



KALINAWA ART FOUNDATION

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Media Release

Indigenous Peoples' Visual Art Show in Tagum City

The 9th Indigenous Peoples' Visual Art Show and Internet Auction of the *Kalinawa Art Foundation* in partnership with the Provincial Government of Davao del Norte, the City Government of Tagum, the Provincial Tourism Council and the City of Tagum Council have combined their efforts to produce a successful event. On the occasion of the Kaimunan sa Tagum (Annual Indigenous People Festival of four dominant IP tribes in Tagum City, with the support of our partners, the visual art show has grown from somewhat humble beginnings. Twenty (27) artists participated in various categories that included 101 art pieces. The winners of each category are as follows:

Traditional Category - Jalyn Icalina - Dugon ng Usog
Contemporary Two Dimensional - Sol Pilocano – Life in Barrio 1
Contemporary Three Dimensional – Ronald Tamfalan - Masayang Pag-Ani
Youth Category – Christianne Cofreros - Jars

Additional information on the prize winners, as well as the artwork and the other artists who took part, can be found at www.kalinawa.com

Ms. Sonia Garcia, Regional Director, Department of Tourism XI, Ms. Alma L. Uy, Chairperson, Regional Tourism Council Davao Region, Davao Del Norte and City of Tagum Tourism Council, the Hon. Rodolfo P. del Rosario, Governor, Province of Davao del Norte, Hon. Rey T. Uy, Mayor, City of Tagum, and Hon. Victorio Suaybaguio, Vice-governor of Davao del Norte participated on the ribbon cutting at the opening ceremony on Oct. 15. Rituals by the Dibabawon Baylan/Shaman led off and were then followed by the University of Mindanao Tagum Chorale and La Filipina Rondalla. The invocation was led by Datu Aguido Sucnaan with UM Tagum Harmonic Chorale. The curator, Mr. Nestor Horfilla – a well known artist, researcher, theater director, scriptwriter, teacher, and administrator, molded the exhibit concept and worked with a commissioned artistic designs by the Provincial and City Engineers and Architects and some Indigenous group the Dibabawon of San Isidro and Dibabawon of New Corrella who also help in the installation of the Dibabawon house and serves as their gallery. He had the help of Mr. Jhun Jamero, artistic director and tourism consultant for Davao del Norte, who also conducted a workshop called the “Lantaw Ani” which was sponsored by the *Foundation*.

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A press conference with Ms. Raquel Palma Gil of *Kalinawa Art Foundation*, Ms. Arlene Llamada, City Tourism Officer, Ms. Alma L Uy, First Lady of Tagum City, and Mr. Nestor Horfilla was held to explain further the mission of the *Foundation* in promoting Indigenous Peoples' visual arts works. There was also a workshop on watercolor painting conducted by Ronald Tamfalan, a T'boli artist from Sarangani Province.

The awarding ceremony was held on Oct,18 it was started with the performance by Tagum Youth performers. First Lady Ms. Alma Uy gave an inspirational speech in which she congratulated the artist who participated in the event, the people who witness the exhibit and also the *Foundation* for its mission in helping the Indigenous People in gaining knowledge and information dedicated to discovering their arts and talents. The occasion continued with the distribution of certificates to the participants, guest attendees, volunteers, partners, and judges by Mr. David Gilinsky (founder of the *Kalinawa Art Foundation*)

The volunteers who donated their time and energy are: Virgilio Boiser, Guillermo Urgel Jr., Janice Boiser, Inocencio Salipot and Val Moses J. Tumulak. The Judges for the competition were: Mr. Richard Abella, Ms. Erna D.L. Cabebe, Ms. Janice Boiser, Mr. Giovanni Rellon and Ms. Ciara Uy. Over the course of the event, over 1,000 people attended. Students from various schools also visited the Exhibit.

Following this event in Tagum City, the *Kalinawa Art Foundation* will participate with other institutions at several other events to bring Indigenous Peoples' visual art to the public eye:

- Art in the Park; Salecdo Vollage in Makati on Nov. 17, 2007
- AHPADA exhibition, SM Mall of Asia on Nov. 22-25 2007
- Joint Inuit – Indigenous Peoples' of the Philippines exhibition, Metropolitan Gallery on Nov. 22-26 2007

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