

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CY 2009 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

Metro Gwapo, MMDA's flagship program, has come a long way since its inception a couple of years ago. Given the glaring blight in many areas of the Metropolis, it is a pleasant surprise to see that a substantial physical change for the better has come upon Metro Manila. Inch by painful inch, Metro Manila is slowly turning into a livable and healthy city as envisioned by the leaders of this prime metropolis, both past and present. Though much remains to be done, we have taken the baby steps. With the expert use of the principle utilizing outer change to bring about inner change, MMDA has embarked on the process of social engineering. Undeniably the opposite process of starting from within to realize outer change is faster but, owing to the psychological immaturity of most of our countrymen, the principle of the outer to the inner is deemed more suitable. Here, the use of visuals help impart the lessons to a largely unthinking public. Among the more important projects for CY 2009 are the following:

### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### **PGMA Workers' Inn (aka) Gwapotel**

Meant to ease the difficulties of the workers whose homes are far from the Metropolis, the Gwapotel or Workers Inn serves as a temporary sleeping and bathing quarters for a variety of clients (i.e. government employees, laborers, security guards, vendors, seamen and seminar / convention participants, among others. As of 2009, the MMDA operated two such inns, one in Port Area and another in Abad Santos Tondo, Manila.

A total of 513,630 guests were accommodated at both Inns. The majority still patronized the Port Area Inn with 416,233 clients, while Abad Santos admitted 97,397 guests. Majority of the guests were males - 277,265 for Port Area versus 138,968 females. For Abad Santos, there were 78,766 males and only 18,631 females. Total collections for both inns amounted to Php16,972,525. Port Area accounted for 83% of the earnings at Php14,198,911.62.

#### **Street Dweller Care**

A total of 602 operations were conducted to pick up nomads, vagabonds and other street dwellers, which resulted in the apprehension of 8,973 persons. MMDA has 2 vehicles for this operation, manned by 12 MSSO personnel. The peak month for the pick-up of nomads is December, when the Aetas and Badjaos come in great numbers for the purpose of begging during the Christmas season. The apprehended persons were turned over to the Department of Social Welfare & Development for proper action. A total of 92 Aetas and 181 Badjaos were apprehended for CY 2009.

## **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

The National Capital Region (NCR) or Metro Manila is the most densely populated area throughout the Philippines. It has a land area of 636 square kilometers and is inhabited by 11,553,427 people. Daytime population is 14-15 million while nighttime population is approximately 12 million, indicating that a sizeable number of people travel to and from nearby provinces to Metro Manila, thereby straining the daily traffic situation in the region.

With many roads constructed some years or even decades back and with an increasing number of vehicles both public and private, difficulties in mobility have intensified with the passage of years. With that situation as a given, the MMDA, in conjunction with other traffic regulatory bodies, has undertaken traffic improvement measures in the metropolis, notable of which are the following:

### **Organized Bus Route (OBR) System**

This program aims to regulate the number of trips undertaken by public utility buses to ensure that the number of public utility buses (PUBs) plying the streets is at par with the demand for passengers, thereby avoiding the half-empty syndrome, and also reducing the volume of buses on the roads, thereby lessening traffic. It also seeks to flush out colorum buses. The OBR program is supported by 4 bus terminals located in Alabang, Baclaran, Navotas and Fairview, and ten (10) satellite stations in strategic locations throughout Metro Manila.

For 2009, MMDA intensified its OBR information campaign and issued a total of 8,000 flyers and 8,600 booklets to the general public made up of public utility vehicle operators, drivers, motorists and other interested parties. Thirty-eight (38) personnel were assigned to this task. Eighty-seven (87) personnel were tasked to issue 12,053 queue cards. Six (6) personnel were tasked to put 1,836 pink tags on the buses. A total of 10 bus occupancy surveys were conducted by 36 TOC personnel, while six (6) RFID testings were done for the whole year. Forty (40) bus companies with 1,756 drivers and conductors were trained on the implementation of this program.

### **Traffic Infrastructure/ Improvement Projects**

#### **Loading/ Unloading Stations/ Bays**

Ten (10) loading/ unloading bays for city buses were constructed along EDSA (EDSA-Central Terminal Station, Buendia near Taft, EDSA-Estrella northbound and southbound, EDSA-Taft northbound and southbound, EDSA-Magallanes northbound, EDSA-Boni northbound and southbound, and EDSA-Ermin Garcia), plus one (1) loading/ unloading bay for jeepneys at Buendia Taft. In addition, geometric improvements at the EDSA-Central Terminal Station and road widening along C-5 Libis were done (100% complete) while the road widening project at Buendia-Taft is 25.60% complete.

For provincial buses, fourteen (14) loading/ unloading bays were completed at Taft Ave. southbound, Magallanes Ave. northbound, Ayala Ave.southbound. SM Megamall (Julia Vargas Ave.) Ortigas Ave.northbound and southbound, Boni Serrano northbound, Timog/ East Ave. northbound and southbound, Quezon Ave. northbound and southbound, North Ave.-Trinoma northbound, West Ave. near Paramount southbound, and Balintawak northbound.

### **Sidewalk & Drainage Improvement & Other Traffic Infra-Related Works**

Median island removal, modification, cutting and concreting were done in thirteen (13) locations/ intersections (Ortigas-Robinson, C-5 Kalayaan, R. Magsaysay-V. Mapa, R. Magsaysay-Araneta, Elliptical-North Ave., EDSA-Kalayaan, EDSA-Urdaneta, R10-/C-3, R-10 Kapulong, Aurora-Katipunan, EDSA-East Ave., EDSA-Timog, and EDSA-Buendia).

An emergency bay was constructed along EDSA-Kalayaan while the relocation of the gantry at Casino Filipino in Paranaque is 100% finished. In addition, the concrete sidewalk along South Superhighway/ Osmeña Highway from Quirino Ave. to Pasay Road has been completed. The removal and concreting of the channelized islands at Commonwealth-Tandang Sora and at Commonwealth-QCMC and the median divider along C-5/ C.P. Garcia have also been completed.

### **Design and Construction of Pedestrian Footbridges**

In Manila, the design and construction of P83.8M worth of footbridges in 4 locations has started with the C-4- Dagat-Dagatan footbridge which is already 98% complete. The footbridge in Juan Luna-Tayuman (Pritil Market) is 4.05% finished while those in Recto-Morayta and Recto-Legarda-Mendiola (Phase II) are upcoming.

Plans for the construction of footbridges in 52 other locations throughout the metropolis are 100% complete. These are along Mindanao Ave. (1), Shaw Blvd., (1), SSH-Gen. Tinio (1), Quezon Ave. between D. Tuazon & Cordillera (1), East Ave.-Agham Road (1), EDSA-Libertad St. (1), Pasig Rotonda (1), St. Dominic School-C.P. Garcia (C-5) (1), East Ave. V. Luna (1); Pasig-Ortigas Ext.-C. Raymundo (1), Quezon Ave.-Wildlife (1), Quezon Ave.-Lung Center (1), Osmeña Highway-San Andres (1), Mindanao Ave.-Road 8 and near Road 3 (2), Shaw Blvd. (1), East Ave. (3), EDSA (4), C-5 (4), Commonwealth Ave., (8), R-10 (8), McArthur Highway (5), Sucat Road-Multinational Village (1), at the Mini Park area, Western Bicutan (1), NAIA Pascor Drive (1), and NAIA School/ Flyover (1).

## **Next 7 Major Roads Rehabilitation/ Geometric Improvements**

Geometric improvements (civil works like road widening and modification of median and channelized islands) were completed at NAIA Road-Pascor Drive (by contract) and in six (6) locations along EDSA (in-house). These are at EDSA-Ortigas Ave., Ortigas-Robinson, Ortigas-POEA, Ortigas-Robinson near MMDA Rescue Unit, Ortigas-EDSA Shrine, and EDSA-Timog.

Plans have been completed for the rehabilitation/ geometric improvement works along Alabang-Zapote Road, C-3-Araneta Ave., Shaw Blvd., Sucat Road, CAA Road, Buendia Ave., and Gen. Luis St.

## **Application of Pink Line along Major Sidewalks of Metro Manila**

To serve as delineator between the pedestrian walkway and private property and thus promote smoother pedestrian traffic along major thoroughfares, pink lines were applied along the sidewalks of seventy-nine (79) major and city roads throughout Metro Manila, for a total of 419.23 kilometers, or 26% more than the committed target of 333.998 kms. Pink line rectification works totaled 40.49 kilometers.

## **Installation of Traffic Signal Facilities**

Fourteen (14) new traffic signal facilities costing P5M were installed by nine (9) personnel in these locations/ intersections: (1) Macapagal Blvd.-Bradco St., (2) Macapagal Blvd.- Manila, (3) Juan Luna-Solis-Del Fierro St.; (4) Juan Luna-Raxabago (5) Roxas Blvd.-Rizal Park; (6) P. Florentino-M. Dela Fuente; (7) Taft Ave. in front of NBI; (8) C-3-Dagat-Dagatan; (9) EDSA Shangri-La; (10) B. Serrano-10<sup>th</sup> St.; (11) Molino-Daang Hari; (12) Quirino Ave.-Tandang Sora; (13) Araneta Ave.-Sto. Domingo; (14) National Highway-Batong Malake.

## **Establishment of New Emergency Stations**

Six (6) new road emergency stations were established in Baclaran, C-5, Ortigas, Roxas Blvd., Port Area, and C.P. Garcia. Additional equipment were acquired at a cost of P50.1M, consisting of 10 forklifts, 10 tow trucks, 10 ambulances, and 10 chain blocks to augment the existing 12 tow trucks, 6 ambulances, 4 forklifts, 6 fire trucks, 2 manlifters, 2 light trucks, and 2 boom trucks.

## **Other Traffic Improvement Projects**

The P6.3M road widening and U-turn slot project at Ninoy Aquino Ave.-Multinational is 75.40% completed, while the proposed relocation of existing footbridges at C-5 near the elevated U-turns is 15% done.

## **Metro Manila Accident Reporting and Analysis System (MMARAS)**

A total of 1,248 traffic stations and 504 hospitals were visited throughout 2009 by 10 personnel to compile and analyze data on vehicular accidents for use as reference in the review/ audit of accident-prone roads for the institution of appropriate improvement measures.

### **Repair of Traffic Facilities**

Eleven thousand five hundred seventy-seven (11,577) traffic facilities were either hauled, replaced or repaired during the year by 32 personnel with the aid of one manlifter and one service vehicle.

### **Construction, Fabrication, Installation and Maintenance of Traffic Signage and Road Safety Facilities**

A total of 15,473 traffic signage and road safety facilities were fabricated by 28 personnel during 2009. Signal facilities installed by 9 personnel totaled 20,412 while signal facilities cleaned/ maintained by 7 personnel totaled 32,147. Ten (10) personnel painted a total of 120,001.6 linear meters of lane markings, gutter nosing and pedestrian lanes, and 29,952.353 square meters of parking slots.

## **FLOOD CONTROL MANAGEMENT**

For 2009, the Flood Control & Sewerage Management Office (FCSMO) undertook both projects by administration and contracted projects.

For the projects done by administration, **373,946** meters of drainage laterals were declogged, while 57,928 meters of open waterways were dredged. Drainage mains desilted totaled 8,458 meters, while 463 manholes were either installed or repaired. Only 8.40% of the targeted installation and repair of steel gratings was done (81 out of 964 targeted).

These projects were mostly done on a continuing basis or as the need arose.

As for the projects done through contractor and funded through the regular infrastructure fund, Php184,026,824.35 was spent for it. The bulk was spent by Pasay City (Php61,059,075.82).

## **CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT**

As part of the operations group, the CEMO is tasked with the implementation of the agency's construction task. For 2009, total project cost amounted to Php352,743,988.88. The bulk of the cost comes from the construction of the

emergency bay and U-turn slot at C-5 Katipunan in front of Miriam College (Php229,464,000.00). Other projects are the construction of the BDP perimeter fence at C-5 in Taguig City (Php15,313,897 or 4.34% of total CEMO projects); road widening, sidewalk improvement and construction of U-turn slots along Araneta in Quezon City (Php8,762,237.90) or 2.5% of total project cost; construction of Layag Islas Landmark Monument at NAIA III Terminal in Pasay City with an expected cost of Php49,578,541.30 or 14.1% of total CEMO projects; and the sidewalk improvement project along McArthur Highway in Valenzuela City (Php4,800,757.59).

## **HEALTH AND SANITATION MANAGEMENT**

For the maintenance of environmental health and sanitation discrepancies located in the national roads of Metro Manila, the Health and Sanitation Services Coordinating Division (formerly MSMO) covered 788 national roads and found a total of 9,946 discrepancies in 2009, broken down into garbage (1,437); obstructions (5,271) and combined others composed of dirty flowing water, signages, foul odor, open manholes, clotheslines and stones, rocks and earth and mounds (3,238) using only one service vehicle. Given this constraint, only 292 or 37% of the 788 national roads covered have been revisited for evaluation. The monitored reports (160) are then submitted to the different local executives for their information and appropriate action. Referrals/ requests for action are also passed on to the MMDA offices and other LGU offices depending on need.

Cognizant of the fact that knowing the whats and the wherefores of the matter is not enough, the office also tackled the remedial measures designed to change the public's attitudes on sanitation. This it does through its information and educational campaign. It is part of the social engineering which the MMDA is doing in conjunction with the physical transformation of Metro Manila.

Orienting the grassroots officials particularly the barangay captains and *kagawads* is the first step in this direction and as of the end of 2009, 156 barangay chairmen have been oriented (which is 10% of the total number of newly elected chairpersons). As a constant reminder to the populace, the division also posted 3,014 advisory posters in conspicuous public places, broken down as follows: **Pangit** posters (blue), **Sampayan** (violet), **Karatula** (tangerine), **Mapanganib** (yellow and pink) posters **Naglalawa** (pink), **Konstruksyon** (yellow), **Mapanghi** posters (orange), **Sagabal (green)** posters, and **Halaman sa bangketa** (green). A total of 24,957 pamphlets/ flyers on the pink line primer, *Disiplina sa Bangketa*, and on the Door-to-Door garbage collection scheme were disseminated.

**Notice of Environmental Sanitation Violation Receipts (NESVR's)** issued for the year totaled 2,483, while 563 duplicates were given to 563 barangay chairpersons for their appropriate action. Other enforcement support programs done by the office are as follows : 1.) Conduct of orientation seminars on RA 9211 (Anti-smoking) and CSC MC # 117 series of 2009, 2.) conduct of winding-up activities related to the enforcement/ implementation and the filing of administrative charges. Income generated was Php16,000.00. A total of 57 legal documents coming from different metropolitan trial courts in Metro Manila were forwarded to the MMDA Legal

Service for appropriate action. 3.) Volunteer work as staff at the MMDA Command Center –as food packers and health service workers during the relief operations for the victims of typhoons “ONDOY” and “PEPENG”. A total of 26,459 households in Marikina and Muntinlupa benefited from having their houses sprayed/disinfected after the typhoon.

## **LANDSCAPING MANAGEMENT**

The task of ensuring the physical upkeep of the metropolis falls in part to the Landscape Management Office. As such, it has both a construction and a maintenance function. In addition, it renders assistance to other government agencies.

For 2009, the construction task was done in aid of beautification. Thus, facelifting operations were done in different places notably at Fabella Center. See-thru fences were also installed at the Iglesia ni Cristo/Temple along Commonwealth Avenue. Plant boxes, community shelters, flyovers, underpasses, waiting sheds, gutters and other street furniture were also attended to. To honor our national boxer, Mr. Manny Pacquiao, welcome tarpaulins were installed in various locations in Metro Manila. Tree guards were put up and repaired in various locations. CCTV cameras were also installed. Portalets were placed along critical areas such as Commonwealth Avenue, Camp Crame, UP Diliman and CCP Complex. 210 Male urinals were installed in 201 areas in the metropolis. Painting of street furniture such as flyovers, lampposts and beams, plant boxes, U-turn slots, gutters and see-thru fences, walls and tree guards were painted. Regular cleaning and maintenance activities were also done on the aforementioned structures. Illegal posters, tarpaulins, stickers and other eyesores were removed. Planting of trees, shrubs and bushes, spraying of chemicals on the plants, trimming of grass at various locations were done, too.

With expertise gained from day-to-day operations, RCOG has been tapped to assist various other government agencies including provincial governments such as Pangasinan, Ilocos Norte, Bulacan and Palawan.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Directorate for Special Operations (DSO) is the MMDA department which has the responsibility of ensuring the well-being of the general public particularly in times of emergencies. In the fulfillment of its task, the DSO works closely with the National Disaster Coordinating Council whenever there is an emergency such as flooding, fire, or earthquake. With the occurrence of several calamities in recent years, DSO’s skills have been put to the test many times. To enable the office to live up to its responsibilities, the DSO has embarked on various programs to beef up its capabilities. These are as follows:

## **Disaster Preparedness**

Through the conduct of capability-building trainings and seminars, various groups have been trained on the *Earthquake and Landslide Rescue Operations Orientation Course* (ELSAROC) such as AFP Reservists, University of the Philippines, Police Force, Pasig City, Maynilad employees, Engineering Equipment Inc., Watch Tower Bible Society, Pearl of the Orient and Presidential Security Group. A total of 1,104 persons benefited from this capability-building program.

### **Emergency Management Concept with Incident Command System, Multi-Casualty Incident Management and Critical Incident Management**

A total of 251 persons coming from the Presidential Security Group, and newly hired employees of the Road Emergency Group as well as newly-hired laborers attended given this seminar.

### **Toxic and Hazardous Materials and Incident Command System Orientation**

Two hundred three (203) personnel 31 from MMDA's Road Emergency Group and Metrobase, as well as 10 Naval Service Group employees finished this training.

### **Basic Emergency Responders Course**

A total of 58 personnel from the Road Emergency Group, Metrobase and the Naval Service Group graduated from this course.

All in all, a total of 1,684 persons finished these four (4) courses.

## **Metro Quick Response Tools and Equipment Project**

Tools and equipment complement the trainings given to various groups. It has been the MMDA's policy to be ready with the various rescue tools needed during emergencies.

In line with this, twenty (20) boxes of tools were loaded in container vans which were deployed in Puregold at Valenzuela City and 105 Roxas Blvd., Manila. The boxes contain painting tools and receipts for 984 pieces helmets packed in 82 sacks with 12 helmets to a sack.

Forty other tool boxes at 105 Base stand ready for deployment to Navotas City and also to Roxas Blvd. Twenty more boxes of tools are intended for C-5, Ortigas Ave., while one container van is intended for deployment at Tandang Sora cor. Commonwealth Avenue.

The tools and equipment intended as instructional aids which were placed at GMA-Kamuning Emergency Station were transferred to Bethel Tower located in Roosevelt Avenue, Quezon City.



One container van of tools and boxes for Disaster Response Emergency Tools Field Storage Units (DRETFSUs), which was used in Marikina City, was replaced and rehabilitated.

Alarm systems were installed and activated in the container vans for collapsed structures stationed at:

1. Nagtahan
2. Gwapotel Port Area
3. Gwapotel Abad Santos
4. Ortigas
5. Orense, Makati City.

Intending to help the Metro Manila LGUs improve their emergency readiness, the Public Safety Office made a canvass on the cost of eleven assorted tools from ACE Hardware for possible acquisition and distribution to said LGUs in line with the MMDA earthquake preparedness capacity building program.

### **Disaster Response and Rehabilitation Activities**

Finally, all emergency preparatory activities were put to test in the various disaster response and rehabilitation activities carried out or participated in by the Public Safety Office.

The more notable activities are:

1. Rescue and evacuation of victims of typhoon Ondoy in Marikina City and Cainta, Rizal.
2. Rescue and assistance to victims of typhoon Emong, clearing of fallen trees and other debris in Pangasinan in the effort to rebuild structures in said province.

The public safety office also drafted information materials for public dissemination through its ALAM MO BA posters.

It was also able to participate in the evaluation of response of concerned agencies and localities during the airplane crash incident in Las Piñas City.

### **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Solid waste management is one of the key functions of the MMDA per R.A # 7924. It is responsible for the proper disposal of garbage gathered throughout Metro Manila. It is one of the pillars of metropolitan governance. As such, it functions hand in hand with the Health and Sanitation Management Office to ensure that a clean, healthful and safe metropolis is maintained at all times. Likewise, it also coordinates with the Flood Control Management Office particularly with respect to its garbage collection function. In fulfillment of its mandate, the Solid Waste Management Office (SWMO)

has three principal programs which it has been implementing for quite a time now. These are the Solid Waste Disposal System, the Door-to-Door Waste Collection scheme and the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Act.

### **Solid Waste Disposal System**

A simple process but very much detail-oriented. This in a nutshell describes the most important program of the office. Primarily, this involves the measurement and documentation of the volume of waste received at the disposal facilities from the 17 MM LGUs. While the office targeted to dispose 70% of the 8.47 million cu. meters of garbage generated for 2009, it was able to dispose 9,308,745.83 cu. meters, or 110% of the target. Unfortunately the constant dirtiness of the streets would seem to negate this accomplishment but still the problem of a largely undisciplined public who throw trash every where still remains. That aspect of social engineering has yet to be addressed satisfactorily. A total of 507,081 truck trips were made for 2009, which figure mean a 107% accomplishment based on a target of 474,500 truck trips for the year. Figures collected from the three dump sites did not vary substantially. Rizal Provincial SLF had 172,918 truck trips or 34.10% while Payatas Community Disposal Facility registered 153,014 truck trips or 30.17%.

The MMDA continues to maintain the closed solid waste facilities in San Mateo, Carmona, Las Piñas, Balut and Boso-Boso.

### **Door-to-Door Collection Scheme**

In support of its goal to maintain higher collection efficiency, the office instituted the door-to-door scheme whereby the general public has been instructed to hand over their trash directly to garbage collectors. While this is already being implemented, a total of 2,644 garbage spots have been monitored for 2009, indicating that full compliance has yet to become a reality. We have yet to attain the level of cleanliness enjoyed by the developed or first-world economies.

### **Implementation of the RA #9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act)**

Five meetings out of a target of four (4) meetings have been made by the Metro Manila Solid Waste Management Board. Four consultations with the LGU solid waste managers, Solid Waste Contractors Association of the Philippines (SWACAP) and DENR representatives were made for the year, while 4 compliance updates of the provisions of RA 9003 were made for the year.

In support of the solid waste management function, MMDA regularly conducts outreach programs for interested parties. One hundred twenty (120) students have been assisted, trained for the year 2009 Seven seminars were given to interested schools for the same period.

## **SIDEWALK CLEARING OPERATIONS**

The Sidewalk Clearing Operations Group was formed during the tenure of former MMDA Chairman Bayani Fernando. It came about as a result of the perception of the former Chairman on the need to change the physical environment of Metro Manila in order to bring about social change. Before any reconstruction can begin, there must be a dismantling of all eyesores and other ill-placed structures. Unfortunately, the existing organizational units did not have a department whose task is the removal of such structures. Hence the birth of the Sidewalk Clearing Operations Group or SCOG for short. It is ad hoc in nature.

For the past year, the office continued with its primary task of clearing the 7 major roads particularly C-5, EDSA and R-10. Additionally, SCOG also worked in other MM localities specifically Muntinlupa City, Makati City, Parañaque City, Taguig City and Malabon City.

### **Sidewalk Discipline and Maintenance (Anti-Vendor Operation)**

It is not enough to do a one-time clearing operation; the sidewalks and roads must be monitored to ensure that clutter and other debris do not return to these areas. More importantly, vendors cleared from their illegal occupancy of sidewalks have to be constantly monitored to ensure that they do not return to those off-limit areas.

One hundred sixty one (161) kilometers were monitored in EDSA (from Monumento to Pasay Taft Rotonda), Quezon Avenue (NB and SB from Welcome Rotonda to EDSA and Commonwealth Avenue (Ever Gotesco Mall).

The Investors Corridor was also subjected to monitoring particularly Parañaque City (Pasay Rotonda Footbridge).

### **MMDA Art**

Per former Chairman Bayani Fernando, there was a finding that painting those little art works on the walls effectively prevented people from writing graffiti on them. Hence, MMDA implemented this measure. Last year (2009) Pasig City (107 Base) and Makati City (MMDA Office, C-5 Kalayaan Avenue) and Quezon City (Particularly 602 Base) benefited from this program.

### **Urban Facelift Project**

Seven houses in Tondo were repaired and facelifted in 2009. Ten houses were repaired and painted in Taguig City particularly in the Mini Park Fort Bonifacio, at Zone 5 and C-5 Road.

## **ROADWAY CLEARING GROUP**

The fast tracking of the Metro Gwapo program took on a greater urgency during the last few years of the tenure of Sec. Bayani Fernando but, alas, it was the time when the MMDA was undergoing reorganization. The resulting large-scale retirement of personnel did not help in the fast-tracking of the program. Practically all the departments were depleted as almost all of the personnel retired. With this scenario, MMDA's management decided to hire temporary personnel to fill in the gap.

Thus were born the task forces and ad hoc groups, one of which is the Roadway Clearing Operations Group. Closely attached to the Office of the General Manager, to enable RCOG to act as catch-all where operations for the Metro Gwapo are concerned. Thus, it undertook, among other things, facelifting tasks notably in Malacañang Complex and in Tondo, Manila.

Also undertaken was the repainting of street furnitures like footbridges, center islands gutters, plant boxes and perimeter fences. Removal of illegal structures such as signages, tarpaulins and posters on the road was likewise done. Bundling of dangling and drooped wires was undertaken notably in Osmeña Highway, Tondo, Quiapo, Sta. Mesa, San Marcelino and Pedro Gil. The group also handled sidewalk improvement particularly in Tondo, Paco, Sta. Ana and Sta. Mesa, all in the City of Manila.

For the Metro Gwapo Project, RCOG's major accomplishment was the construction of the Katuparan Market in Vitas St., Tondo and the construction of roof canopy at the Vitas Tenement Housing.

### **Fabrication Activity**

SCOG, thru its fabrication arm, fabricated G.I. pipes, repaired 39 see-thru fences, lockers at TOC and delivered signages for installation in various sites within Quezon City.

## **DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

Per RA #7924, the Development Planning Office of the MMDA is tasked with the preparation of medium- and long-term development plans; the development, evaluation and packaging of projects; investment programming and coordination; the monitoring of plans and programs; and the implementation of projects. In pursuit of its mandate, the Office of the Assistant General Manager for Planning undertook the following major programs and projects for 2009:

Acting as the Regional Development Council for the National Capital Region, it undertook the annual review of the budgets of 28 NCR line agencies for

endorsement to the Department of Budget & Management. Php53,690,404,255.56 was the total budget approved for 2010.

### **Development Plan Formulation (RDP)**

The RDP defines the development directions of the NCR within a 5-year time frame. As such, it contains the overall framework for development, sectoral and spatial strategies, strategic interventions and priority programs and projects. In pursuit of these programs, the Office of the Assistant General Manager for Planning drafted the socio-economic situationer of NCR, which document highlights leading indicators and sectoral performances.

### **Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP)**

The RDIP is a list of public sector programs and projects necessary to realize the development objectives of the NCR which may include projects for funding and/or implementation by the national government agencies and those projects deemed critical by the LGUs for attaining their development objectives.

The RDIP-NCR is currently being formulated with initial inputs from the various MMDA units and the DPWH-NCR regional and district offices.

### **Metro Manila Inter-Agency Committee (MMIAC) on Informal Settlers**

Among the more important special projects of the OAGMP is the MMIAC. Created thru Executive Order #803, the MMIAC is mandated to plan, coordinate and implement a Comprehensive Shelter Program (CSP) for informal settlers affected by the government priority infrastructure projects as well as those living in danger areas within Metro Manila.

The MMIAC was able to present the ten-year shelter program to the Cabinet last year. It also conducted a pilot of the Unified Multi-purpose Identification System (UMID) in coordination with PHILHEALTH. So far 5,000 PHILHEALTH cards under UMID system has been issued to pilot registrants of five (5) barangays in Quezon City.

### **C-5 Extension Project (UP RIPADA)**

Regarding the C-5 Extension Project (SLEX-NLEX Connection), Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) NO-NCR-09-072 amounting to Php100 million has been received by the MMDA to fund the housing project for the families that will be affected by the MMDA road alignment for the C-5 Extension Project.

Coordination meetings with officials of the University of the Philippines, Barangays UP Campus and Old Balara RIPADA Home Owners Association, DPWH-I ROW, DPWH-NCR and surveyors of GEO-Link services have been conducted and the said groups were briefed on the need to:

- A.) Undertake a census of families to be affected at UP Ripada.
- B.) Conduct a survey for the road alignment.
- C.) Prepare detailed engineering works and other requirements for the construction of four (4) 7-storey Medium-Rise Tenements.

MWSS through Board Resolution no. 2008-120 objected to the use of the MWSS property for the housing provision of the C-5 Extension Project.

To resolve the problem, it was agreed that DPWH will implement the C-5 Extension Project using the Tandang Sora Avenue Road Alignment.

MWSS offered its property at Barangay Pansol for the construction of housing units for informal settlers prioritized by MMIAC for relocation and resettlement and the site Development Plan has been prepared.

The Php100 Million intended for the housing provision for the affected families of UP-RIPADA will be recommended for re-alignment for the affected families of the Tandang Sora Road alignment of DPWH under the C-5 Extension Project.

### **MMDA Employee Housing Program**

The program's goal is to provide decent and affordable housing for qualified MMDA officials and employees.

Initial meetings have been conducted in connection with this program and an ocular inspection was held prior to the end of 2009.

### **Comprehensive Livelihood and Emergency Employment Program (CLEEP)**

Former MMDA Chairman Bayani Fernando was project steward for the Eastern Areas.

MMDA supervised the OYSTER (Out-of-School Youth Serving Towards Economic Recovery). Additionally, it has participated in the TESDA Job Fairs and Internship Project.