

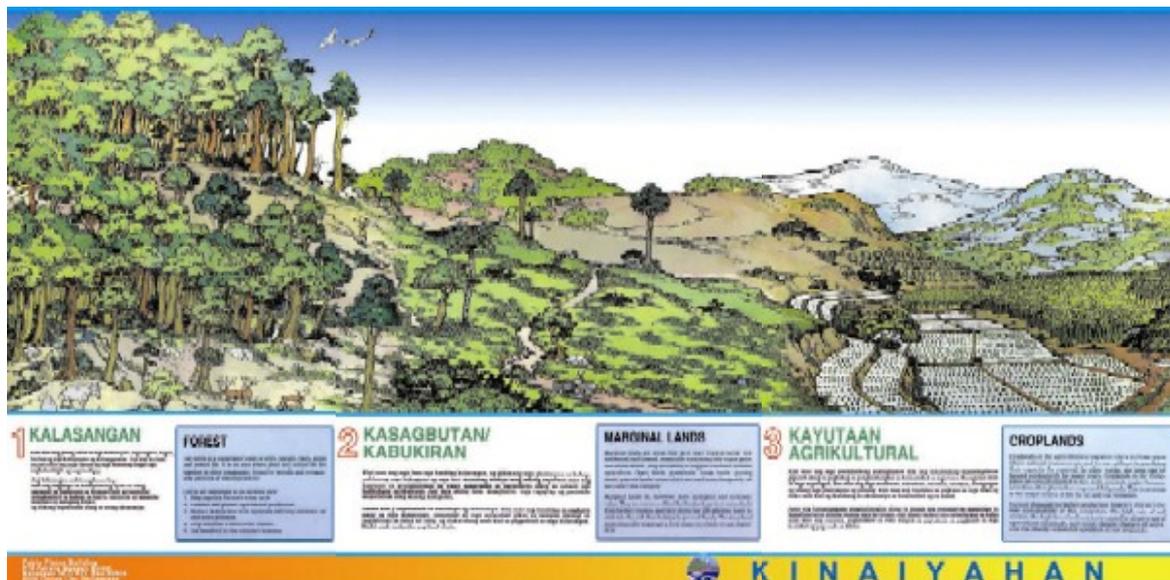
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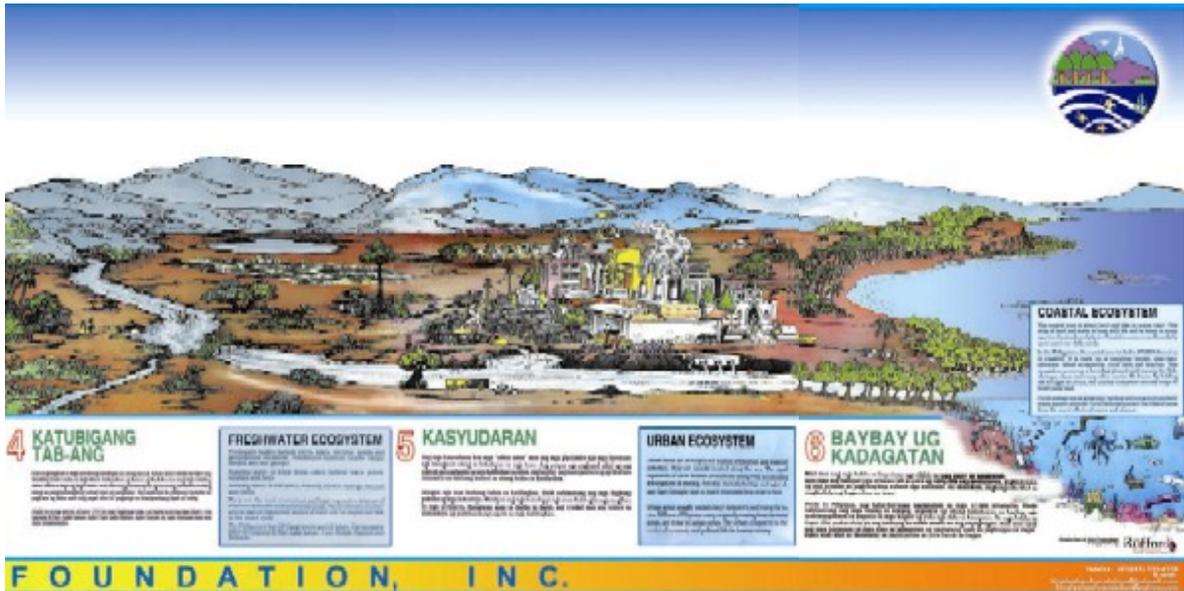
The youth of the municipality of Asuncion, Davao del Norte, Philippines have undergone Basic Environmental Orientation in line with the efforts of the Kinaiyahan Foundation, Inc. (Inc.) to increase their level of environmental awareness. Increased environmental awareness will empower them to actively participate in the protection and rehabilitation of their watershed areas.

Last May 31-June 2, 2006, a Youth Camp was held at Barangay Buwan, Asuncion. Participants were both in-school and out-of-school youth. After series of discussion and workshops, a commitment signing was done (a). Each one was asked to affix their thumb mark into the middle part of a clean sheet of paper. The thumb marks were later formed into the crown of a tree (b) as facilitated by Mr. Ricardo Obenza, Jr. an artist and one of KFI's Board of Trustees. He was also the one who facilitated the input on Tee Nursery Establishment and Management.

The participants came up with concrete plans to show their commitment to environmental care. Tree planting by the participants was also done.

KFI is now into negotiating with the Department of Education that tree-planting which is required from each graduating student be done these months and not in March, a few weeks before classes end which has been the practice. If graduating students plant their trees in March, it will just be for compliance and not because they realize the value of planting trees. If they will plant, at least before December of this year, students will have time to parent the trees they planted. Thus, survival rate will be much higher. KFI sees that this is part of instilling the value of environment care among the youth, our future leaders.





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