## Belmonte ready to implement platforms on Day 1 if elected mayor in QC

QUEZON City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte, who is running for mayor of the city, expressed confidence that she can immediately fulfill her responsibilities if she wins in the upcoming elections.

"I already know what I should do and what I should improve in our city. That's why, if I will be elected as mayor, as early as July 1, I can already meet my responsibility," said Belmonte. "I have been exposed to leadership and service as vice mayor of the city for nine years. I also observed the governance of Mayor Herbert Bautista," Belmonte added, citing the partnership between her and Bautista for three terms at the helm of Quezon City.

During the proclamation rally of Belmonte's Serbisyo sa Bayan Party (SBP) on March 29, Bautista officially endorsed Belmonte's candidacy for mayor. The outgoing mayor assured voters that Belmonte will continue the legacy of genuine public service espoused by her father, former mayor and House Speaker Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte.

The younger Belmonte likewise said that Speaker Belmonte has been instrumental in preparing her for the role.

"I am not my father, but I have learned from his good qualities as a leader and even from his mistakes. Though I have my own brand of leadership, my entire childhood has been spent observing my dad and mom as they served their community and the country. I have always aspired to serve as well, before, as vice mayor, and now, as a candidate for mayor," Belmonte shared.