

Sec. Silvestre H. Bello III

A seasoned lawyer and human rights advocate, Secretary Silvestre "Bebot" H. Bello III has always been a worker for peace and a long-time public servant. In fact, he has unselfishly served the government under four presidents in various capacities.

During the time of President Corazon Aquino, he was named Undersecretary of the Department of Justice (DOJ) from 1986 to 1991, then appointed Secretary until 1992. He served as Solicitor-General for two (2) years during the term of President Fidel Ramos, and again as Justice Secretary in 1998. Under the administration of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, he was tasked to lead the government panel in talking peace with the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front – a post he held for over a decade.

Under the new Administration of President Rodrigo R. Duterte, aside from bestowing him with the task of successfully negotiating lasting peace based on justice, he was also entrusted to lead the charge to end "Endo," illegal contractualization and ensure industrial peace.

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE / HIGHLIGHTS

Bebot's other past professional and civic involvements include holding top positions such as president and chief executive officer of the Philippine National Oil Company - Development & Management Corporation, general manager and chief executive officer of the Philippine Reclamation Authority, presidential adviser for New Government Centers, Cabinet Oversight Officer for Indigenous Peoples and National Commission on Indigenous Peoples Matters, Cabinet Officer for Regional Development for Region II, Cabinet Secretary, and 1BAP Party List Representative in the 16th Congress.

Bebot also sat on the boards of a host of corporate giants including the Camp John Hay Development Corporation, San Miguel Corporation, CAP Realty Inc., College Assurance Plan, Comprehensive Annuity Plan & Pension Corp., Red Eagle Lending Investors Corp., CAP Life Insurance Corp., CAP General Insurance Corp., Puerto Azul, Baguio Country Club, Philippine Plaza Hotel, Urban Bank, and Ambassador Hotel. Likewise, he was once a part of the Board of Advisors of Philippine Airlines.

Furthermore, Bebot is a distinguished associate of various law offices namely Yulo & Bello; Yulo, Torres & Bello; Yulo, Quisumbing, Torres, Ali & Bello; Yulo, Torres, Tarriela & Bello; Tanjuatco, Oreta & Factoran; Pinlac, Feliciano, Partiza, Mojica & Bello; and C. Alcantara & Sons.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

A holder of a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the Manuel L. Quezon University (1961), Bebot took his Bachelor of Laws and graduated with distinction from the Ateneo de Manila University College of Law (1970).