



Mission Report
of the Saint-Josse-Ten-Noode delegation to the
Philippines
In the context of International Cooperation
- 13 to 19 February 2017 -

“Where there is no vision, the people perish “

Proverbs 29;18

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1 Introduction – Context of the mission

As set forth in its 2012-2018 general policy notes, the Municipality of Saint-Josse-ten-Noode wishes to undertake an ambitious policy for solidarity and international cooperation. To this end, it concluded **decentralised international cooperation** projects with Morocco, more specifically the western region. In 2014, the twinning of Saint-Josse-ten-Noode with the city of Tangiers (Morocco) and Eskişehir (Turkey) was also signed by the Mayor and the aldermen.

With a view to reinforcing this North-South solidarity policy, the municipality of Saint-Josse-ten-Noode set up a **North-South Consultation Committee**. This translated in concrete terms into actions bringing together civil society and the dense network of associations in the municipality.

Also within the framework of decentralised international cooperation, 2 years ago the municipality conducted an exploratory mission to South East Asia and more specifically the Philippines¹, a choice it made by agreement with the North-South Solidarity Consultation Committee. At the end of the mission, the municipality of Binalonan was selected as a partner.

The actions conducted by the North-South Solidarity Committee are closely linked with the decentralised international cooperation actions, taking as models the decentralised international cooperation during the Gospel for the Philippines, the “fair-trade brunch” for Morocco and the solidarity meals for the benefit of the various associations in the south such as Cameroon, Morocco, the Philippines etc. That is why the North-South Consultation Committee is associated with our missions to the Philippines. That made it possible to confirm² the progress of the Annual Operational Plan (AOP) initiated by the Municipality of Binalonan in partnership with the Municipality of Saint-Josse-ten-Noode. The North-South Consultation Committee is once again represented during the mission to the Philippines with 4 members³.

Moreover, let us recall that the social action at the heart of this partnership is an area in which the Municipality of Saint-Josse-ten-Noode excels. This aspect of the partnership will be carried out in particular through visits with our partner in Belgium. Representatives of the authorities and the administration of Binalonan visited Belgium from 12 to 16 December 2016. Among other things, they were able to visit the Bruxelles-Energie⁴ factory, the recycling waste sorting centre, the Brussels-North Aquiris water treatment plant, the Cité Joyeuse, etc.

Through this new mission, a certain continuity began to form in this partnership, scheduled to last for 5 years.

1 See the Report on the 2015 Exploratory mission to the Philippines

2 See the Report on the 2016 Exploratory Mission to the Philippines

3 See page 5 “Belgian Delegation 2017.”

4 Energy production centre using non-recyclable household waste or similar with the greatest respect for the environment.

2 Goals of the mission to the Philippines

For its 2012-2018 mandate, the Municipality of Saint-Josse-ten-Noode, among other things, set itself the objective of strengthening its international solidarity policy.

Our actions and missions to the Philippines come entirely under this heading.

This mission is aimed at ensuring the monitoring and evaluation of the work carried out, strengthening the relations established and providing concrete impetuses for previously agreed partnerships during the mission of the Philippine delegation in December 2016. Among these new impetuses, we can mention the purchase of books for the new city library of Binalonan, the participation to the funding of “Vendor Capitalisation Revolving Fund” micro-credit projects, purchasing computers in connection with the development of a cyberspace in a school, etc. Meetings with the beneficiary associations of this funding were also scheduled during the mission. The details of the various projects are included in this report.

In the decentralised cooperation municipal programme, assistance and visits on the ground form an integral part of the partnership.

As regards the funding of the mission, the municipality of Saint-Josse-ten-Noode benefits from external support as it did in previous years. This comes from the International Decentralised Municipal Cooperation⁵ (2014-2019) developed by the Flemish international department⁶ and financed by the Flemish government, which enabled us to carry out missions in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Its aim is to “*strengthen municipal institutions in the south in order to fight against poverty, one element of which is the population’s inadequate access to public goods and services, particularly local services. The programme of the Flemish International Cooperation Agency (FICA) ⁷is increasing the capacity of municipalities in the South to take control of their own local development through a good governance policy, effective administration and the participation of citizens in the decision-making process.*” This overall objective is realised through partnerships between municipalities.

5 Subsidie Gemeentelijke Ontwikkelingssamenwerking.

6 Vlaamse overheid – Departement Internationaal Vlaanderen – Afdeling Mondiale Uitdagingen.

7 Vlaams Agentschap voor Internationale Samenwerking.

3 2017 Belgian Delegation 2017

The Belgian delegation is made up of



Eric Jassin,
alderman for International Relations and Cooperation



Patrick Neve
Municipal secretary



Bayram Gultekin
Chief administrator in the Department of Local and International Solidarity



Rukiye Kavak
personal assistant to the alderman, Mr. Eric Jassin

The delegation was accompanied by members of the Consultation Committee for North-South Solidarity:



Adèle Essoh
President



Yoko Yusa



Zohra Othmani

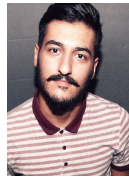


Ilias Ramdani

The delegation was also accompanied by members of civil society:



Najat Mohdad
Managing director of the Cite
Joyeuse (orphanage)



Ismail Kavak
Graphic Designer



Marianne Blondiau
Police inspector

On-site we were accompanied by Mrs. **Elizabeth Aquino**, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, **Norman Ramos**, **Evelyn Abalos** and **Angelica Prergrino**, municipal employees.

4 Details of the visits

4.1 Manilla

Description

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Date | Sunday 12/02/17 |
| Activities | Arrival in Manilla, early afternoon |
| Other relevant characteristics | City with a population of 10 million |

Report on visit

After arriving in Manilla at around 2 p.m., the Saint-Josse delegation settled into the Bayleaf hotel in Intramuros. Built by the Spanish in the sixteenth century, **Intramuros** is the oldest district in Manilla, the capital of the Philippines. This town is situated along the southern shore of the “**Pasig**” river and during the colonial period it constituted the city of Manilla.

We made our first stop in “**Fort Santiago**”, also built by the Spaniards and known for having been the prison where many of the Philippine’s national heroes were detained, most notably Jose Rizal. José Rizal, a martyr to the cause of independence, was a prisoner there before being executed in 1896. His execution was a turning point in the history of the Philippines as it was perceived as a symbol of injustice and catalysed the people’s uprising up to the defeat of the Spanish in 1898. We visited the Jose Rizal sanctuary museum, which is located inside “**Fort Santiago**.”



Around 500 metres away from the citadel, we made our second stop at the “**Manilla Cathedral**”, which was first built in 1571 and destroyed 7 times. The current building dates from 1958.

Continuing on our way, we arrived at “**Casa Manilla**”. This was the house of a Spanish merchant at the end of the nineteenth century containing beautiful woodwork and an inner courtyard/ garden.

Tired after the long journeys, we kept our visits short on the first day. In fact we ended our visit of *Intramuros* after only three hours at the “*Iglesia de San Augustin*”. This is one of the four Philippine churches dating from the Spanish colonial period that were classed as UNESCO world heritage sites in 1993.



4.2 Binalonan

Description

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|--------------------------------|---|
| Date | Monday 13/02/16 |
| Activities | Departure, journey and arrival in Binalonan |
| Other relevant characteristics | Distance between Manilla and Binalonan: 200 km (approximately) and 5 hours to get there due to intense traffic in the capital, Manilla. |

Report on visit

On the following day, the delegation went to the SM City Manila mall situated a few minutes away from the hotel by foot. This was an ordinary Manilla shopping mall, unlike the Mall of Asia, which is the biggest shopping mall in South-Eastern Asia

We went back to the hotel at the beginning of the afternoon and met Mrs. Aquino who accompanied us throughout the mission. We were provided with a mini-bus by the municipality so that we could get to Binalonan where we settled in at the end of the evening.



We stayed in a new building on the “**WCC aeronautical & technological college**” campus⁸. This is the aviation college where the Belgian delegation lodged in 2016.

⁸ To find out more about the “**WCC aeronautical & technological college**”, please see their website: <http://www.aerotechcollege.edu.ph/> Their philosophy and values: “*Integrity first. Excellence in all we do. Leadership in all our aspirations*”



To recap, this private school was founded by the Mayor of Binalonan, Ramon V. Guico III, in 2005. It trains pilots, air hostesses and stewards and also technical and maintenance staff specialised in aeroplane maintenance. The teaching methods used are focused on putting students in “real” situations. That is why the campus does not really have student rooms, strictly speaking, but a place that operates as a hotel so that students will lodge in similar conditions to those with which they may become familiar in their future professional life. That is where we were given rooms.

The aerodrome adjoining the campus is fully operational and serves as a small airport.

4.3 Livelihood Center & Don Ramon J. Guico Sr. Sports and Civic Center

Description

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| Date | Monday 14 February 2017 |
| Activities | Visit to the production centre and sports centre - visit to the Prado farm - street-dancing competition - Community Night |

Report on visit

This was where the official programme that we had received from the municipality of Binalonan started⁹.

The first stage on this programme was the visit to the temporary plant for the production centre. We were able to observe actual production of local products vacuum-packed cold or dried. These products were marketed with the aid of motorised stalls, partly financed by the municipality of Saint-Josse-ten-Noode. The centre will soon be moving to the “**Livelihood Center**”, which we visited later in that day.



We continued the day with a visit to the new **sports infrastructure** in the locality, “**Don Ramon J. Guico Sr. Sports and Civic Center**” This infrastructure, inaugurated the day before our visit, is intended to host sports events at various levels. The complex has 2000 seats, which constitutes a significant capacity in terms of the demographics of Binalonan. It will be made available to schools free of charge and to sports clubs for a user’s fee.

⁹ See Annex 6.1 for the details of the programme.



We then went on to visit the “**Livelihood Center**”, which is under construction.

On our way, we travelled in front of the old “**Northern Central School**” building, which will become the new waste recycling centre. This project demonstrated to us the will of the municipality of Binalonan to develop in various areas, including the environment.

We arrived at the campus of “**University of Eastern Pangasinan**”, the campus on which the new building for the “**Livelihood Center**”¹⁰ will be built. Given the difficulties that the municipality has experienced in finding a suitable place for the implementation of the project, new buildings are being constructed in order to host the production centre. Part of this new building will also serve as a premises for the university’s faculty of human resources.

The delegation from San-Josse was welcomed at midday at “Prado’s game farm”. The owner of the farm is the same Arnei Prado whom we welcomed in Brussels with the Philippine delegation in December 2016. This farm extends over 4 hectares, 2 of which are used for agricultural production and 2 for raising fighting cocks. There were around 200 trained cocks, 60 of which were ready for combat. In order to get an idea of what this represents financially, a trained fighting cock costs more or less 12000PHP (250€) while the price for one that has not completed its training is 8000PHP (160€). Although the farm takes part in numerous competitions, the municipality of Binalonan did not wish to host a cockfighting centre on its territory. Thus, the residents of Binalonan have to travel to other regions if they wish to take part in competitions. The activity is highly regulated in the Philippines. There can only be a maximum of one centre per municipality and only with the agreement of the latter. The visit ends with a meal with the farm’s owners. Some city councillors joined us for lunch.



¹⁰ See Annex 6.5. for the project plans



At 3 p.m., we arrived at the Town Hall of Binalonan to attend the Street Dancing Competition. This was an inter-school dancing competition with six teams competing. Three primary schools were competing in category 1 and three secondary schools were up against each other in category 2. The winners in each category received a prize of 30000PHP (600€), with those in second and third place winning 25000PHP (500€) and 20000PHP (400€) respectively. The municipality of Saint-Josse-ten-Noode offered an additional prize of 100 euros for the winners in each category and a trophy for each team that took part in the competition.



In the evening we took part in the second evening of the Town Fiesta, the Community Night, in the “Municipal Auditorium”. During the event there was a ceremony to inaugurate the 3 new mobile stores that are being added to the 4 mobile stores inaugurated last year. During that evening the signing and handover occurred of cheques for two micro-credit projects agreed to this year, the “Food Production Assistance Fund” and the “Vendors Capitalization Assistance Fund.” The agreements linked to the two micro-credit projects were signed after a meeting with the members of the associations that would benefit from the micro-credits.



The alderman, Mr. Eric Jassin was invited up to the stage to make a speech...

Nous sommes très heureux d'être de nouveau parmi vous à l'occasion de la Community Night.

Cette année, nos deux municipalités développent plusieurs projets innovants comme :

- « Food Production Assistance Fund »
- « Vendors Capitalization Assistance Fund »
- Achat de livres pour la bibliothèque municipale

Nous poursuivons le projet des étals motorisés qui va se concrétiser par la construction d'un bâtiment afin d'accueillir les apprenant à la découpe de fruits et légumes.

Au-delà de ces nombreux projets, ce que nous retenons le plus et ce dont nous sommes le plus fiers, ce sont les liens humains que nous avons pu créer entre nos deux populations.

Aujourd'hui, de plus en plus d'hommes politiques à travers le monde prônent le repli identitaire et la fermeture de leur frontière. Des personnes sont renvoyées dans leur pays.

Ici, votre Maire Ramon V. Guico III ouvre votre ville au monde et crée des ponts vers d'autres peuples. Nous devons tous œuvrer à préserver ce choix.

Saint-Josse-ten-Noode a des partenariats avec des villes du Maroc, de Turquie et bientôt de Palestine.

Nous avons 135 nationalités différentes qui vivent sur le territoire de notre municipalité. Cette richesse, nous la préservons parce qu'elle fait partie de notre ADN.

Je tiens à remercier :

- Le Maire Ramon V Guico III
- Le Vice-Maire Melicio Flores Patague II
- Les Conseillers
- Les membres de la délégation belge, en particulier, M. le Secrétaire communal Patrick Neve et la Présidence du Conseil Consultatif de la Solidarité Nord / Sud, Adèle Essoh
- Mais surtout la population de Binalonan, vous ici présents, pour votre soutien à cette coopération

*Eric Jassin
Échevin des Relations Internationales
et de la Coopération*

The evening was dedicated, among other things, to inaugurating projects associated with mobile businesses. We got a chance to appreciate the cycling talents of Alderman Eric Jassin and Municipal Secretary Patrick Neve accompanied for the occasion by the Mayor of Binalonan, Mr. Ramon V. Guico III.



4.4 Sumabnit Elementary School & Gospel Concert

Description

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| Date | Wednesday 15 February 2017 |
| Activities | Inauguration of the classes at the Sumabnit primary school - Culinary workshop - Gospel concert |

Report on visit

After a quick breakfast, we left the WCC campus to travel to Barangay “**Sumnabnit**” for the inauguration of a new building for the primary school with the same name as Barangay. This new building is built over two floors and is ready to host 6 classes. Before the inauguration ceremony, the Alderman Mr Eric Jassin mentioned, in his speech, the importance of education in the life of a child and congratulated the Mayor, Mr. Ramon V. Guico III and his advisers, the principal, the teachers and the pupils at “**Sumabnit Elementary School**” for the new premises, which will allow the children to benefit from this new setting.



The activity scheduled for the next part of the programme was the “Culinary Workshop”. We went to the school kitchen to carry out the “*tagine*” workshop followed by a date biscuit workshop. This workshop, like the “couscous” workshop last year, was led by Zohra Othman, a resident of Saint-Josse-ten-Noode and a member of the North-South Consultation Committee. The members of the “Binalonan Women’s Group” as well as the teachers of “**Sumabnit Elementary School**” attended this activity.

This was an opportunity for the participants to discover this culture, which was unknown to them before then... for most of them, the culture of a country they couldn’t even place on a map. The delega-

tion from Saint-Josse-ten-Noode arrived with all the ingredients and materials in their suitcases (teapots, plates etc.) in order to dress the tables according to Moroccan customs.

All together, the Mayor, his advisers, the Belgian delegation and everyone who had taken part in the workshop tasted the tagine and the biscuits accompanied by the traditional mint tea in a Moroccan environment.



In the evening, the Saint-Josse delegation once again attended the “Municipal Auditorium” in order to attend the Town Fiesta. The programme for the evening featured a Gospel concert by the Papuri bank with Arnel De Pano. Arnel de Pano is a Filipino composer, songwriter and singer and also conductor of Gospel music.

4.5 Laro ng Lahi

Description

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| Dates | Thursday 16 February 2017 |
| Activities | Laro ng Lahi – Meeting & Dinner at Dr. Noel's Residence |

Report on visit

We rose early that day as the first activity took place at 8 a.m. This was “**Laro ng Lahi**”, traditional Philippine games usually played by children using indigenous materials. Given the limited resources for getting toys for many Philippine families, the children regularly develop new games that don't require any instruments other than the players themselves.

On the occasion of the 2017 Town Fiesta, the municipality organised a competition with these traditional players with teams made up of local organisations, a team with the Mayor and his advisers and a team with the Saint-Josse delegation.



The victory of Saint-Josse-ten-Noode over the mayor of Binalonan and his team in the tug-of-war was the highlight of the day. At the end of the day, prizes were given to the winners. Saint-Josse-ten-Noode received a prize of 1500PHP, which it gave to the “ Binalonan Municipal Employees Association “. The Municipality also rewarded the participants with a medal.

At the beginning of the evening, a Zumba session took place on the town square bringing together participants who wanted to have fun or indeed do a cardio-vascular workout. We made only a brief stop at the Zumba activity, which had been presented as an option on the programme, as an official

meeting with the Mayor was planned in order to discuss issues relating to the cooperation between the municipalities of Binalonan and Saint-Josse-ten-Noode. We got to the home of Dr. Noël Apolinario Bautista, municipal councillor in Binalonan, where the meeting was held. The following persons were present at the meeting: Eric Jassin, Patrick Nève, Adèle Essoh, Rukiye Kavak, Bayram Gultekin, Ramon V. Guico III, Elisabeth V. Balicao, Melicio Flores Patague II, Norman V. Ramos and the treasury department of the Municipality.

On the agenda were:

1. A call for projects from the European Commission addressed to civil society organisations for the Philippines.

A call for projects was launched by the European Commission aimed at strengthening civil society organisations in the Philippines. An information meeting will be organised in Manilla on 20 February 2017 in which Norman will participate and provide feedback to the Municipality of Saint-Josse-ten-Noode.

2. Project underway:

Mobile stores:

We agreed to stop investing in the purchase of mobile stalls. The Mayor confirmed that the first deliveries of products will take place in November using these vehicles. Over 2 years, Saint-Josse contributed to the funding for 7 mobile stores.

Buying books:

The Mayor, Mr. Ramon V. Guico III expressed his wish to see the cooperation focusing on projects relating to art, culture and education. The opening of a theatre and city library provided an opportunity for these projects, in his opinion. There has already been a project for funding books for the new library. Saint-Josse-ten-Noode contributed an amount of €2000 to this project.

Buying PCs:

The Philippine partners proposed a new project consisting of equipping an ICT room with the purchase of 5 new PCs for the school that we had visited the previous day, the “**Sumabnit Elementary School**”. Saint-Josse-ten-Noode will stick to a financial contribution of 150000PHP (3000€) for this project.

3. Project proposed by the Cite Joyeuse¹¹:

From the perspective of Najat Mohdad, principal of “**Cité Joyeuse**”, who was also a member of our delegation, this mission was an exploratory one in order to initiate new projects with her non-profit making association. With this in mind, she proposed cooperating with the “**Sumabnit Elementary School**”. Within the framework of this project, 4 pupils who had dropped out of school would travel to Binalonan accompanied by 2 teachers in order to repaint the school’s walls and furnish the classrooms. The benefits of this cooperation would be mutual. “Sumabnit Elementary School” would benefit from new furniture and freshened up premises, while the Cité Joyeuse pupils would gain an awareness of the importance of their work through an enriching and unique experience. The Cité Joyeuse will also finance the furniture for the premises inaugurated the previous day.

4. Urban Life Festival:

During this mission we had several opportunities to observe the great interest that Filipinos have in dance. We suggested that they should take part in the “Urban Life” festival organised in partnership with Saint-Josse-ten-Noode. At the meeting, the Mayor agreed to this in principle. 5 dancers and their companions would come and represent Binalonan at the festival. The tickets will be funded by the Municipality of Binalonan, while accommodation, food and transport to Brussels would be financed by the festival.

¹¹ The Cité Joyeuse Home situated in Molenbeek is made up of several units welcoming children who have a difficult family situation or who have motor or multiple disabilities - see Annex 6.5 for the diagram.

During the meeting, the deputy mayor also expressed his wish to cooperate with a “Municipal Marker”, which could be inaugurated by the Belgian delegation during the 2018 mission.

In closing the meeting, Alderman Eric Jassin invited the Philippine delegation to attend “Saint-Josse, Place pour tous” [room for everyone].



All of the elected municipal figures joined us at the residence of Dr. Noel for dinner.

After dinner we went to the “Municipal Auditorium” in order to join the “**Senior Citizens’ Night**”.

4.6 Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar

Description

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| Date | Friday 17 and Saturday 18 February 2017 |
| Activities | Bale Dutung - Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar |
| Other relevant characteristics | Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar is a ceremonial park created in 2003. |

Report on visit

On Friday 17th, we left the campus to travel to Bataan and spend a night there, as the Municipality had planned a visit to “**Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar**”. The journey by road from Binalonan to Bataan took 5 hours but we stopped at the restaurant “**Bale Dutung**” (this means ‘*wooden house*’ in Filipino), which is located in Angeles City. This very exotically decorated restaurant, entirely made up of recycled materials was also the home of the boss Claude Tayag and his wife Maryann Tayag. Not only is the boss, Claude the restaurant’s chef but he is also an artist, painter and sculptor and furniture designer. Everything you see there has been made by him. A very special menu was provided for us in this restaurant: “**Kapampangan taster menu**”¹² This was a menu with 10 courses made up of different regional Philippine dishes, and each dish was accompanied by explanations from Chef Claude. This allowed us to discover a whole culinary culture in a single meal.

We were late in getting to Bataan for our visit of “**Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar**”, which was postponed to the following morning. During that guided visit, we learnt that this was a hotel made up of historical monuments, which had been transported to this location brick by brick. This hotel was an opportunity to discover various aspects of Philippine architecture from the eighteenth century onward in a single visit. The site is still under construction and did not seem to be close to finishing, given the number of unfinished buildings that we observed during our visit.



In order to get back to Binalonan on time, we set off immediately after our visit. That evening, the delegation attended the election of Miss Binalonan 2017. We were invited to hand over the various

¹² See Annex 6.6

prizes to the beauty queens.

At the end of the ceremonies, the mayor, Mr. Ramon V. Guico III invited us to his office for a meeting to close the mission. Thanks and presentation of gifts to the saint-Josse delegation. The meeting finished at around 2 a.m.



5 End of the mission to the Philippines

5.1 Manilla

Description

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| Date | Sunday 19 February 2017 |
| Activities | Return to Manilla |
| Other relevant characteristics | Manilla airport is classed in forty-ninth place globally in terms of passenger volume. |

Report on visit

We set off for Manilla at 9 a.m. for our journey back. After arriving in Manilla at 2 p.m., we immediately drove in the direction of the Mall of Asia (MOA), the biggest shopping mall in South-East Asia, covering 406,962 ^{sqm}. This is an impressive mall with 200,000 visitors per day, so very different from what we are used to in our region. Once again, we spent a night in Intramuros before heading off for “Manila Ninoy Aquino International Airport”.

6 Conclusion

Once again, the Belgian delegation returned immensely enriched by a new experience in Binalonan, magnificent discoveries and intense human interaction.

The delegation was able to observe in situ the progress made in projects that have started up since the beginning of our partnership. The mission also allowed us to see the state of progress of various projects initiated by the Municipality of Binalonan, such as the construction of new buildings for the production centre, the construction of a new library, etc.

In the context of cooperation and, having regard to its North-South solidarity policy, the municipality of Saint-Josse-ten-Noode made a contribution to some of these projects, whether in terms of financial support or sharing skills. “A little aid does a lot of good”, runs a quotation from the novelist Germaine Guévremont. Even if Saint-Josse does not carry out large-scale investment projects, it has the satisfaction of contributing at its own level to small actions helping to improve the quality of life for citizens.

This mission was also an occasion to inaugurate the new projects launched: micro-credits (food production assistance fund and vendors’ capitalisation assistance fund), the purchase of books for the new city library and the purchase of computers for the development of a cyberspace in a school.

One of the most important purposes of these missions is human experience, As we said as a closing comment on our two previous visits, this project enriched both sides. Binalonan benefited from our expertise in connection with a programme that it chose on the basis of its needs. Our municipality, Saint-Josse-ten-Noode, experienced the joy of contributing to development and change in Binalonan.

The United Nations General Secretary, Kofi Annan, said once in a speech to the UN General Assembly: “the only route that offers hope of a better future for all humanity is that of cooperation and partnership.” That is why Saint-Josse-ten-Noode is mobilising itself and strengthening its partnerships with the Southern countries. Several doors are already open and we need to keep exploring this route.

7 Annexes

7.1 Programme for the visit

Official Visit of the Saint-Josse-Ten-Noode, Belgium Delegates
February 13-19, 2017

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| February 13 | Arrival in Binalonan |
| February 14 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 12:00 Noon 3:00 PM 6.00 PM 7.30 PM | Breakfast @ Terminal Visit to the Livelihood Center & Don Ramon J. Guico Sr. Sports and Civic Center Lunch @ Prado Farm Street Dancing Viewing (Optional) Dinner @ Bening's Community Night (Municipal Auditorium) |
| February 15 8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 12:00 Noon 6.00 PM 7.00 PM | Breakfast @ Terminal Join the inauguration of Sumabnit Elementary School Demo Cooking Lunch @ Sumabnit Elementary School Dinner @ Bening's Gospel Concert |
| February 16 7:00 AM 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon 4.00 PM 5.30 PM | Breakfast @ Terminal Join the "Laro ng Lahi" Lunch @ Dampa Join the Zumba (Optional) Early Dinner (Dr. Noel's Residence- Head of Offices will join the banquet) |
| February 17 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | Breakfast @ Terminal Leave Binalonan for Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar, Bataan Lunch @ Bale Dutung (Villa Gloria Subd. San Jose, Angeles City) |

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| February 18 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon | Breakfast @ Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar Leave Bataan for Binalonan |
| February 19 8:00 AM 9:00 AM | Breakfast @ Terminal Leave Binalonan for Manila |

7.2 People met

Mr. **Ramon V. Guico III**, Mayor of the Municipality of Binalonan

Mrs. **Élisabeth Aquino**, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator

Mrs. **Delphina Gacula**, Professor at WCC Aeronautical & Technological College

Mr. **Melicio Flores Patagay I**, Vice Mayor of the Municipality of Binalonan

Mr. **Norman V. Ramos**, Municipal Local Government Operations Officer

The Municipal Councillors:

Mrs. **Josephine D. Caburnay**

Mr. **Carl Joseph A. Patawaran**

Mr. **Noel Apolinario O. BAUTISTA**

Mr. **Ryan G. Gotoc**

Mr. **Rafael A. Legaspi, Jr.**

Mrs. **Marie Ann R. Baybayan**

Mr. **Jerry J. Aradanas**

Mr. **Lorenzo R. Tambo**

Mr. **Cesar A. Tomeldan**

7.3 Identity card for Binalonan, Pangasinan, Philippines¹³



Province of Pangasinan



Political and administrative data

Official name: Binalonan, Republic of Philippines

Mayor: Ramon V. Guico III

Deputy Mayor: Melicio Flores Patague II

Province: Pangasinan

District: Fifth district of the province of Pangasinan

Classification: Class 1 municipality - partially urbanised

Foundation: 1872

Number of Barangays: 24

- Balangobong
- Bued
- Bugayong
- Camangaan
- Canarvacanan
- Capas
- Cili
- Dumayat
- Linmansangan
- Mangcasuy
- Moreno

¹³Source: France-diplomacy – 2013

- Pasileng Norte
- Pasileng Sur
- Poblacion
- San Felipe Central
- San Felipe Sur
- San Pablo
- Santa Catalina
- Santa Maria Norte
- Santiago
- Santo Niño
- Sumabnit
- Tabuyoc
- Vacante

Geographical and demographic data

Region: Ilocos

Situation: 59 km from Lingayen (capital of the Pangasinan province) and 200 km from Manilla

Area: 47.57 kilometres square

Agricultural area: 8,400 hectares (84 km)

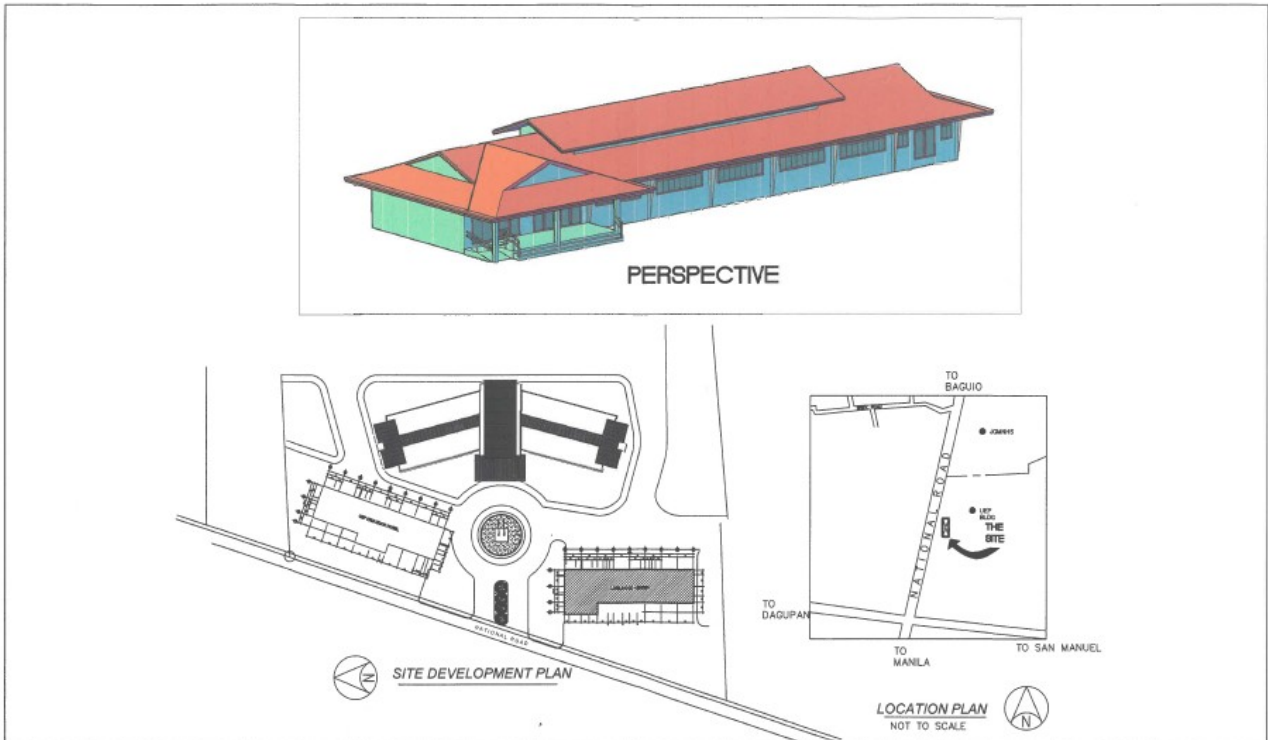
Meridian: GMT +8

Population: 57,000 inhabitants (2016)

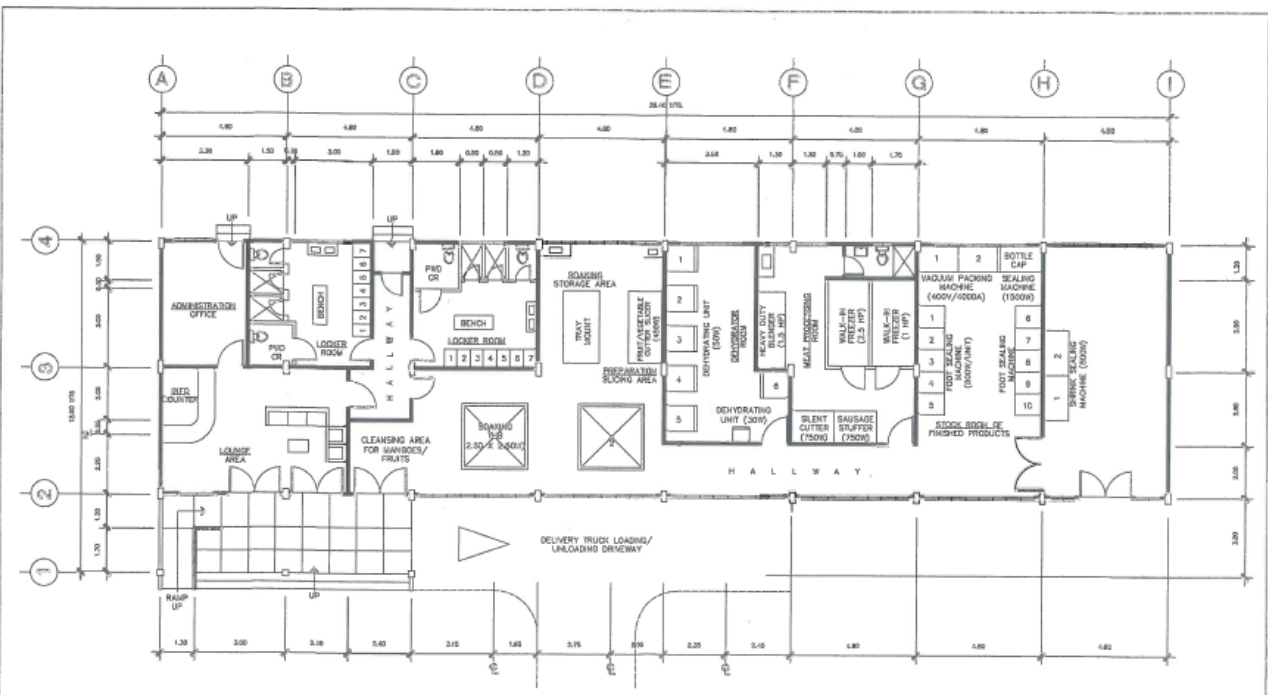
Density: 1,200 inhabitants/km square

Website: <http://www.binalonan.gov.ph/>

7.4 Livelihood Center

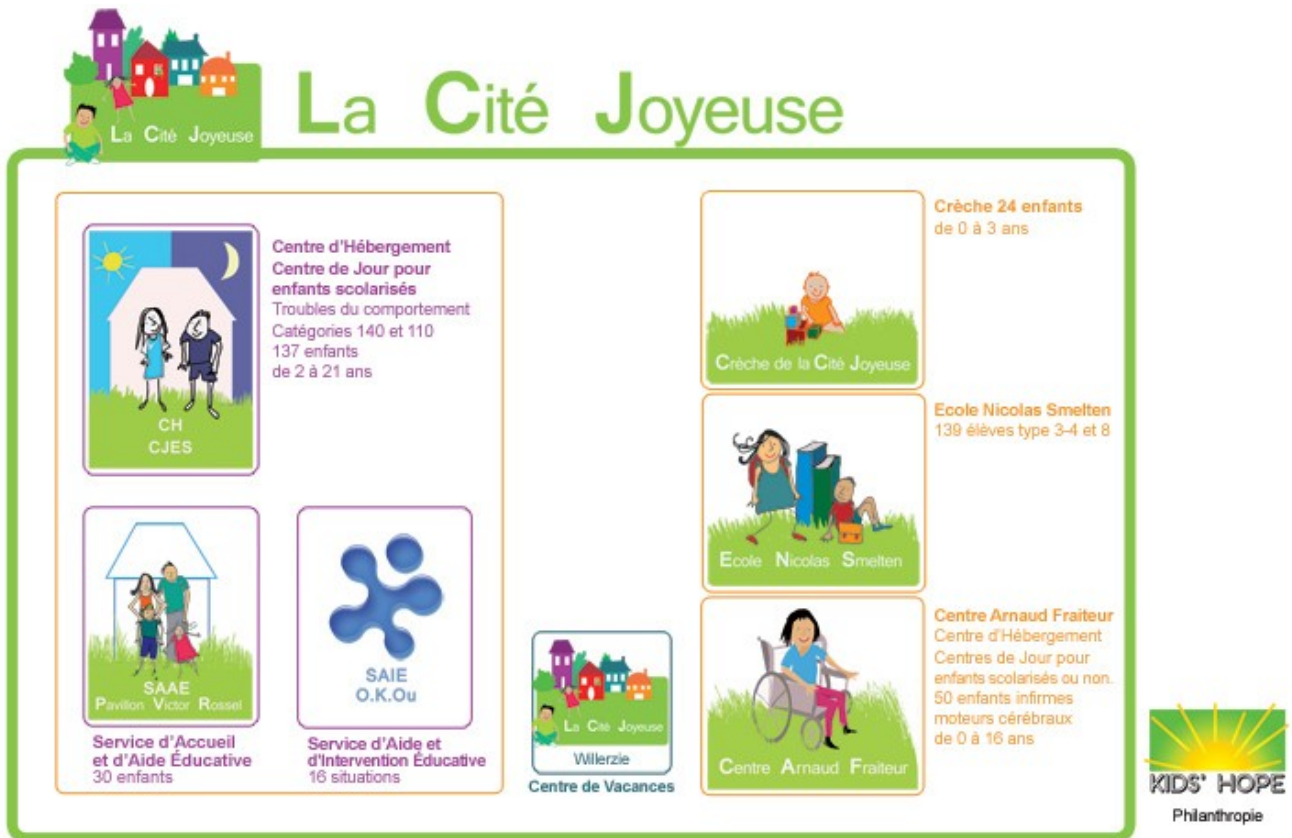


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7.5 Diagram of the Cité Joyeuse



7.6 Kapampangan taster menu

Ika-17 ng Pebrero, 2017
Pananghalian sa Bale Dutung

Eric Jassin
Patrick Neve
Marianne Blondiau
Rukiye Kavak
Bayram Gutekin
Adele Essoh
Zohra Othmani
Yoko Yusa
Ilias Ramdani
Najat Mohdad
Ismail Kavak
Elizabeth Aquino
EWvelyn Abalos
Angelica Prergrino

Kapampangan Degustation
(What Anthony Bourdain Had)

Ensaladang Pakò
Fiddlehead fern salad drizzled with a mango and
dalandan vinaigrette

Papaitan
Bitter goats stew in a cappuccino cup

Inihaw na Manok at Tokwa
Grilled chicken tails and coriander tofu served with aged
sugar cane vinegar

Walang Sisigan
Chicken and tofu, kinilaw na swahe, sisig banana heart
and papaya sisig

Adobong Pugo
Quail adobo style with a chicken liver sauce
and mini pan de sal

Talangka Sushi, Hito at Balo-Balo
Sushi of catfish, fermented shrimp and mustard leaves,
and pure crab fat

Bulanglang Kapampangan
Fresh Prawns, and milkfish belly
flavored with native guava

Kare-kareng Laman Dagat
Prawns, squid and New Zealand Mussels cooked in
peanut sauce

Duck Caldareta
Peking duck braised in a rich tomato sauce with chicken
liver

Tibok Tibok dessert
Pure carabao's milk maja blanca