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Quezon City, Davao renew sister-city pact 'to improve public service'

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QUEZON City Mayor Herbert Bautista, along with Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte, on Monday formally renewed a sister-city agreement between the city and Davao City.

After the signing, Bautista invited Davao Mayor Sara Duterte to his office to hand over a copy of his biography.

Belmonte also thanked the presidential

daughter for coming over to Quezon City.

On June 27, Duterte sent Davao City Vice Mayor Bernard Al-ag to attend the sister city cooperation ceremony.

"With grateful hearts, we joyfully and warmly welcome Mayor Sara to our city and extend our deepest thanks to her for the time she has spared despite her extremely busy schedule that includes the State of the Nation Address

of her father [President Rodrigo Duterte] this afternoon," Belmonte said.

Held at the Quezon City hall, the signing was witnessed by city councilors, department heads, barangay officials and other guests from both Davao and Quezon City.

"We are truly happy for Quezon City's renewal of the sister-city hood agreement. We look up to Quezon City. We in Davao

City are looking at the best practices of the other cities so that we can improve our public service there," Duterte 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 and bring peace and prosperity to our cities and to our nation," she added.