree and lanterns set up at the Quezon City Hall on 6 pm.

Quezon City's Christmas decors will be visible along Quezon Avenue, Commonwealth Avenue, North Triangle and Katipunan Avenue.

Meanwhile, several business

establishments have agreed to sponsor the display of lanterns along Mindanao Avenue, from North Avenue to Quirino Highway.

The city government has agreed to control the use of Christmas decors with lights in line with the austerity measures adopted by the national government.

As an energy saving measure, the city had adopted the use of colorful decors without lights to balance the lack of illumination during nighttime. (Raul V. Gonzales)

QC Lantern lighting

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QC Christmas Decors



Christmas will never be complete without the season's symbolic centerpiece and Araneta Center, together with its sponsors and Quezon City officials, marked the beginning of the Yuletide season with the lighting of its 80-foot Christmas tree. In photo are (from left) Araneta Center COO Rene dela Cruz, Rep. Matt Defensor, Araneta Center vice chairman Judy Araneta-Roxas, Coca-Cola Export Corp. Philippine Business Unit president Kandy Anand, Quezon City Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, and Quezon City Councilors Jimmy Borres, Ariel Inton and Bolet Banal.

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QC GIANT XMAS TREE. Councilor Rommel R. Abesamis (1st from left) greets the audience during the lighting of the annual giant Christmas tree at the Araneta Center, Cubao, Quezon City by QC officials led by Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr., Vice Mayor Connie Angeles and Councilor Bo Mathay. Among the prominent guests are former Agrarian Reform Secretary Philip Juico, Bb. Pilipinas International, and House of Representatives Majority Floor Leader Mar Roxas. The program for the event was hosted by German Moreno.

QC Christmas Celebration