

# Sanlog!

**Celebrating an Ancient Culture  
& Way of Life in the Visayas**  
*The Negros Museum, Bacolod,  
Wednesday, May 2nd, 2012*

The indigenous peoples with a hunter gatherer background, collectively referred to as 'Negritos', represent the most ancient civilization of the Philippines. With an uninterrupted presence going back more than 30,000 years in time, even today small pockets are scattered over much of the country.

These ethnic groups - among which the Eata, Ati and Ayta of the Western Visayas and the Batak of Palawan - have a strong relationship with the natural environment in which they live. Many cultural traits reflect this relationship, while relevant knowledge and skills are unsurpassed. However, their distinct cultures and forest related way of life is as yet little understood in much of mainstream society.

Therefore, the current Museum exhibit, which - through a display of photographs and artefacts - aims to highlight a proud aspect of the Visayan heritage.

The exhibit, which opened last February and will run until the end of (National Heritage Month) May, has now been expanded with a series of spectacular photos from the 'Dream of all Eata' Festival, recently held in Aklan.

## **Programme**

10:00 AM - Opening

Welcome Remarks; Explication to Dream Festival exhibit by one of the festival organizers; Music and dance; Ribbon cutting.

Followed by Open Air Activities at the museum facade, including:

- 'DULHOG', a bazaar for Ati/Ayta fine rattan crafts and other forest products;
- Demo rattan preparation and weaving;
- Wild honey tasting.

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