

Sara, Joy give out 1k 'bags for change' to QC moms, kids

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DAVAO City Mayor Sara Duterte and Quezon City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte on Thursday spearheaded the distribution of "bags for change" to 1,000 mothers and their children to promote responsible education and family planning.

The "PagbaBAGo Program" was Duterte's way of initiating the renewed partnership between the two cities after signing a sister-city agreement with Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista.

"We gave the children school bags to encourage them to finish their studies and the mothers health kits to help them plan the size of their families in order to allow them to provide for the needs of all their children," Belmonte said.

The program aims to help the family work together so that children may finish their schooling with flying colors and use their education to lift their family out of poverty.

"Education is the most formidable tool that we have to fight poverty. It is only through education that we can help improve the lives of every citizen," Belmonte said.

"In our pursuit of progress and development, this partnership opens a lot of opportunities to learn from each other and to collaborate on initiatives that can help uplift the lives of our constituents," Duterte said.

Meanwhile, the 37-member Quezon City council has approved a resolution adopting a comprehensive



Taguig 2nd District Rep. Pia Cayetano (right) joins Quezon City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte (2nd from right) in playing with children with disabilities during the opening of the Kabahagi Center for Children with Disabilities in Barangay Batasan, Quezon City. Former Speaker Feliciano Belmonte was among the attendees. **Manny Palmero**

sive development plan for 2017 until 2020.

District 2 Councilor Roderick Paulate introduced City Resolution Sangguniang Panglungsod 7473-2018 aimed to adapt a comprehensive

development plan pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991 mandating local government units to prepare a comprehensive multi-sectoral development plan.