



Transcript of MPOS Minister's Speech

Title of the Activity: **Dialogue Beyond Diversity: An Inter-Faith Dialogue among Faith-Based Leaders in BARMM**
Date: January 19-22, 2021
Location: Em Manor Hotel and Convention Center, Cotabato City, BARMM
Audience Demographics: Muslim, Christians, and indigenous people faith-based leaders
Speaker: **Hon. Hussein P. Muñoz**

In the name of God, most gracious and most merciful.

May peace and blessings upon us all.

My courtesy to all the distinguished guests, faith leaders and representative, in goodwill, responded to the invitation of the Ministry of public order and safety for this program on dialogue beyond diversity. Allow me to express my warmest gratitude to be with us today:

Thank you and good morning!

True to its mandate, the ministry of public order and safety, implemented several peacebuilding activities across barmm territories. The Ministry of Public Order and Safety conducted suara kalilintad or peace conversation in different municipalities in Lanao del Sur, intrafaith dialogue in Cagayan de Oro City, peace fellowship in Misamis Oriental which was attended by Bangsamoro and IP youth from core and outside BARMM territories. In December 2020, MPOS proclaimed its first Bangsamoro Peace Champion for its first annual search for peace champion program held in Cotabato City.

The ministry's peacebuilding initiatives are inclusive to all sectors including the religious groups as the ministry of public order and safety recognizes your importance in fostering values of peace. As entities with highest moral virtues, your relentless unconditional call for unity of all peoples legitimizes the need for moral discernment as it demands a moral commitment to honor every being with respect that it deserves. The current BARMM leadership pursues the same path as true peace can only be achieved on ethical grounds that is based on the highest form of moral integrity through a divine guidance.

Faith, is all we have in common! Whether you follow monotheism or polytheism, we believe in a divine power that commands us each to respect in good faith the dignity of every person. Hence, our differences do not matter, but our commonality should. We must meet across to settle our differing opinions with mutual respect and understanding for the greater benefit of humankind especially on the aspect to human life. No religion has the right to incite hatred, violence, extremism, and definitely it should not inflame war. As we uphold our right to religious freedom, may it not drill upon us even a little of animosity from our differences that will drive us apart.

I sincerely hope, God willing, today we work in close cooperation to achieve peace and unity! I wholeheartedly extend my arms to embrace you all, and welcome you to this two-day event of the ministry of public order and safety.

Once again, may peace and blessings be upon us all. Good morning.