

The chairman of the National Museum on Friday expressed amazement and admiration to what he termed as a "wonderful" Paseo del Mar dancing fountain project, as he urged residents to visit and enjoy the new facility.

"I am really super impressed," Ramon del Rosario Jr., who is also one of the country's top businessman and trader exclaimed after unveiling the Paseo del Mar musically gyrating dancing fountain Friday night together with Mayor Celso Lobregat. "This is a wonderful example of how a good city mayor can transform an area that used to be a problematic space for the city into something that is really wonderful and world class".

What adds to the project's magnificence, he said, is that it is a product of an all-Filipino talent. "The technology is from somebody who was born in the Philippines but of German descent, but everybody who put this together, everything was done in the Philippines and this is world class".

Del Rosario, who was with his wife, Marivic and National Museum Director IV Jeremy Barns in gracing the grand opening of the Paseo fountain said he was amazed and stunned by the elegance and unique dancing of the water with lights and special effects to the rhythm of carefully-chosen music.

"I am so happy to be here and I am really impressed and I hope the people of Zamboanga will come and enjoy it every night, it is really wonderful. I was telling the mayor, I could sit here for hours and not do anything, but just to enjoy it," the National Museum chairman said.

He commended the people behind the magnificent project specifically Mayor Lobregat and the members of the City Council and other city officials for initiating such an undertaking.

Del Rosario is a topnotch businessman, as he heads several business corporations such as the Phinma Corporation, Makati Business Club, Philippine Business for Education, Philippines-US Business Club and many others.

The Paseo del Mar, it is recalled used to be a squatter's area but with will and determination was cleared during the time of the late Mayor Maria Clara Lobregat. Incumbent Mayor Lobregat initiated the improvement of the area into a people's park which teems with people from sunset to sunrise.

The musically gyrating dancing fountain promises to be a worthwhile feature at the Paseo del Mar.

Also in attendance during the grand opening Friday night were Vice Mayor Cesar Iturralde, members of the City Council, department heads, executives from regional and national agencies and representatives from different sectors.

Meanwhile, the Paseo fountain show's tentative schedule is as follows: Weekdays- 7pm and 8:30pm; Fridays and Saturdays- 7pm; 8:15pm and 9:30pm while two or three shows will be held on Sundays.

Nat'l Museum chief tags Paseo fountain 'world class'

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A fountain show at the Paseo del Mar lasts between 23-26 minutes and consists of 6 carefully selected and diverse songs with different beats that synchronize with the rhythmic dancing of the water with lights, sound and special effects. — Sheila Covarrubias