



# ANNOUNCEMENT!!!



The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs  
U. S. Department of State

*through*

**Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, USA**

*in partnership with*

**International Visitors Program-Philippines Alumni Foundation, Inc. (IVP)  
Tuklas Katutubo**

will conduct

## **The Past is Always Ahead of Us: Empowering Indigenous and Minority Leaders Project**

**(A THREE-WEEK U.S. -BASED TRAINING AND STUDY TOUR PROGRAM)**

*May 29 – June 19, 2010*

*October 9 -30, 2010*

This program is open to **24 young leaders from marginalized communities, aged 25-35**. The participants will attend an intensive three-week training program to enhance their capacity and engage them in examination of programs and practices that facilitate integration and empowerment of minority populations in the Philippines and in the U.S.

### **Criteria for Selection:**

1. Demonstrated leadership experiences with minority youth & indigenous populations (minimum 2 years)
2. Active involvement in civic engagement projects and community service/outreach for minority/indigenous youth groups
3. Able to communicate in English
4. Must be a Bangsamoro or indigenous tribe
5. No previous significant travel to the U.S. on a U.S. government-sponsored program
6. Demonstrated commitment or evidence that they will return to the Philippines, remain in their current jobs and attend follow-on activities

### **Required Documents:**

1. Photocopy of birth certificate
2. Certificate of authenticity from the NCIP for applicants representing the indigenous communities and OMA for applicants representing Bangsamoro OR letter of recommendation/endorsement from the community elder or chieftain
3. Certificates of membership in organizations (optional)
4. Certificates of attendance/participation in seminars and workshops (optional)

You may get the Application Form from the Regional Coordinators, or download at the IVP website: <http://empoweringproject.multiply.com> or at the Virtual Presence Consulate, Mindanao <http://manila.usembassy.gov/vppmindanao/index.html>. Your Application must be submitted, online or by mail, by March 15, 2010, to any of the Regional Coordinators:

Zamboanga, Basilan, Sulu, Tawi tawi Coordinator: Alber Husin ([alber.husin@gmail.com](mailto:alber.husin@gmail.com))  
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**\*Relatives of regional coordinators within third degree of consanguinity and affinity are ineligible to apply.**