

The Integrated Bus Terminal (IBT) in Divisoria will be turned over to the city government by the construction firm that undertook the project during simple rites set today morning, July 16.

This, after the finalization of an agreement between the RCDG Construction firm and the City Government through the IBT committee, City Engineer's Office and the City Legal Office, pertaining to various issues particularly the full payment to the contractor.

Mayor Beng Climaco and the contractor along with other city and IBT officials will spearhead the turnover activity set at 10a.m. at the IBT in Divisoria Monday.

The IBT, which sits on a 3.4 hectare government property in barangay Divisoria, was inaugurated December 8, 2015 and has been catering bus firms including vans plying the nearby provinces from Zamboanga City and vice versa. The IBT operation was governed by a City Ordinance.

The Divisoria IBT is one if not the most modern and spacious terminals in Zamboanga Peninsula and in Mindanao. The facility has departure and arrival buildings — both with holding areas and parking bays and other amenities that include a breastfeeding room, clinic, administration office with closed-circuit television cameras, scanner machine for security purposes, and stalls occupied by business concessionaires to cater to the needs of passengers.

Various improvements are expected to take place at the IBT to better serve the public once the IBT is officially turned over to the City Government. (Sheila Covarrubias)