



World Interfaith Harmony Week 2017

Zamboanga City, Philippines, 7000

In Sponsorship of the

Filipino – Turkish Tolerance School



DOCUMENTATION

DAY 01 (February 01, 2017)

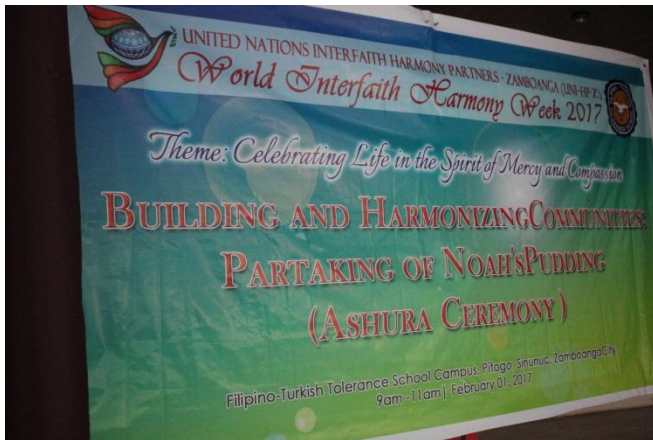
Activity	: Building and Harmonizing Communities: Partaking of Noah's Pudding (<i>Ashura Ceremony</i>)
Where	: Filipino – Turkish Tolerance School Campus, Pitogo, Sinunuc, Zamboanga City
Time	: 9 am to 11 am

This year, we are blessed to have other organizations participate in the celebration of the World Interfaith Harmony Week 2017. On the first day, the **Filipino – Turkish Tolerance School** shared how they would celebrate this week and that was by doing or conducting the ASHURA CEREMONY, a traditional meal started way back in Noah's Era.

Today, it is done at least once a year by Muslims starting from their own community and shared to their neighborhood thus the other faiths. This is to promote dialogue and harmony in between religions as one of their common practices.

In this activity, the facilitators invited some community members of Sinunuc to take part of the event. Although they have limit information on Ashura, they were guided by the facilitator and given a short background history and the significance on why this is done. In the end, they shared this simple food to everyone. Ms. Aminda Saño, president of Silsilah Dialogue Movement gave her short speech for the closing ceremony.

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The facilitator gave a short history about the conduct of ASHURA CEREMONY, its purpose and how was it made



The facilitator explaining the food process to the community with its significance.

The Filipino – Turkish Tolerance Facilitator and the participants shared a group photo after the event.





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Activity	: Forum with the Tricycle Operators and Drivers
Where	: Small Conference, Pastoral Center, Nuñez Extension, Zamboanga City
Time	: 10:30-12NN

World Interfaith Harmony Week was also celebrated with Tricycle drivers and Operators. This activity was sponsored by Silsilah Dialogue Movement and Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association. The activity started with the documentary video of World Interfaith Harmony Week 2015 where the video shows the different activities done that year and how this celebration inspired youth and people from different religions to be united in this celebration. The Board Member of **Tricycle Adjudication Board, Mrs. Erlinda Mandih Luello** facilitated the forum and entertained the questions of the Tricycle Operators and Drivers. The forum includes the basic matters and concerns of the Tricycle drivers among passengers and others. This activity inspired the tricycle drivers that harmony and peace begins with yourself and it is like a chain relation where you can share it to others especially to passengers and from passengers to their families and friends.

Ms. Aminda E. Saño, the Silsilah President also shared her experience with tricycle drivers and she gave a very inspiring message.

Mr. Hermogenes Awid, the President of Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association also gave his message and shared an experience where he inspires the drivers to be honest and to have passion to earn for living.

Fr. Sebastiano D'Ambra, the founder of Silsilah gave the closing message and he promoted the Harmony prayer to the Tricycle drivers. Where Father Sebastiano said that the essence of Interfaith Harmony can be shared to their passengers.

This activity promotes peace and harmony not only to Religious leaders but also to Tricycle drivers where they have more interaction to ordinary people and have the greater chance to spread the spirit of Interfaith Harmony in their own simple way. This tricycle drivers can earn for a living and at the same time they could share the essence of compassion of mercy to their passengers along the way.

DOCUMENTARY SHOTS:



Fr. Sebastiano D'Ambra, during his closing message.



Group picture after the activity.



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Tulungatung National High School*

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DAY 02 (February 02, 2017)

Activity : **Symposium on Religions for Peace**
Where : Tulungatung National High School, Tulungatung,
Zamboanga City
Time : 1 pm to 5 pm

On this day the **Tulungatung National High School Faculty** particularly **Sir Elert L. Manayon** and **Sir Dennis L. Ducot**; both *Araling Panlipunan Teachers* had organized some activities with their students for the whole day. It comprises of Quiz Bees, Arts and Crafts about Peace made in heart shaped papers, and lastly the Poster Making Contest. In the afternoon, they were given a preview on World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) in the perspective of Islam by **Imam Jay L. Jikiri**, a Madrasah Teacher from Silsilah.

Before closing ceremony, forum was done and answered by Imam and poster making contest was judged. Before departure, some faculties and students were encouraged to have one group photo.

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A high school student explaining how he would picture/view WIHW with the theme



Sir Elbert L. Manayon (*left*) handing over the certificate to the guest speaker, Imam Jay L. Jikiri (*right*) for the WIHW in Islamic Perspective



The Faculty and some students participating in the event shared a group photo at the end of the activity



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DILG – Zamboanga and Interfaith Council of Zamboanga City

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DAY 02 (February 02, 2017)

Activity	: Convergence of Leaders at the Barangay Level
Objectives	: Educate and inform barangay leaders regarding Children and Women Protection Policies and laws. : Reflect and share on the possible ways and means of rehabilitation of drug users/cases
Where	: Sapphire Hall, Grand Astoria Hotel, Mayor Jaldon St., Zamboanga City
Time	: 8 am to 5 pm

8 – 12 nn:

- The event started out with the Harmony prayer and followed by the introduction of the barangay leaders and guests. Afterwards, Ms. Aminda Saño,EDC, president of Silsilah did the opening remarks followed by Introduction of World Interfaith Harmony Week 2017 presented by Fr. Sebastiano D’Ambra, PIME.
- The first speaker for the day was presented by Ms. Janet N. Recamara, the *Education Program Supervisor* from DepEd. She tackled about the **Child Protection Policy Order #40** that was upheld by the DepED themselves. It comprises of different forms of violence or acts done to children which includes “Bullying”. After the presentation, some queries was raised and kindly answered by Ms. Recamara and some other guests that also wanted to share.

-lunchbreak

1:30-5pm:

- The session continued with the second presenter **Ma. Socorro S. Macaso, MSW, Social Welfare Officer –IV, DSWD**. She presented about **WOMEN LAWS & POLICIES**. Her presentation includes the Magna Carta for Women.

After her presentation, some participants ask some questions that was also answered by Mrs. Macaso.

- **Atty. Moh. Taha Arakama, DILG City Director, Zamboanga City** also presented about Orientation and Rehabilitation cases of Drug Users. He discussed about **Republic Act 9165** or Comprehensive Drugs Law of the Philippines, Article II Section 23 of **1987 Philippine Constitution**, Section 3 Par (l) of **Local Government Code of 1991**. He also mentioned about **MASA MASID** where he presented that MASA MASID is a community-based initiative to engage volunteers in the fight against criminality, corruption, and illegal drugs.
- At 4pm, the Open Forum started where the barangay leaders raised their concerns and opinions about their community. Each concerns and questions are answered by the presenter. The activity achieved its purpose to educate and inform barangay leaders regarding Children and Women Protection Policies and Laws as well as the Comprehensive Drugs Law.
- The program ended with a letter of closing remarks of Hon. Mayor Maria Isabelle G. Climaco Salazar. The letter was read by her executive secretary.

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Ms. Aminda E. Saño (*left*), president of Silsilah Dialogue Movement as she made her speech for the opening program.



Fr. Sebastiano D' Ambra, PIME (*right*), the convener, presented his introduction about World Interfaith Harmony Week.



Ms. Janet N. Recamara (*left*), the Education Program Supervisor as she presented her topic on Child Protection Policy



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Open forum with the Barangay Leaders



The presenter facilitated the Open Forum.



Closing Remarks from the executive Secretary of City Mayor of Zamboanga City





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DAY 03 (February 03, 2017)

Activity : **Presentation of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) in a Mosque**
Where : Pitogo, Sinunuc, Zamboanga City
Time : 12:00 noon



Imam Jay Jikiri – Talks about the WIHW





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Peñafrancia Catechists of Southcom Village

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DAY 03 (February 03, 2017)

Activity : **Neighbors in Harmony**
Where : Camilla Drive, Southcom Village, Zamboanga City
Time : 8 am to 11 am

For this day's activity, one of the events was the community visit to Southcom Village where Christian and Muslim family live in one area together. **Ms. Michelle Mangrubang**, the formation organizer for the activity that day reached out families that have illnesses and underlying conditions. She teamed up with some of her friends who go to Acupuncture sessions at Harmony Village and made up a simple gathering with the families to share some amazing stories and the wonders of acupuncture. They also shared the significance of World Interfaith Harmony Week

The families also made queries to the speaker in which results were satisfactory. In the end of the activity they were enlightened and interested to extend the knowledge to the other neighboring friends to attend to an acupuncture sessions.

DOCUMENTARY SHOTS:



One of the organizers (*right corner*) giving an overview on the celebration of WIHW and in its relationship of caring of the health of one another.



Participants reciting the **Harmony Prayer** before ending the short gathering.



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Day 3 (February 03, 2017)

Activity: **Symposium on the Importance of Strong Inter-Religious Faith in the Campus**

Objective: Commemorate the WIHW 2017 stressing and addressing the importance of Faith in the daily life of individual/students in coping college life.

Where: Zamboanga State College of Marine Science and Technology (ZSCMST)

Time: 10am – 12:00noon





Ms. Aminda Saño - Silsilah President gave her message during the Symposium

Sem. King Eleazar Peñaranda presented the different activities





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DAY 04 (February 04, 2017) moved to February 19, 2017

- Activity : **Inauguration of House of Nations Link to Harmony Chain Initiative**
- Objectives : The Harmony Chain Initiative is already spread in many countries promoting the Harmony Prayer as a universal prayer. A visible sign of this initiative is a new House of Nations for the Harmony Chain Initiative in Harmony Village that will be inaugurated this year on the occasion of the WIHW.
- Where : Silsilah Hall, Harmony Village, Pitogo, Sinunuc, Zamboanga City
- Time : 11:30-12:15noon





Ms. Aminda Saño facilitates the inauguration of House of Nations

Fr. Sebastiano D'Ambra, PIME gave the background of this building and the spirit of the HARMONY CHAIN INITIATIVE



Group Picture of the Participants



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DAY 04 (February 04, 2017)

Activity	: Symposium on Bullying IN and OUT Campus among students
Objectives	: for comprehensive awareness of the law and for equal protection and justice
Where	: Sinunuc National High School
Time	: 8 am to 12NN

Bullying is very negative and creates major problems in our society. Bullying in schools has negative effects on individual students and on the school climate as a whole. So this activity was basically for comprehensive awareness of the issue.

— **9am-11am**

The activity officially started with the presentation of **Engr. Aldrin Bucoy-Abdurahim**, Sec. Gen. Golden Crescent Consortium of Peace Builders Affiliates, Inc.

- His presentation includes the different kind of bullying and how it effects the individual. He also cite examples of bullying such as cyber bullying, physical and emotional bullying. As the presentation explained the different causes and effects of bullying, the participants also reflect and shared their experiences about this issue.

— **11am**

Ms. Elizabeth Solis, The Secretary of WIHW, promotes the World Interfaith Harmony Week and Harmony Chain Initiative after which she distributed the Harmony Prayer cards to the students and the symposium ended by praying the Harmony Prayer.



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DAY 04 (February 04, 2017)

Activity : **Issue-based Education with focus on the Youth and Social Media Utilization**

Objectives : 1. Hold an information education campaign concerning the issues faced by youth on social media utilization.

2. Educate the youth on how to utilize social media in promoting social and communal harmony.

Where : Carlos Dominguez Conference Hall, Ateneo de Zamboanga University

Time : 1:00pm-5:00pm





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DAY 05 (February 05, 2017)

Activity : World Interfaith Harmony Prayers and Messages at the Eucharistic Celebration and Services in different Christian Communities

Objectives : To spread the spirit of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) especially on Sunday inviting those present to Christian Celebrations to internalize the spirit of the WIHW. The Commission on Interreligious Dialogue of the Archdiocese of Zamboanga (CIRD -AZ) prepared a guidelines and reflections for the Catholics. Other Christian denominations will also spread the spirit of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) in their communities.





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DAY 06 (February 06, 2017)

Activity : **Flag Ceremonies of Various Agencies and Offices commemorating WIHW**

Objective : To give attention to the celebration of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) 2017 and to inform the public on the message of “Love of God and Love of Neighbor and the Love of the Common Good” we propose to all sectors of our society to give special attention to this event on February 06, 2017 (Monday).

This activity is traditionally sponsored by the interfaith groups of Zamboanga, schools and other government institutions.

Fr. Sebastiano D’Ambra, PIME gave the background of the World Interfaith Harmony Week during the Flag Ceremony held in City Hall, Zamboanga City. And the flyers of the World Interfaith Harmony Week distributed to the employees.





Mayor Maria Isabelle Climaco-Salazar gave her announcement to all.





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DAY 06 (February 06, 2017)

Activity : **Sharing and Bonding with the Elderly**

Objective: Giving one's time to care for the old people especially those who were abandoned by their families. To let them feel they are being loved and cared for by others.

Venue: Home for the Elderly, Talon-Talon, Zamboanga City

Time: 9:00 am -11:00am

This activity of sharing and bonding with the elderly in Talon- Talon was sponsored by the Commission on Higher Education. They had a short program making the aged enjoyed and gave them food.







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DAY 06 (February 06, 2017)

Activity : **Education and Formation for Zamboanga City Jail Inmates: “Poster and Slogan Making Contest”**

Objective: Poster and Slogan making Contest. This initiative is added to the weekly Formation given in the City Jail by Silsilah. These can give hope, love and courage to the detainees of Zamboanga City Jail

Venue: Zamboanga City Jail, Zone 1, Valera St., Zamboanga City

Time: 9:00 am -11:00am





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DAY 07 (February 07, 2017)

Activity : **Symposium on Harmonizing Tri-people in the Community**

Sponsored by : **National Commission on Muslim Filipinos and Zamboanga City Police Office – PNP**

Where : Barangay Hall, Sta. Catalina, Zamboanga City

Date/Time : 8:00am – 12:00nn

The objective of this activity is to foster a closer relationship among tri-people in the community and to instill awareness on their culture and to create peace.

Mr. Naser Ismula talked about Samal Bangingi and his journey, how they grow and what changes happened in his life and his family. He shared his experiences with the help of people with other religions and faith.

The Speaker on Drug issues and drug addictions was SPO2 Mario Lafuente. In his topic he taught parents and guardians on how to know if when their children are in the influence of drugs, and how to prevent them from being influenced by their surroundings.

Ms. Aminda E. Saño gave the synthesis of the presentors about other faiths and drug issues among parents. The closing remark was given by PSI Mae Ann Cunanan.

DOCUMENTARY SHOTS:



MR. ILKHAB SALAHUDDIN - Speaker for Tri-People Culture

NASER ISMULA –Speaker on Indigenous Culture



Attendees from Sta. Catalina community