

Belmonte welcomes Inday Sara, Hugpong bets in Quezon City sortie

WITH more than 15,000 supporters in tow, Quezon City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte of the local Serbisyo sa Bayan Party (SBP) welcomed Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte and the bets of Hugpong ng Pagbabago (HNP) in a campaign rally at the Amoranto Sports Complex on Thursday.

"We are happy to welcome once again Mayor Sara and the candidates of Hugpong in the biggest city in Metro Manila. We're here today to show the voters that Hugpong and our candidates in Quezon City are united in our goals of true service and good governance," Belmonte, who is running for mayor in the upcoming elections, said in an interview.

In August last year, SBP led by Belmonte formally signed an alliance with Davao City's HNP.

Then, in November, Quezon City's local party personally pledged its support to Mayor Sara Duterte and the candidates endorsed by Hugpong.



■ During the Quezon City sortie, seated from left: Representative and former House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Quezon City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte, Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte and Councilor Gian Sotto.

Among the Senatorial candidates present at the event were reelectionists Senator Sonny Angara, Senator JV Ejercito, former senators Jinggoy Estrada and Bong Revilla, and Taguig City Rep. Pia Cayetano.

Newcomers Ilocos Norte Gov. Imee Marcos, former Special Assistant to the President Bong Go, former Presidential adviser Francis

Tolentino, General Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa, and broadcast journalist Jiggy Manicad also joined the sortie.

Meanwhile, the delegation from the Serbisyo sa Bayan Party was led by Belmonte, Councilor Gian Sotto, who is running for vice mayor in the 2019 elections, Representative and former House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, and Cong. Winnie Castelo.

The candidates from Quezon City's six districts included congressional candidates under the Hugpong-SBP alliance: Councilor Precious Hipolito-Castelo, Councilor Elizabeth Delarmente, and Councilor Jesus "Bong" Suntay, and SBP's own party-list candidates Councilor Ranulfo Ludovica, Felicito Valmocina, and Vincent Belmonte.