

Pakighinabi

The Young Lumad Professionals' View on the NCIP's Resolution Denouncing the term Lumad.



Title of Activity:

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Type of Activity: **Conversations (*Pakighinabi*) via Zoom**

Background and Objectives:

The resolution signed by the commissioners of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), sitting *en banc*, on March 2, denounced the use of the term Lumad primarily because it is a Cebuano term and was adopted by the members of the Lumad Mindanaw Peoples' Federation (LMPF) to control the identification of the IPs under the banner of CPP-NPA-NDF.

The immediate response of a small group of centers under the Ateneo de Davao University was to communicate with the members of LMPF, who were specifically pointed out in the resolution, and offered bridging a dialogue with selected officials of the NCIP and its "adjunct" task force. Although they expressed gratitude at the quick response of the group, the LMPF officers wanted to deal with this matter themselves in their own way, through their own network.

During the week of the resolution's release, civil and church groups have started to express their support to the IPs on social media platform. They particularly criticized NCIP's resolution as having no historical basis. On the other hand, the DACS AdvoCom members, during its meeting on 15 March, agreed to listen first to the voices of Lumad before proposing any appropriate plan of action.

On 27 March, the spokesperson of LMPF and with leaders from Mt. Kitanglad (representing 3 tribes) and from the non-Islamized indigenous peoples of the BARMM, shared their different realities vis-a-vis the resolution. Mr. Edtami Mansayagan, who spoke on behalf of the members of LMPF, expressed gratitude to the space given them and recounted their disappointment to NCIP'S action. This, after the initial fear that their members went through upon learning of the resolution. The members of LMPF have already found their footing and have claimed back their courage to speak out. They now welcome platforms where they can express their true sentiment, to which both UGAT Foundation and AdDU's Anthropology Dept. have both committed to assist them.

At the margins of the debate on whether the term Lumad, as referring to the indigenous cultural communities of Mindanao are the new breed of Lumads who were born with the term being ascribed to them, embraced it, and have self-ascribed themselves as being so; devoid of the baggage of its past. These are the young Lumad professionals who have embraced who they are, have received “opportunities” that come with it, and have now chosen to go back to the communities where their kinships are strongest. They are the IP professionals who have chosen to serve their fellow Lumad. It is therefore important that aside from the elders, we will hear the younger voices, who, in line with their commitment at the grassroots level, can also be affected, or at worse, become vulnerable because of the politics of the past and of the present.

The proposed conversation aims to listen to these young Lumads, who have grown into professional adults with the term, and where they locate themselves vis-à-vis their elders’ assertion and NCIP’s denunciation of the use of term Lumad. From these voices, we will provide analysis and faith-based reflections from our partners and academic institutions.

Some suggested questions:

- a.) What do young IPs think of the current debate about the use of the term Lumad?
- b.) Does this resolution have possible impact in their communities?
- c.) What do they think are the good and bad points of the resolution and what can they do or contribute at the personal level to improve the discourse?
- d) What are the reflections of our academe and partners in our advocacies for the indigenous people?

PROGRAM FLOW (See page 3)

MEDIUM OF CONVERSATION: Visayan and Tagalog

ZOOM Link:

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29 April, 2021
1:30 - 3:30 PM

Programme:

1:30 PM Inter-faith Prayer
1:35 PM National Anthem
1:40 PM Opening Remarks

Fr. Tomas P. Avila, JR.
President,
Davao Association of Catholic Schools (DACS)
Region XI Trustee, Catholic Educational
Association of the Philippines (CEAP)

1:45 PM Rationale

PERPEVINA TIO
Director,
Mindanawon Initiatives for Cultural Dialogue

1:50 PM Speaker 1:

DATU BOYSON ANIB
Matigsalug-Manobo
(Scholar, ACD-BEED, Batch 2007)
Current Organizer and former Teacher, Assumption College
of Davao Grade School Extension for Lumad Children-
Malabog Area, Paquibato

Tribal Elder,
Peace 911 Coordinator-Kiblatong, Panalum, Paquibato

2:05 PM Speaker 2:

MR. TITO S. FERNANDEZ
Mansaka
(Scholar, Diocese of Tagum, SY 2008-2011)
DEPED Junior High School teacher, Mawab, Davao de Oro.

2:15 PM Speaker 3:

MR. JUN MARK E. AMBAN
Obo Manobo
(Scholar, AdDU- BS Secondary Educ., AdDU-MA Educ'l Adm.)
Head Teacher III
DepEd- Baguio National School of Arts and Trades

2:25 PM Speaker 4:

MS. AILYN BARRIOS
Agusanon Manobo
(Scholar, AdDU- BS Social Work)
Social Work Volunteer
Panaghiusa Alang Sa Kaugalingnan Ug Kalingkawasan, Inc. (PASAKK)

2:35 PM Reflections
and Analysis

EDTAMI MANSAYAGAN-
Arumanen
Representative, Lumad Mindanaw Peoples Federation, Inc. (LMPFI)

2:50 PM Open Forum

3:20 PM Synthesis

MS. MARICEL HILARIO-PATIÑO
Anthropologist

3:25 PM Closing Remarks

BRO. NOELVIC H. DELORIA, SC
President, Holy Cross of Davao College

3:30 PM Closing Prayer

Facilitator: Atty. Romeo T. Cabarde, JR.

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