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Greetings of peace and solidarity!

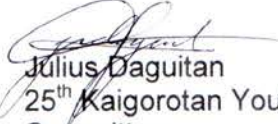
Kaigorotan Youth Week (KYW) is an annual celebration that aims to honour and commemorate the brave young Igorots of 1980s who stood strong in protecting indigenous communities against mass destructive projects in the region. It was in 1993 when a resolution was approved by the Baguio City council declaring March 1 to 5 as the Kaigorotan Youth Week to further strengthen the unity and initiatives of the Igorot youth in Baguio City. Since then, KYW is being celebrated carrying themes that are relevant to the situation and needs of the indigenous peoples.


This year marks the 25th commemoration of KYW and will carry the theme, "*Tignay Agtutubo: Living the tradition of courage and unity, Advancing the struggle for land, life and resources!*" It will be a month long celebration through series of events and activities in different schools and colleges in Baguio-Benguet. In line with this, **we will launch the Kaigorotan Youth Fair, a Baguio-wide high school students' activity on March 23, 2018 at the Saint Louis School Center, Naguillan Road, Baguio City from 1pm to 5pm.** It is a half-day activity that aims to raise the awareness and deepen the appreciation of the indigenous youth regarding Igorot history, culture, tradition, concerns and prospects through discussion and exhibit to be set-up in the event. Extemporaneous Speech, Poster Making, Group Quiz Bee and Song Writing Competition will also be held simultaneously during the event.

In this light, **we humbly ask your good office to endorse the said activity and help us in inviting Metro Baguio secondary schools for wide-reaching and maximum participation.** We believe that with the help of your office, the Kaigorotan Youth Week and its advocacy to raise awareness and deepen the understanding of the youth to the situation and culture of the Cordillera will be best advanced.

For inquiries or recommendations, you may contact the secretariat at 09277225277 or (074) 446-2106. We are looking forward for your positive response. Thank you and more power!

Sincerely,


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To: All School Administrators, Principals & Teachers in-Charge
(Elementary & Secondary)
FOR YOUR INFORMATION & APPROPRIATE ACTION
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BACKGROUND

In 1993, the Baguio City council passed the ordinance declaring March 1 to 5 as the Kaigorotan Youth Week (KYW). This is an annual celebration that aims to honour and commemorate the brave young Igorot of 1980s who stood strong in opposing mass destructive projects in the region. Since then, KYW is being celebrated carrying themes that are relevant to the situation and needs of the indigenous peoples (IPs).

This year marks the 25th commemoration of the KYW with the theme, ***“TIGNAY AGTUTUBO: Living the tradition of courage and unity! Advancing the struggle for land, life and resources!”***

RATIONALE

This year, CYC, PIGSA and BIBAK brings KYW at the center of the most relevant issues that confronts the indigenous peoples: the preservation of life, dignity and cultural heritage. It aims to create a wider discourse regarding the recent recognition of Baguio City as a UNESCO Creative City. The youth, especially the Igorot youth in Baguio are necessary players to safeguard and nourish the essence of “creativity” through the understanding of the rich history, culture and tradition of the Cordillera indigenous peoples.

With the advent of modernization and intensifying attacks against the IPs, Igorot peoples are facing extreme challenges in preserving their culture and tradition, and in safeguarding their land, life and resources. For instance, they are relentlessly being displaced from their ancestral domains due to the construction of huge mining sites and dams by large foreign companies and deprivation from necessary public services such as education, health and employment. Discrimination also continues to be one of the major difficulties of being an indigenous peoples as social and mass media, and some published textbooks still propagate misinformation and misrepresentation among the Igorot.

Undeniably, there is a need for our active involvement in combatting all these issues that confront the Igorot in these times especially among the youth. The task to aggressively forward venues for the defense of our rich culture, tradition, land and resources as Cordillera people is urgently at hand. Guided by tradition of courage and unity our ancestors have inherited us, indeed, the Igorot youth are up to move forward to a more progressive and developed future.

OBJECTIVES

1. To imbibe the Cordillera tradition of courage and unity through a better understanding of the Cordillera history, culture and tradition, issues and prospects;
2. To create a space and community for the Igorot youth in Baguio with a deeper link on their root as indigenous peoples;
3. To encourage a more active involvement and social action initiated by youth and students;
4. To disseminate information and gather the thoughts and recommendation of the Baguio youth regarding the recent recognition of Baguio City as a UNESCO Creative City;

ACTIVITIES

As this year marks the 25th year of celebrating Kaigorotan Youth Week, the line-up of activities are oriented to entice a wider and more active participation among Baguio youth. Thus, instead of having it in just a week, KYW silver anniversary is up to bring a month-long blast!

Kaigorotan Youth Speak (Month-long)

In context to the digital era and interest of the youth in social networking sites such as facebook, twitter and instagram, this online activity aims to maximize and divert this

interest in a more relevant purpose. This is a social media campaign for information awareness, discussion and connectivity. It will include posting of news and articles, encouragement for young Igorot to write articles, post photos etc through #KwentongIli, #KwentongKatutubo among others.

Kaigorotan Youth Exhibit (Will be hopped in Baguio schools starting Feb 15)

A mobile exhibit to be hopped in various schools of Baguio City (including SLU, SLSC, UC among others). It will also be publicly exhibited at the Malcom Square in time for the Kaigorotan Youth Night. The exhibit will present as to why Baguio City was one of the few chosen cities to be recognized this year in the list of UNESCO creative cities and its embedded relation to the general Igorot culture of the Cordillera. It will showcase 4 particular sections: a.) rich history, b.) arts, music and dance, c.) material culture, d.) indigenous socio-cultural values and tradition.

Kaigorotan Youth Fair (March 23)

A half-day activity for Baguio high school students aimed to showcase and deepen the appreciation of the young students regarding Igorot history, culture, music, instrument and tradition through discussion and various contests. A discussion regarding the Indigenous Peoples Situation will kick-off the event in order to raise the awareness of the participants regarding the situation and struggles of Cordilleran indigenous peoples. Simultaneous activities will then follow such as song writing competition, poster-making, extemporaneous speaking and group quiz bee. The *Kaigorotan Youth Exhibit* will also be launched to the array of high schools students.

Kaigorotan Youth Night (March 25)


A night full of cultural performances, discussions and sharing among different Igorot generations and indigenous people's advocates that will culminate the entire Kaigorotan Youth Week celebration. The winners of the song writing competition will also perform their piece in the culmination activity. This will be held at the Malcolm Square from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

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KAIGOROTAN YOUTH FAIR
TIGNAY AGTUTUBO: LIVING THE TRADITION OF COURAGE AND UNITY
ADVANCING THE STRUGGLE FOR LAND, LIFE AND RESOURCES!

Date: March 23, 2018
Time: 1PM to 5PM
Venue: Saint Louis School Center,
Naguillan Road, Baguio City

Tentative Programme

12:00 NN	Registration
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Opening Remarks Juvilyn Peckeng <i>SLSC IP Education Coordinator</i> Rationale and Framework Julius Daguitan <i>BIBAK Federation Convenor</i> Cultural Performance
1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	Discussion: Cordillera History and Indigenous Peoples Situation
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Preparation for the contest proper
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Contest Proper Poster Making Extemporaneous Speech Group Quiz Bee Song Writing Competition
4:00 PM – 4:05 PM	Cultural Performance
4:05 PM – 4:30 PM	Awarding and Recognition
4:30 PM – 4:40 PM	Closing remarks Atty. Peter C. Fianza <i>City Councilor</i>