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Media Release

Indigenous Peoples' Visual Art Exhibition to be held in Tagum City, Davao del Norte as part of the celebration of National Indigenous Peoples' Month

From October 13 to October 21 the *Kalinawa Art Foundation*, the Provincial Government of Davao del Norte, the City Government of Tagum, the Regional Tourism Council and the City of Tagum Tourism Council will partner to bring the Indigenous Peoples' visual art show, open and Internet auction in Tagum City. Registration for the Indigenous Peoples' visual artists submitting work will be from October 10 to 12 at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Tagum City Trade & Cultural Center Pavilion, Quezon St., Tagum City.

A press conference is scheduled to be held on Monday, 15 October, 10:00 am at the Interactive – Area Trade Center Pavilion – October 15, 10:00 a.m. The opening ceremony for the exhibit is scheduled for Monday, October 15 at 5:00 p.m. The exhibit will then be open to the public daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Tuesday October 16 through Saturday October 20. The awards ceremony will be on October 18, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. The art will be available for sale on the Internet at www.ebay.com from Sunday, October 14 at 2:00 p.m. until Wednesday, October 17 at 2:00 p.m. and at a community sale on Thursday and Friday, October 18 and 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The project of staging an exhibition of Indigenous Peoples' visual art is brought to Tagum City through invitation to the *Kalinawa Art Foundation* by Mrs. Alma Uy, First Lady of Tagum City and chairperson of the Regional Tourism Council Davao Region. Mr. Nestor Horfilla, an artist, researcher, theater director, scriptwriter, teacher, and administrator will curate the exhibition. Mr. Horfilla is a major force in the propagation of cultural work as part of development in the regions. He has been a regular resource person and consultant of the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) Outreach Program for community theater from 1987 to the present.

Many of the Indigenous Peoples' communities in this region have preserved their colorful, elaborate, unique institutions and cultural practices. This exhibition will showcase the artistry of Indigenous People to promote a deeper appreciation and broader knowledge of this Filipino heritage. The mission of the *KALINAWA ART FOUNDATION* (www.kalinawa.com) is to build on the inherent talent of the Indigenous Peoples of the Philippines by creating institutional mechanisms to

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develop a visual fine arts sector that celebrates their culture, promotes talent develops skills, facilitates training and builds cross cultural education.

In addition to the public exhibition and sale of Indigenous Peoples' visual art from the Davao del Norte region, a judged competition with cash prizes for the winning pieces of visual art. While subject to possible change, the categories are:

- Youth Contemporary and Youth Traditional - Submissions by artists under 18 years old.
- Traditional – Pieces based on Indigenous traditional knowledge and /or materials.
- Contemporary Two Dimensional - Any two dimensional medium excluding photography and including but not limited to paintings, drawings, tapestries and etchings.
- Contemporary Three Dimensional - Any three dimensional medium, including, but not limited to sculpture, pottery and terracotta.

Other activities scheduled to occur in relation to the Indigenous Peoples' Visual Art Exhibition in Tagum City include a Creative Workshop to be held at Trade Center on October 16, 2:00 p.m. and Forum on Indigenous Tourism with Department of Tourism Secretary Ace Durano at October 17, 9:30 a.m.

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