Mindanao Peace Village
Learning To Live Together Amid Diversity

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• Cultural diversity influences relationships among Christians, Muslims & Indigenous People
“As a source of exchange, innovation and creativity, cultural diversity is as necessary for humankind as biodiversity is for nature.”

- United Nations
How do we keep the disadvantages at bay while giving full play to the benefits stemming from cultural diversity?
Gandhi
If we are to reach real peace in the world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children.
first initiative Cultural Youth Exchange for Peace and Prosperity (Jan 2004)
peace villages

1st: May 2006
2nd: November 2006
3rd: 2007
4th: 2008
5th: 2009
6th: 2010
7th: 2011
We all want PEACE
The Peace Village offers a place and time for teachers & learners to engage in a journey of shared learning within the framework of peace education.
Kids say NO to guns...
... say YES to life
Fun learning hubs
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What we learn with pleasure, we never forget
SHOWER of PEACE
Jets of water from a hose trained upwards come pouring down like rain shower over the participants.
Declaration of Peace

We, the children of Mindanao, of different backgrounds, cultures, faith and religions, believe that peace is respect for each other and living together in unity amid diversity.

While we consider peace as the absence of killings, gunfire and any emotional, physical and mental harm to a person, it is also the harmonious relationship between and among human beings. Peace is living in harmony with the earth which is our shelter and home.

We shall strive to make peace with ourselves in order to make peace with others. We acknowledge our responsibility to promote and maintain peace in our communities. It is our challenge to heal the past of our parents and build a better future beginning today.

We pledge to respect other people, to educate, to encourage and inspire them to promote and maintain peace. As advocates of peace we are the beginnings of the legacy for a peaceful and progressive Mindanao!
Nonviolent communication
Cultural Night
A venue for fostering respect and understanding of individual and cultural differences to achieve “oneness”
Kids’ take on peace - written
Peace is respect for people regardless of differences.

There is peace when there is no fighting, no war.

Even when we experience war, we should still seek to achieve peace.

Peace is seeing our similarities more than our differences.

We can do something about it!
Kids’ take on peace - storytelling
The young peace advocates sealed their individual commitments when each and everyone of them, Christian, Muslim and Lumad alike, waited for his/her turn to put a palm print on the streamer.
for all the world to see
Thank you for your attention