Mayor Edwin D. Santiago will support the administration of President-elect Rodrigo R. Duterte.

This was the re-elected mayor's statement as he said that there is a need for political unity to push the agenda of the next administration.

“Majority of the local officials in the city belongs to the Liberal Party but we will set aside political colors for the betterment of our nation” the mayor stated.

“We congratulate the newly elected leaders. We assure them full cooperation and support especially in providing a stable and enabling environment for further growth of the economy” he added.

Mayor EdSa stressed that every LGU should play a vital role in pushing the new president’s primary agenda in curbing criminality particularly within six months after assuming office.

“He has a strong political will and he can do a lot of things to abate criminality in this short span of time,” he said of the former Davao City mayor.

Hailing the orderly, peaceful and credible conduct of the May 9 elections, the mayor said that the recent polls has set a high standard for free and fair elections in the future.

“With the overnight tabulation and transmission of a big portion of votes from all over the country, the automated process has gained public confidence in our democratic process,” he said.

Mayor EdSa also hopes that Duterte would push for the development of both Clark International Airport and Subic Bay Freeport to decongest Metro Manila and boost economic opportunities in Central Luzon.
Focusing at the vision of the City as the center of Kapampangan culture, the city government works hard to preserve the beliefs, behavior and customs of the Fernandino’s forefathers that through the ages, have shaped him into what he is today – God-loving, family-centered, artists and skillful artisans and, particularly, culinary experts.

May is fiesta time in San Fernando. It is when the City Government particularly highlights the culture and traditions of our people in its desire to bring families together, reconnect friends and reinforce values that make up the Fernandino identity.

In a religious country such as ours, the fiesta is traditionally the time for thanksgiving and celebration for a bountiful harvest. Today, Pyestang Fernandino has evolved into a display of the Fernandino’s love for wholesome fun, beauty and talent. Fernandino religiosity is evident in his tribute to San Fernando’s patron St. Ferdinand III of Castille, an excellent administrator and just ruler who always strove to use his power to better his people and his nation.

It is thus important to realize that behind all the merriment and fun, Pyestang Fernandino seeks to enrich our people’s sense of belonging, taking comfort in the fact that we all have one thing in common – our being Fernandinos and citizens of the City of San Fernando.

The importance of keeping traditions

Whenever one thinks of tradition, it usually means something from the past. To modern thinkers, it should remain in the past. But in the City of San Fernando, traditions must be preserved and kept alive. It is tradition that defines Fernandinos as a part of history, as what they are today and what they are to become as a people.

“Food, in the end, in our own tradition, is something holy. It’s not about nutrients and calories. It’s about sharing. It’s about identity.”

– Louise Fresco, Dutch scientist and expert on sustainability

PYESTANG FERNANDINO: “PYESTANG PAGSIYAN, PANGAKABUS PAGMASUSIAN AT KALAYAN PAKAMALAN”

The title is this year’s theme for Pyestang Fernandino. Loosely translated it means to have fun, to celebrate deliverance and to value freedom. What better way to drive home the point that as a people, Fernandinos are indeed very blessed.

The festivities lined up for the fiesta have been designed to bring out enjoyment and merriment in the Fernandino spirit. In the spotlight are beauty and talent, hobbies, sports, and cultural legacies that mirror our values and preferences as Fernandinos.

As a segue to Pyestang Fernandino, we will celebrate our deliverance from the catastrophic effects of Mt. Pinatubo’s eruption. For 25 years since then, Fernandinos have struggled against the losses and hardships, the uncertainty and anguish dealt on them by the lahar, floods and displacement that ensued. And the Fernandino spirit prevailed and triumphed, turning the City into what it is now – buzzing, booming and bursting at the seams with progress and life.

Pyestang Fernandino also precedes our nation’s commemoration of Philippine Independence Day that will be celebrated the Fernandino way - that of doing ordinary things extraordinarily. By constantly answering the call to excellence, Fernandinos will remain faithful to the cause of freedom that our forefathers died for, that treasure for which we continue to work together to be free from ignorance, poverty and injustice.

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WE CELEBRATE NATIONAL FLAG DAY ON MAY 28 BUT OUR CELEBRATION ENDS ON INDEPENDENCE DAY ON JUNE 12 IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 179 ISSUED BY PRESIDENT FIDEL V. RAMOS IN 1974. ALL FILIPINOS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DISPLAY THE PHILIPPINE FLAG IN ALL OFFICES, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTS OF GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, SCHOOLS, AND PRIVATE HOMES THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD.

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SA WATAWAT NG PILIPINAS
AT SA BANSANG KANYANG SINASAGBAG
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NA PINAKIKilos NG Sambayanang
MAKA-DIYOS
MAKATAO
MAKAKALIKASAN AT
MAKABANSA.

"EL PUEBLO DE SAN FERNANDO"

NENG FELIX M. GARCIA

At karen din Alay Santos kabaling la Valencia, Guigoyan, Ocon at Hizon pa; Baluyot, Pantiño, Sanchez ampon Quiao, Bucao, Masillo, Paterno Guvaans.

At nu kabat rang Pat., y Dr. Aquino yang meging Akalde klaw San Fernando; Angga na king 8 epay yang bangung aung king puerta, baya ya meging Diputado.

At kabat, pelit am pin riting negri a peka popular na ramang Akalde; Uii rin bukod king majap yang mapalat maspag yelo Edsa at kapari-pui.

Pakilasan n eya la nena na pupuber din "kongrest" na o ring kayang kabalan; Irais nu/ kung isayama na ring bukod, ya pa nu kabat ing meging "unopposed" kan.

Oyun, mayaysak makulay a yutu ing tane punyulung klaw San Fernando; Nuun e pamu karing opayal tamu ngorki king City Hall na superbang uatu?

NATIONAL FLAG DAY TRIVIA

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- In 1985, President Ferdinand E. Marcos through an executive order, changed the shade of blue of our flag from navy blue to light blue because historians have long been debating on the original shade of blue in the national flag. In the end, the actual color used – pale sky blue – was less of historical significance and more on the availability of cloth supplies at the time. Such choice proved unpopular.

- In 1987, President Corazon C. Aquino restored the pre-martial law version of the National Flag in accordance with Commonwealth regulations, until 1998 when Republic Act. No. 8491 or the “Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines” was enacted, changing the shade of blue once again from navy to royal, viewed as a suitable historical compromise to settle earlier debates. These are the specifications in use today.