



Kahimunan sa Katungod 2017

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Dear Fellow Lumad Rights Advocate,

Greetings of peace and all good!

The Kalumbay Regional Lumad Organization and the 'Higala sa Lumad' Network will organize the 'Kahimunan sa Katungod 2017' Lumad Gathering for Human Rights on December 7-9, 2017 in Cagayan de Oro City and Bagoococ, Opol, Misamis Oriental.

'Kahimunan sa Katungod' is a human rights colloquium that will foster solidarity among Lumad leaders. The colloquium will become a venue where Datus, Baes, and Indigenous Peoples' Organizations' leaders can share with each other the pressing land and human rights issues their respective communities are confronting, collectively analyse their situation and draft recommendations and resolutions. The activity will encourage the communities to synergize home-base resources for important concerns such as sanctuaries for Lumad leaders or community members at-risk. Educational and parallel events to the colloquium will be held simultaneously for support groups.

Kahimunan sa Katungod 2017 will especially focus on the situation of the Higaonon communities asserting rights over their lands vis-à-vis an oil palm plantation in Opol.

'Kahimunan sa Katungod' is a component of the 'Healing the Hurt', an interfaith initiative combatting discrimination, human rights violations and impunity against the Lumad of Mindanao, supported by the European Union.

Knowing your advocacy for the Lumad, may we humbly invite you to the activity. We have attached in this letter the concept paper of the activity for your perusal.

Hoping for your positive response, we remain

Very sincerely yours,

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