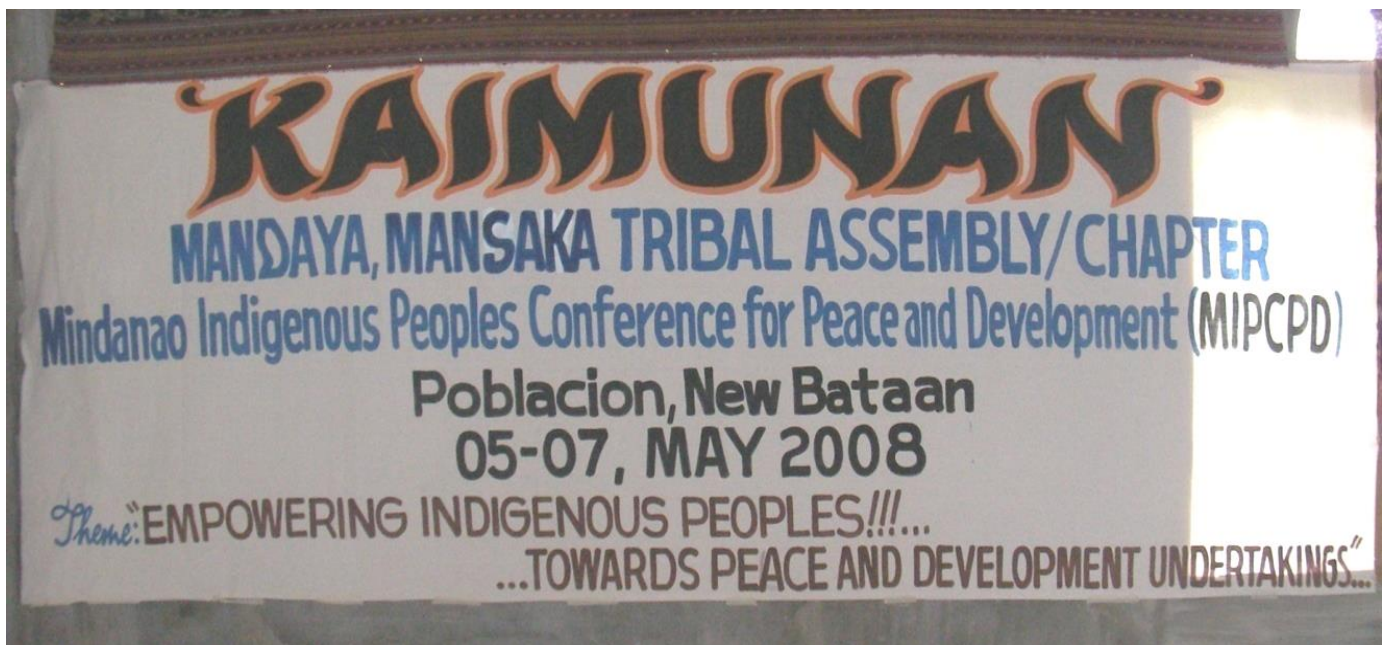


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Streamers





Singing of the national anthem





Opening remarks





A tribal dance exhibition from the different tribes present during the final program.



Musical ingenuity displayed by the members of the tribe



Opening ritual



Oath taking ceremony for the elected local chapter officers of the MIPCPD



Knot-tying ceremony signifying that all the members of the Council of Elders and the officers of the local chapter are intertwined and committed to serve altogether. MIPCPD Chairman tied the final knot to "lock" their vow and to signify that they cannot turn their backs from it.



Flag ceremony



Opening ritual



Guests from the local government (LGU), government line agencies (GLA), military and police.



"Communion" with the tribe prior to the "tagpu bulla" (peace pact)





"Tagpud Bulla" (peace pact) between the Mandaya-Mansaka tribes and the AFP.



Everyone present extend their hand over the ritual elements to signify that they are now united as one for peace and development.



Sacrificing of the rooster and shedding its blood ends the ritual and marks the beginning of unity between the tribe and the AFP with the cooperation of other government representatives.



Tribal leaders from different tribes pose together to preserve the memory of this historical event.