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LUMAD DELEGATES FROM MINDANAO SHARE THEIR STORY AND CULTURE WITH FILIPINO-AMERICANS AT SEAFOOD CITY, CHICAGO

03 July 2019, Chicago – A delegation of indigenous people from Southern Philippines is arriving in Chicago tomorrow, 4th of July, to engage the Filipino-American community in the Midwest in a series of activities.

The Philippine Consulate General is inviting all leaders and members of Filipino community organizations, especially the youth, to an open forum scheduled on **Saturday, July 6, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon** at **Elston Place Market Mix (beside Seafood City)** where *Lumad* representatives will talk about their personal narratives and share their culture through a special musical presentation. A rare opportunity to meet with and get to know *Lumad* representatives, who embody the centuries-old living traditions of Philippine native ancestors.



Photo courtesy of Mindanao Indigenous Peoples' Conference for Peace and Development

The *Lumad*, a collective term for the native peoples of Mindanao used to distinguish them from Moros and Christians, will be engaging communities and institutions in Chicago and other parts of the U.S. with a mission centered on **“Breaking the Silence: Telling the Truth. The Narrative of Struggle, Deception and Assertion of the Indigenous Peoples of the Philippines.”**

Aside from the forum at Seafood City, they will be visiting the Filipino community in Skokie for a meet-and-greet after the Independence Day parade on Thursday, July 4. Then, following an official call on Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin on Friday, July 5, they will visit The Field Museum of Natural History to view and discuss with the museum’s officials the 10,000 plus Philippine artifacts under a co-curation project with the Filipino community.

The Philippine Cultural and Civic Center Foundation will host another forum in Greenfield, Wisconsin on Sunday, July 7, and a meeting with Filipino community media organizations will be held on Monday, July 8 at the Consulate. Area familiarization tours are also arranged for the Lumad delegation before they depart for San Francisco on Tuesday, July 9.

For more details and confirmation of attendance in any of these events, please email Mr. Noly Dulay, Cultural and Community Relations Officer of the Philippine Consulate General, at cultural.chicagopcq@gmail.com. END

