



In Pursuit of a Reconciled Diversity

A CEAP National Convocation

22 May 2014

St. Paul University-Manila
Malate, Manila

23 May 2014

Hotel Fortuna,
A. Borromeo St., Cebu City

RATIONALE

Sustainable peace, co-existence and the righting of history have been elusively pursued for decades in Mindanao. Blood soaked the soil as women, men and children struggled for peace and justice. CEAP has always joined our Mindanawon brothers and sisters in the call for lasting peace and harmony among the diverse cultures of Mindanao and Sulu. We have condemned all killings, echoing the words of Jesus: "Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take up the sword will perish by the sword" (Mt. 26:52). The CEAP has also stressed dialogue, tolerance and sensitivity in diverging issues deeply-rooted in historical wrongs. It has called on all peoples to build bridges of friendship and compassion, as the holy Qur'an constantly reminds us of our common humanity: " O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted" (Surat Al-Hujurat, 13).

The signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro certainly warrants elation. But it also signals a greater challenge to all in our nation to be involved in this quest for peace, which is our shared responsibility. We call on all to inform themselves of the issues involved in this struggle. We call on negotiating parties to strengthen their dialogues by insuring profound inclusivity, hearing all the voices who have a stake in peace - indigenous peoples, the religious communities, the different ummahs, NGOs, academe, the poor, the dissidents - to ensure that the road we are taking is not motivated merely by political ambitions, but by genuine and sustainable peace for all peoples.

Pope Francis reminds us that "the message of peace is not about a negotiated settlement but rather the conviction that unity brought by the Spirit can harmonize every diversity. It overcomes every conflict by creating a new and promising synthesis" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 230).

It is for this reason that we are inviting all CEAP School Heads, Superintendents and all persons who desire genuine peace to a convocation on May 22, 2014 in St. Paul University, Manila or on May 23, 2014 in Hotel Fortuna, Cebu City to articulate for ourselves how our school communities can help in achieving peace today.

We also call on the member-schools of CEAP to be the spaces of dialogue and reconciliation, to be actively involved in the healing processes in our communities, and to be the vanguards of the common good and faith that does justice.

With Pope Francis, we say: "Diversity is a beautiful thing when it can constantly enter into a process of reconciliation and seal a sort of cultural covenant resulting in a 'reconciled diversity,'" (ibid.) Let us move from diversity to reconciliation, from ignorance to insight, from conflict to peace!

THE CONVOCAION AIMS TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ enter into dialogue and strengthen the positive relationship with our Moslem sisters and brothers;
- ✓ gain critical awareness and contextualized understanding of the implications of the Comprehensive Agreement on Bangsamoro (CAB) in the pursuit for genuine peace in Mindanao; and,
- ✓ articulate programs and activities that promote and enhance peace and healing processes in the participants' own school communities.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS:

Superintendents, Presidents, School Heads and Administrators, Social Science and Christian Living Faculty, Student Affairs Coordinators, Student Leaders, Peace-oriented Individuals

PROGRAM

8:00 AM	Registration and Distribution of Kits
9:00	Ecumenical Prayer
9:10	Welcome Remarks Br. Jun S. Erguiza Jr. FSC <i>President, CEAP</i>
9:30	Establishing Historical Context Br. Karl Gaspar, CsSR <i>Department of Anthropology, Ateneo de Davao University</i>
10:00	Overview of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (15-minute video)
10:15	Updates on the CAB and the Bangsamoro Transition Commission Atty. Johaira Wahab <i>Member, Bangsamoro Transition Commission</i>
10:45	Panel Discussion followed by Plenary Discussion In Pursuit of a Reconciled Diversity in Mindanao Datu Mussolini Lidasan <i>Al Qalam Institute, Ateneo de Davao University</i> Mucha Shim Quiling <i>Lumah ma Dilaut</i> Prof. Roque Yusuf Morales <i>National Commission for Muslim Filipinos</i> Dr. Jewel Canuday <i>Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ateneo de Manila University</i> Timuay Santos Magay Unsad <i>Timuay Justice and Governance</i>
12:00	LUNCH
1:30 PM	Open Forum
2:15	Synthesis and Closing Remarks Fr. Joel E. Tabora, SJ <i>Chairperson, National Advocacy Commission, CEAP</i>



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22 March 2014

FOR : **CEAP Superintendents, Presidents, School Heads and Administrators, Social Science and Christian Living Faculty, Student Affairs Coordinators, Student Leaders, and All Peace-oriented Individuals**

FROM: 
Fr. Joel E. Tabora, S.J.
Chair, CEAP-National Advocacy Commission

**NOTED
BY :** 
Br. Jun S. Erguiza FSC
President, CEAP

RE : **In Pursuit of a Reconciled Diversity
A CEAP National Convocation for the Continued Support
for the Peace Process in Mindanao**

Greetings of Peace!

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It is for this reason that the National Advocacy Commission of CEAP (CEAP-NAC) is inviting you to the CEAP National Convocation for the Continued Support for the Peace Process in Mindanao. This is a one-day gathering at the following dates and places:

Date	Venue
22 May 2014	St. Paul University, Taft, Manila
23 May 2014	Hotel Fortuna, A. Borromeo St., Cebu City

The Convocation aims to achieve the following (1) enter into dialogue and strengthen the positive relationship with our Moslem sisters and brothers; (2) gain critical awareness and contextualized understanding of the implications of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) in the pursuit for genuine peace in Mindanao; and, (3) articulate programs and activities that promote and enhance peace and healing processes in the participants' own school communities.

Registration fee is set at P 600.00. This amount represents food cost and other expenses. Please accomplish the Confirmation Slip attached. Please confirm your attendance the soonest. For inquiries, you may email Ms. Doris F. Ferrer, CEAP Executive Director, at doris.ferrer@ceap.org.ph or Mr. Anthony V. Coloma, CEAP Advocacy and Information Management Officer, at ton.coloma@ceap.org.ph.



CONFIRMATION SLIP

A CEAP National Convocation for the Continued Support for the Peace Process in Mindanao

(PLEASE FAX THIS CONFIRMATION with the DEPOSIT SLIP TO THE CEAP NATIONAL OFFICE AT 426-2670 or email to ton.coloma@ceap.org.ph)

Date: _____

This is to signify the attendance of the following persons (you may opt to use an extra sheet if needed):

Name of Attendees	Designation	Venue (please check)	
1. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Manila	<input type="checkbox"/> Cebu
2. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Manila	<input type="checkbox"/> Cebu
3. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Manila	<input type="checkbox"/> Cebu
4. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Manila	<input type="checkbox"/> Cebu
5. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Manila	<input type="checkbox"/> Cebu

PAYMENT DETAILS:

For CEAP member schools:

Please pay at any Banco de Oro branch using the bills payment slip. Use your 15- digit school reference ID under account number slot and the school name under the account name slot. Use code number 116 for type of transaction.

Fax your deposit slip with the confirmation slip to CEAP fax number 426-2670 or scan it and email to ton.coloma@ceap.org.ph. Bring copy of your deposit slip to the summit site for validation purposes, if necessary and to claim your official receipt.

For non-CEAP members and affiliates:

Please deposit through any Eastwest Bank to: CEAP - 1302-01418-1 - Congressional Branch. Check should be payable to: Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines

Name/Designation/School/Region: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____