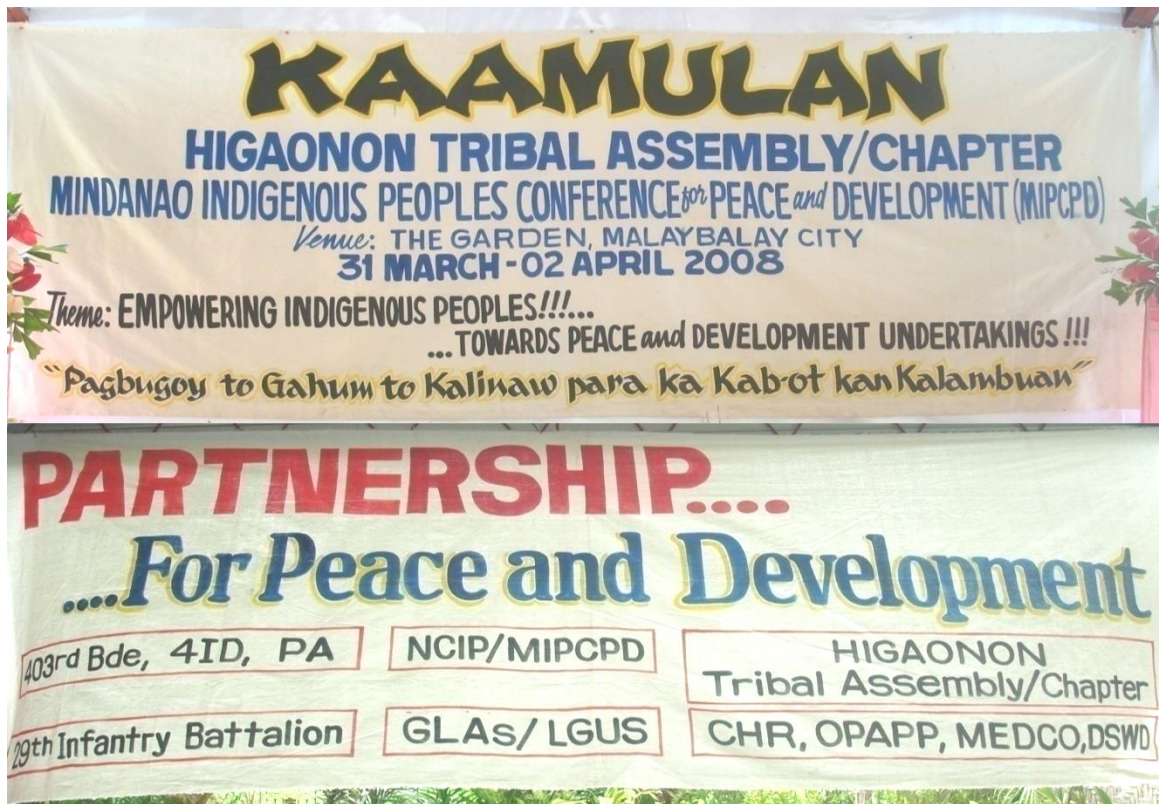


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Leveling with a representative of the local government prior to the activities.



Streamers (above) displayed for the "Kaamulan" or tribal assembly of the Higaonons held at The Garden, Malaybalay City (below)





Arrival and registration



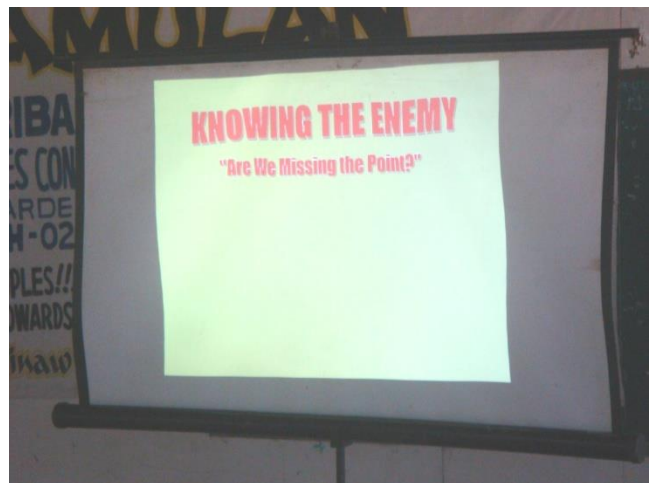
Start of the "Kaamulan" hosted by the MIPCPD Executive Director Datu Bawan Taga Enod Jake Lanes.



Members of the tribe raises their hands during the acknowledgment of their presence.



Knowing the Enemy was part of the program during the preliminary consultation and briefings; as lectured by the Datu Bawan Taga Enod Jake Lanes.



IPs and soldiers of the 402nd brigade got their heads together for the map tracking exercise.



Delegates share their knowledge and personal experiences regarding the topics discussed; and also threw questions at the facilitators during the first two days of the event.



Calling the attention of the people present for the activity; orienting them of the proceedings for the final and main program.



The congregation pray together, led by one of the leaders.



Flag raising ceremony accompanied by the singers and musicians of the Higaonon tribe.



Datu Harry Sumbongan, Chairman of the Higaonon Tribal Assembly Bukidnon Chapter gives the opening remarks.

The Vice-Chairman of the Local Chapter also has his part in the opening ceremony



Guest speakers delivering their respective speeches for the occasion.



Distinguished guests of the "Kaamulan"



The beginning of the ritual.



As part of the ritual process this chicken and pig will be slaughtered as an offering and its blood will be used to sanctify the ceremony.



Oath-taking ceremony of the elected officers for the local chapter.



Newly elected officers of the local chapter.



Prayer of the baylan prior to the most important rite of the event: the tampuda.





"Tampuda" the act or ceremony that symbolically ends all forms of conflict existing between the tribe and the AFP.



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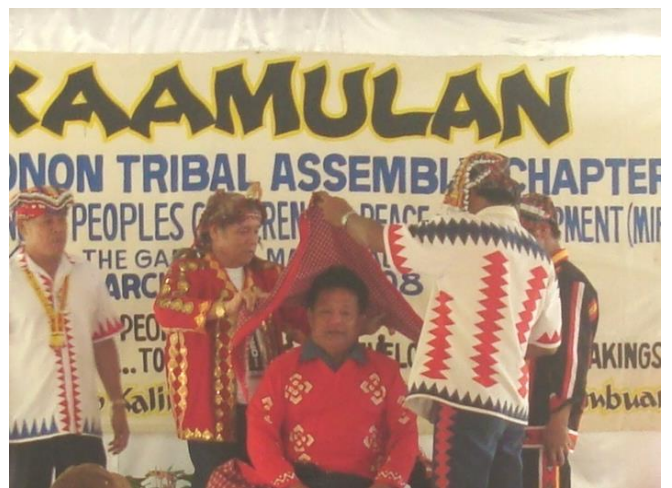
The stick symbolizes the "resolved conflict" between the two parties.



A handshake between these gentlemen and Datus cap the "tampuda."



Investiture ceremony



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The newly-invested Datus pose with the MIPCPD and the TF "Gantangan" team members.



Administrative matters were discussed by Higaonon Tribe Secretary Datu Rudy Alguno and MIPCPD Chairman Datu Pananag Joel Unad before the group finally break up.