MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY
14 July 2007
Reporting on the Cultural Exposure Trip

Present in the meeting

Kanor del Rey
Nene del Rey
Super dela Cruz
Bacao dela Cruz
Gilbert Suagen
Uying dela Cruz
Chieftain Ando dela Cruz
Yaaw dela Cruz
Dalisay dela Cruz
Minang dela Cruz

DISCUSSION:

1. The matter of Kinaboan Falls was already reported by PCIM to the NCIP local office. Ms. Gerones advised preparation of community resolution to be submitted to the Sangguniang Bayan to direct the Local Barangay Unit of Barangay Sta. Ines to settle the problem of the Kinaboan Falls regarding who will be assigned to manage and maintain the area of Kinaboan Falls.

2. Tata Kanor asked Chieftain Ando what good did their trip gave them. He asked if there was an opportunity for a source of livelihood? Chieftain Ando replied that he saw the unity among the T'bolis, how their culture is still alive and intact.

3. PCIM explained that even the international bodies, like the UN recognizes the culture of the indigenous communities as essential to environmental protection and conservation. This was made known during a global conference held in Rio de Janeiro. (It was at this point that PCIM presented to the assembly the events that took place during the cultural trip – a laptop proved to be a handy and effective tool for presentation.)

4. Likewise, it was explained to the community how important their law is in upholding their rights which are essential to their development. The ancestral domain they are currently applying should be given serious consideration, especially when there are among them individuals who are giving up their rights over their lands just for a few sum of money.
5. The group learned that there were people among the community who are impatient with the process they are going through that they are planning to boot out the chieftain.

6. The challenge faced by Chieftain Ando is quite enormous but he expressed his desire to continue despite the opposition of some and he firmly declared this to the PCIM field team because he believed that someday his people will understand the efforts being done to protect their rights and the rights of their future generation.

Meeting with Kinaboan Tribal Council on the preparation of Community Resolution.

Signing the “Kasunduan” (Partnership Agreement between PCIM and the Dumagat Community of Sitio Kinaboan)
COMMUNITY RESOLUTION SIGNED BY DUMAGAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF SITIOS KINABOAN, NAYON, STA. INES

1 August, 2007

Hon. Eugene A. Ortiz
Chairperson
National Commission on Indigenous Peoples
Davao City

To:

Mr. Jennifer C. Geroma
ACP
NCCP Regional Service Center
Davao City

Re: Resolution of Chairperson

The Dumagat Community of Sitios Kinaboan, Nayon, Sta. Ines, under the leadership of Hon. Eugene A. Ortiz, Chairperson of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, in the name of its constituents, hereby submits this resolution to the Regional Service Center of the NCCP for its consideration and action.

Sitios Kinaboan, Nayon, Sta. Ines, Davao City, have been facing the threat of displacement due to the construction of a hydroelectric dam. The community, through its leaders, is requesting support from the NCCP in protecting their rights and interests.

The community asserts its right to self-determination and cultural survival. They are requesting the NCCP to provide assistance in negotiating with the government and other stakeholders to ensure that their rights are respected and protected.

Sincerely,

Eugene A. Ortiz
Chairperson
National Commission on Indigenous Peoples
Davao City

Resolution

The Regional Service Center of the NCCP acknowledges the submission of the resolution from Sitios Kinaboan, Nayon, Sta. Ines, and agrees to provide assistance in negotiating with the government and other stakeholders to protect the rights of the Dumagat Community.

Signed:

Eugene A. Ortiz
Chairperson
National Commission on Indigenous Peoples
Davao City

Emiliano R. Reorda
Chairman
NCCP Regional Service Center
CAPARAGAT, Aktibad sa Bansa ng Republika
Bilang BPII, maaari maging bahagi ng mga
project ng mga NGO halimbawa ng PHILIPPINE COMER
para sa Socioeconomic Needs (PCM) UK, sa orion
paghihiwalay at karatulang kasarian sa kultura ng
Filipino.

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KARATULANG KARATULANG.

PANGALAN:

LASA:

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