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Indigenous Peoples Week kicks off today

QUEZON CITY –IP Week Celebrating the International Day of the Indigenous Peoples on August 9, about 35 council members of Kalipunan ng mga Katutubong Mamamayan ng Pilipinas (Kamp) will gather in Manila to cap the year's campaign for indigenous peoples' rights to ancestral lands and self-determination.

Kamp, the National Alliance of Indigenous Peoples' Organizations in the Philippines, is the largest indigenous peoples' organization in the Philippines. For 23 years, KAMP has been in the forefront in the advancement of the indigenous peoples' rights to ancestral land and self-determination.

Kamp National Coordinator Joan Jaime said the national council meeting will aptly focus on the issues that have confronted the sector for the year – mining and human rights.

“We also hope to draw up an indigenous peoples' agenda to be presented to President Benigno C. Aquino III,” said Jaime. The group will go to Malacanang during the IP Week to present the IP Agenda, which includes, among others, environment, human rights and plunder of natural resources in indigenous peoples territories.

Other activities for the Indigenous Peoples Week, will focus on the central theme, “Challenging the Aquino Government to Protect, Respect and Fulfill the Indigenous Peoples Rights to Ancestral Lands and Self-determination” according to Jaime.

The celebrations will include the launching of the mobile Lumad cultural exhibit, with a sunrise ritual Panawagtawag on August 9 at the University of the Philippines Ampitheater.

An assembly of indigenous peoples; groups at the University Hostel will be held to assess the indigenous peoples' situation in the country and come up with a unified agenda for the Aquino administration to address, according to Jaime.

Besides Mindanao Lumad and Muslim groups, Cordillera Igorot tribes, the Aetas of Central Luzon, the Tagbanwas and the Mangyans of Mindoro, Dumagat refugees of Rizal and Quezon are also expected in the activities. #



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KAMP is the national alliance of indigenous peoples organizations in the Philippines. Formed in 1987 by blood pact or *Sandugo*, KAMP represents the aspirations of indigenous peoples in the Philippines.

Member organizations:

Cordillera Peoples' Alliance (CPA)
Central Luzon Aeta Association (CLAA)
Bigkis at Lakas ng mga Katutubo sa Timog Katagalugan (BALATIK)
PASAKA *Southern Mindanao*
BADASU *Western Mindanao*
Alliance for Genuine Democracy (AGD) *Far South Mindanao*
TUMANDOK *Panay Island*
Samahang Pantribu ng Mangyan sa Mindoro (SPMM)
Agta People's Organization (APO) *Cagayan Valley*
Samahan ng mga Katutubo sa Sierra Madre (SKSM) *Aurora*
Makabayang Samahan ng mga Katutubong Dumagat (MASKADA) *Rizal*
Kamadulnai *Bulacan*
Samahang Binuklod ng Adhikaing Tribu (SIBAT)
Pagkakaisa ng Samahan ng mga Katutubo ng Palawan (PAGSAMBATAN)
Kausahang sa Lumadnong Organisasyon (KASALO)