



City Councilor George Banal Shares Vision for QC District III

By: Faith Rocamora

The primary problems in District III are similar to most urban districts, which are thickly populated. We hope to address the problem of housing for the residents in the depressed areas through fast tracking of community Mortgage Programs, particularly for residents of the following Barangays: Old Balara, Pansol, parts of Loyola Heights, Libis, Escopa I, II, III and IV, Ugong Norte, Bagumbayan, West and East Kamias, Duyan-Duyan, San Roque, Mangga, Qurino 2-A, 3-A, Claro, Amihan, among others.

Efforts will be earnestly exerted for on site

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Fruits of Civil Registration

By: Ariel M. De Guzman

Quezon City, being one of the key cities of the country still posted a relatively high rate of late birth registration for age 0-18 years. Based on the documents submitted by Quezon City Civil Registry Office, late registration for the said age bracket for January 2001 was 9.91%, it slightly dropped to 9.14% in February, and again rose to 11.73% and 10.13% for the months of March and April, respectively. Overall, Quezon City posted 10.24% delayed birth registration for the first four months of the year.

An almost the same rate of unregistered birth for the first four months of the year can be attributed to the District's massive information campaign about Civil Registration in the past. People are now becoming more aware of the importance of Civil Registration. Also, it somehow shows a bright prospect for Plan International's Unregistered Children Project (UCP) where Quezon City is selected as one of its pilot areas. The project's main concern is the registration of children below 18 years of age. With these figures, UCP has already taken a preliminary step towards the achievement of its goal, and that is, to achieve a 100% births registration for the next three years.

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Quezon City Unregistered birth 0 - 18 years old for 2001 by month, by sex

MONTH	No. of registered documents	Late Registration	MALE	FEMALE
January	6556	650	338	312
February	5757	526	264	262
March	6102	716	366	350
April	5577	565	291	274
TOTAL	23992	2457	1259	1198

development but when necessary, relocation sites acceptable to the beneficiaries should be worked out with assistance from the City in terms of provision for essential services.

Peace and Order should be enhanced with the hiring of additional peace officers, BSDOs and the setting up of additional police stations in trouble spots.

The zoning ordinance should be strictly enforced like correct provision for parking by establishments, faithful compliance to restrictions in residential areas, among others so I see a more peaceful and progressive community.

Ten years from now I foresee depressed communities fully developed roads and drainage fully improved, traffic properly managed and unemployment minimized among the residents through the successful livelihood and skills development programs by both the government and NGOs.

Local legislation's to ensure the safety of people in buildings are, supplementing R.As, are more than enough. Regrettably, the execution of these policies, mainly due to graft and corruption, is miserably poor. The present City Leadership, however, is dead serious on rectifying this matter, as indeed heads have started to roll in concerned city departments. My office is working on legislation, which would make negligence by City Officials and employees in critical services punishable by imprisonment instead of mere suspension, removal and other light "disciplinary actions".

There is an urgent need (being undertaken) to reorient concerned City Hall offices on their critical role in ensuring a disaster free City.

Traffic is a mainly a concern of national agencies as indeed, the City could not even penalize traffic violators on its own. The City's role is the construction of more alternate roads and the strict enforcement of laws prohibiting the closing of certain roads in subdivision, which could serve as alternate routes to decongest traffic.

The City Mayor, as the City's Chief executive, should work more closely with police officers for the latter to strictly enforce laws against illegal vending and traffic obstruction on a sustained basis. Illegal vendors exist only through the tolerance of the police. The usual and tired alibi that the police is undermanned and could not always patrol and monitor illegal vending areas, mostly large portions of streets, is one hollow reason and a big lie. City Hall offices responsible for preventing illegal should be given an ultimatum or they will just play with laws for personal gains.

Again this responsibility is an executive concern. The City Council can shout itself hoarse but the ultimate remedy is political will by the Executive officers of the City.

The City has many problems and the solutions lie mainly in honest and sincere leadership which, I firmly believe we now have. ♥

Mayor Sonny Belmonte: Guest Speaker in the 10th PSQ Regional Finals

By Noel L. Genavia

"Even without a formal training, statistics is already ingrained in our system and it is a natural instinct that we sometimes called as gut feeling". This was some of the opening words of the Mayor during a speech delivered to the delegates of the 10th Philippine Statistics Quiz (PSQ) Regional Finals held at Ateneo Auditorium last November 22, 2001

Joining in welcoming the City Mayor were Regional Director Crisanto Cerojano, Deputy Administrator Valentino Abuan, and PSO Danilo Cubinar. In the welcome address, RD Cerojano pointed the relevance of statistics to national development and encouraged college freshmen to pursue statistics as a course. Following the welcome remarks, was a brief introduction of PSO Cubinar to the Hon. Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr.


The good Mayor recounted his past experiences with statistics. As a police reporter in his early youth, he was not merely content with reporting of facts but made use of figures thereby giving an in-depth report on crimes.

A one-time President General Manager of Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), he narrated the important role statistics played in computation of premiums, forecasting and developing of policies and decisions.

As politician, statistics played an equally important role in determining the no. of votes he would receive in a certain barangay. Somehow he could already calculate whether his probability of winning is big in that barangay.

After recounting some of his past experiences he then emphasized the crucial role of statistics in our national economy. As Congressman, he chaired the finance and appropriations committee wherein he made use of terms such as the Gross National Product (GNP), Gross Domestic Product

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Did you know that.....

You blink your eyes about
20,000 times a day.
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1 lbs of lemons contains more
sugar than 1 lbs of
strawberries.

UP DILIMAN COED TOPS PSQ REGIONAL CONTEST

By Noel Genavia

Jayson Lloyd Palo of the University of the Philippines (Diliman) bagged the no. 1 spot in the recently held 10th Philippine Statistics Quiz Regional Contest at Ateneo Auditorium last November 22, 2001. Robin Timothy Teng of Ateneo De Manila and Randy Fesariton of New Era University got the 2nd and 3rd spot, respectively.

Around 16 participants representing different colleges and universities in National Capital Region vied for the contest. The PSQ is an annual contest among college freshmen and aims to instill the value and appreciation of statistics among studentry, as well as generate public awareness and support to government statistical projects such as censuses and surveys. It is also designed to measure the effectiveness of the current statistics curriculum in high school and determine possible areas for improvement so that college entrants inclined in the sciences will develop more interest in statistical courses. ❁ ❁

(GDP), Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP), and inflation rate.

He then congratulated the NSO for its 10th PSQ Regional Finals and bid good luck to the 16 contestants from different colleges and universities. ♥

Training on Sectoral Statistics

By: Zaida D. Austria

The Personnel Development Section of this office has conducted an eight-day training on Sectoral Statistics. A total of thirty-eight (38) participants from different divisions of NSO participated and completed the said training.

The said activity conducted November 19–29, 2001, tackling the different activities of the office, has enhanced further the appreciation of the participants on their respective line of work. If before, the participants were confined with the knowledge and comprehension of their division tasks alone, now they can view in a broader perspective, moreso, understand better what other sections/divisions are doing as well. As such, from their own end, every participant would be triggered to give and exert more as part of a complementing group towards the accomplishment of a particular tasks or targets.

Before, we only have a glimpse from a bird's eye view the tasks, mission, vision of the office, now we have acquired broader understanding and knowledge of the same. We see clearly what other division/section of the National Statistics Office has to offer. The distinct tasks being done by every division that complements and supplements one another were absorbed better and as such, personal accomplishment of one's task is adhered to meet the accomplishment of the group tasks as a whole.

Training of a kind are really worth undertaking for further development of every manpower and greater task accomplishment. Kudos to the Personnel Development Section staff and deepest gratitude to all the lecturers..♥♥



***The First right of a child:
" Rehistradong pangalan, Kanyang karapatan "***

Support the ***Unregistered Children Project***, let us give this child her right.....

UCP Training of Trainor (TOT)

By: Bong Cruz

Plan International Phil. held a training of trainors conducted by the Associated Resources for Management and Development Inc. (ARMDEV) at the Richville Mansions, Mandaluyong City on November 6 – 9, 2001. This is in line with the Unregistered Children Project's objective of developing a functional pool of trainors with the needed competencies to strengthen the capacities of civil registration agents.

There were 24 participants coming from LGUs and NGOs of Pasay and Quexon City. Faith Rocamora, Bong Cruz of NCR II and Leonardo Aala, Jane Vista of NCR VI represented NSO in the said training. The four-day training was tailor made for the participants to act not only as trainer but also to design and to create a training module for a particular objective.

Though the training would take long hours from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM, it was a learning experience and rewarding for all the participants, not to mention the great and sumptuous foods served. Aside from the traditional method of training, various type of training was taught depending on the needs of the participants. The training itself was fun but very educational.

NCR II will be conducting a similar training this December to Bgy. Officials & Health Workers, midwives and social workers to acts as birth registration agents for the Unregistered Children Project.

Tayo ay "mag-bugtungan" muna! (Dyoks onli)

Q: Ano ang sabi ng bangus nang mamamatay na siya?

A: I'm daing!

Q: Ano ang sabi ng isda nang hiwain siya sa gitna?

A: I'm tuna (two na).

Q: Ano ang tawag kapag sinuot mo ang kanang sapatos sa kaliwang paa at ang kaliwang sapatos sa kanang paa?

A: Malicious (mali shoes).

Q: Sino ang unang arkitekto?

A: Si Eba, kasi siya ang unang nagpatayo.

Q: Sino ang unang estudyante?

A: Si Adan, kasi siya ang unang pumasok.

Q: Paano gumawa ng gloves sa China?

A: Sinasawsaw ng mga Intsik ang kanilang mga kamay sa latex,

maglalakad-lakad hanggang matuyo at aalisin nila, pagkatapos ay gloves na.

Q: Paano sila gumawa ng condom?

A: Ganoon din.

Q: Anong sasabihin mo kapag may nakasalubong ka ng isang multong may tatlong ulo?

A: Magandang gabi, magandang gabi, magandang gabi.

Q: Anong English word ang nag-uumpisa sa F at nagtatapos sa K at parang pagkain na rin ang iisipin mo?

A: Fork, ano pa ba?

Q: Ano ang pagkakatulad ng sex at insurance?

A: Habang tumatanda ka, tumataas ang presyo.

Q: Bakit mas matataba ang mga may asawang lalaki kaysa sa mga walang asawang lalaki?

A: Kasi ang mga walang asawang lalaki, pag-uwi, titingnan ang laman ng ref niya at kapag walang nakita, humihiga na lang sa kama para matulog. Ang may asawa, pag-uwi, titingnan ang kama at makikita ang misis nila, pumupunta na lang sa kusina para buksan ang ref nila.

Q: Paano mo malalaman ang kasarian ng cell phone?

A: Kapag may nakalawit na antenna, lalaki 'yun. Kapag wala, siguradong babae ang cell phone.

Q: Ano ang pinagkaiba ng lalaking tumataya sa lotto at ang lalaking nakikipag-away sa misis niya.

A: Mas malaki ang tsansa ng lalaking manalo sa lotto kaysa sa pakikipag-away sa misis niya.

Q: Paano mo makikilala ang mga head nurse sa hospital?

A: Sila 'yung puro may sugat sa tuhod.

Q: Kailan tumatayo ang kanibal mula sa hapag kainan?

A: Kapag nakain nang lahat ang kasamahan.

Q: Ano ang pagkakatulad ni Winnie the Pooh at John the Baptist?

A: Iisa ang ina nila. Kita mo, iisa ang middle name nila.


Q: What's the difference between a kiss, a car, and a monkey?

A: A kiss is so dear, a car is too dear, a monkey is you my dear.

Q: What's the difference between Prince William and a Honda Civic?

A: Prince William is a Tudor while a Civic is a Sedan.

Q: What will happen to a wooden car with a wooden wheel and a wooden engine?

A: It wooden starts. 



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In partnership with Plan International, NCR II's staff conducted Civil Registration lectures/orientations at barangay level, especially at Day Care Centers located in the city's urban poor areas where unregistered birth was identified. It was found out that the main reason that serves as barrier in birth registration is the high cost of fees being implemented by Local Civil Registry offices which was supposed to be free under Proclamation 326. Another cause is lack of awareness among the people of the existing laws governing Civil Registration. ■



....Continuation of PSL-MC

namely: Government Own & Controlled Corporations (GOCC); National Government Agencies (NGA); Local Government Units (LGU) and State Universities & Colleges (SUC). The workshop theme: Labor & Management: Strategic Partnership for Total Quality Services. The output of each and every sector was presented to the body after the workshop and most of their proposals were carried out and approved with minimal revision.

Election of Worker's Representative to the PSLMC was the last activity by each and every sector represented in the Congress. On the National Government Agencies (NGA) side, Ms. Mercedita "Emako" Naldoza won by a landslide victory over her opponents from COURAGE, PSLINK & PGEA. She will represent the Public Sector Unions to the PSLMC for a term of three (3) years to commence in year 2002.

On the management side of the National Statistics Office Ms. Liza R. Magallones and Mr. Elpidio Maramot of USE represented it. During the activity four- (4) employees of the office served as usher & usherettes and acting as members of the Secretariat Committee are Mr. Hilarion P. Olveña of NCR and Ms. Mryna Soqueña of the Central Office.■

PUBLIC SECTOR LABOR- MANAGEMENT CONGRESS

By Larry P. Olveña

Executive Order No. 180 provided guidelines for the exercise of the Right to Organize Government Employees, creating a Public Sector Labor-Management Council, and for other purposes. This EO applies to all employees of all branches, subdivisions, instrumentalities, and agencies of the government, including government-owned or controlled corporations with original charters. All government employees can form, join or assist employees' organizations of their own choosing for the furtherance and protection of their interest. They can also form, in conjunction with appropriate government authorities, labor-management committees, works councils and other forms of workers' participation schemes to achieve the same objectives.

The Public Sector Labor-Management Council (PSLMC) is composed of the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission as its Chairman, the Secretary of Labor & Employment as Vice-Chairman and the Secretaries of Departments of Finance, Justice, Budget & Management as Members. They are tasked to hear unresolved disputes between Labor & Management on complaints, grievances and cases involving government employees which were not settled despite of the application of Civil Service & Labor Laws and procedures.

Annually, the Council convenes a congress participated by the Public Sector Unions and Associations as well as the Management side to discuss & resolve matters involving Labor-Management disputes and other matters appertaining thereof. This year' congress was held at the Manila Midtown Hotel on November 22-23, 2001. The theme is: "Public Sector Unions: In the Service of the People and our Country."

The participants were welcomed by Ms. Mercedita "Emako" Naldoza, President of the Union of Statistics Employees and concurrent National Chairperson of the Confederation of Independent Unions (CIU). Hon. Karina Constantino-David, Chairperson of the CSC & PSLMC discussed Unionism & Public Service: The Role of Public Sector. Managing Relations with Public Sector was imparted by the Secretary of Labor & Employment, who is also the vice Chairperson of the PSLMC, Hon. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas. Other speakers who shared their views on unionism were: Mr. Ceferino C. Lopez, President of the Samahang Manggagawa sa Paliparan ng Pilipinas (SMPP) and Ms. Annie Enriquez-Geron, General Secretary, Public Services Labor Independent Confederation (PSLINK).

A workshop was also done by the participants divided into four (4) sectors of government agencies,