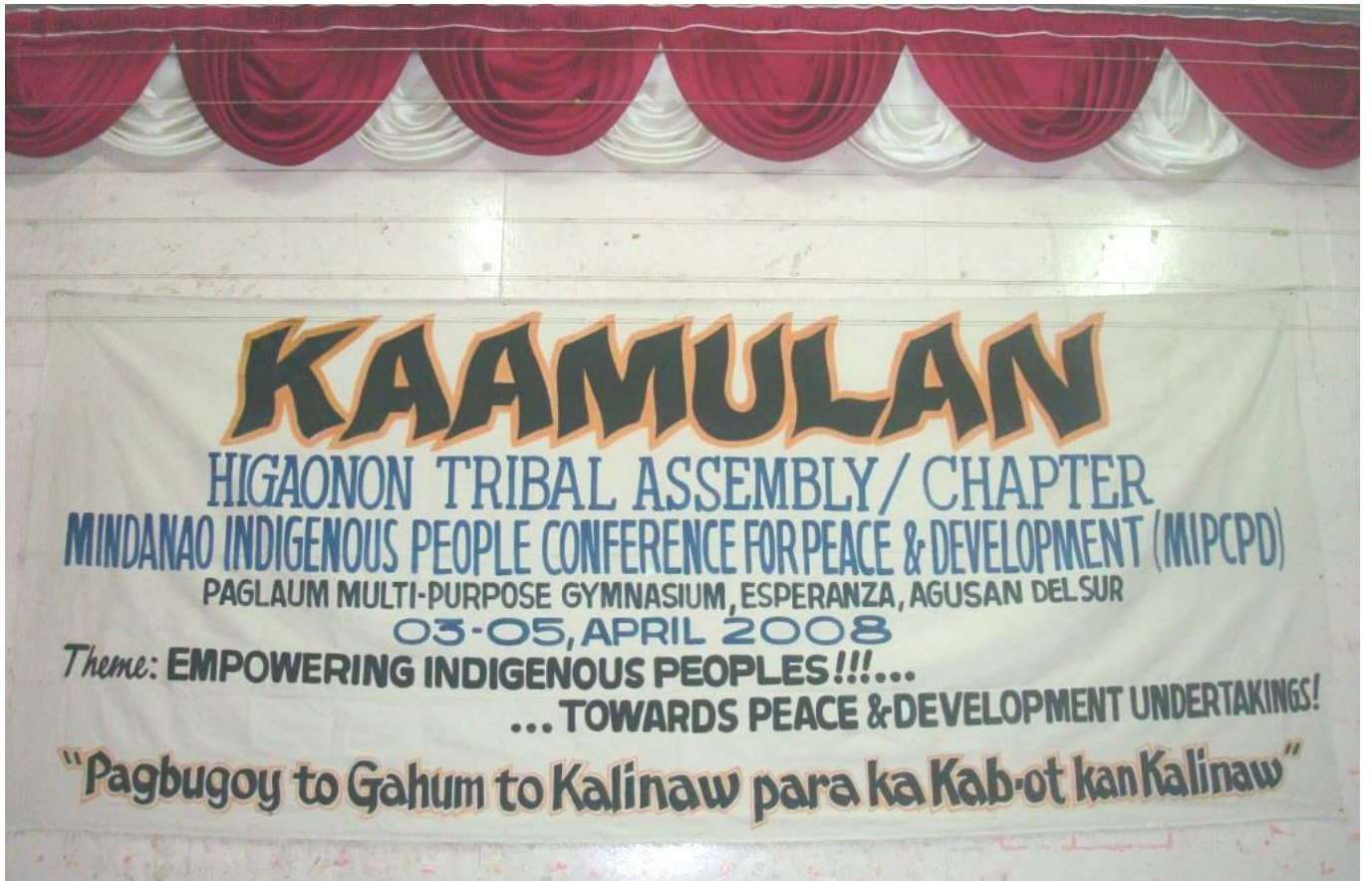


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Leveling with the local government.



DATU MANCOMBATE DEO MANPATILAN address the members of the tribe.



Delicacy packs were being distributed to the local members of the tribe who were present at the Paglaum Gym in Esperanza, Agusan del Sur.



A presentation is being shown while the members are having their lunch.



Evening came and still members of the tribe were eager to listen to what was still in stored for the day.



Continuously the team informed the local members of the tribe of what is to be expected for the next day's activities.



The registration of delegates were orderly initiated in the morning of April 5, 2008.



National anthem was sung with honor and pride both by the military and the IPs.



Supreme tribal chieftain DATU MANCOMBATE DEO MANPATILAN formally opening the ceremony.



Participants share their thoughts and expectations in the activity.



Tribal leaders speak up for their respective territories.



Elders and younger members of the tribe participated in the discussions.



And so other members seek to be heard in this rare event where they who come from various parts of the region are gathered as one.



Certificates of appreciation were presented to the camera.



Leaders, members and guests of the Higaonon Tribal Assembly all pose together for a photograph of the moment they all united as one in the quest for peace and development.



Signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Higaonon Tribe and the Armed Forces of the Philippines.



Map tracking activity



Officers of the local chapter actively interact with the government agencies' representatives in the presence of the other members.



The local government unit in Esperanza share their goals and visions for the tribe.



Officers of the Mindanao Indigenous Peoples Conference for Peace and Development (MIPCPD) impart encouragement to the local chapter officers and members.



Datu Ramon Bayaan, the MIPCPD Vice Chairman for external Affairs share the vision and mission of the MIPCPD.



LTC LEOUEL SANTOS finally speaks to address the Higaonon Tribe.



The Council of Elders and some other tribal leaders discuss the contents of the Peace Agreement that their officers and the AFP officers will sign during the "tampuda."



The "tampuda" is the formal act of reconciliation between the Higaonon Tribe and the Armed Forces of the Philippines.