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They have been labelled a close society which prefers to stay within the confine of their community. However, through the Kedayan Cultural Association, they exhibited their culture, through their musical instruments and food, in booths located at the GATA (Gasing and Tamu) Festival Sipitang in 2005.

However, such exhibition is only carried out once in two years and the promotion carried out during that time will lack continuity. That is, the visitors will soon forget that there is such and such food or musical instruments that originate from the Kedayans.

Interviews with members of this community reveal that they also want to participate in the tourism industry through their handicrafts. They believe that a centre should be established in Sipitang to showcase their handicrafts.

Lundayehs or Lundayo are also concentrated in Sipitang and the surrounding area. They have their own association called Lundayeh Association of Sabah which take care of their cultural and traditional interest. They have their own distinctive dances and their handicrafts and culture can be good tourism products.

Lundayehs in Sipitang hoped to sell their handicrafts and showcase their cultural dance and traditional costume to visitors.

For them it is a way to preserve their culture and tradition, while earning something for their coffers.

Some of the people from this ethnic group have voiced their suggestion that the relevant authorities build a centre for handicrafts in Sipitang so that they too can showcase their handicrafts.

That way Sipitang can also be highlighted as a tourism destination.

The Bonggi lives in the Banggi Island off Kudat. This ethnic group is mainly concentrated in that area. If any of them are living elsewhere in the State, they are not very prolific in the community.

There are only about 3000 of them, at least those living in the main community in Banggi.

They have always lived in Banggi and most of them have voiced their desire to stay in that area all their life. It can be said that this group are not as advanced as its fello sub group in the mainstream of development.

Some of them are still planting crops such as tapioca and maize for their sustenance, although some are educated and are professionals.

Their one hope is that the relevant authorities will come to teach them what to do or maybe show them more feasible farming technique.

A wish for a better life however does not mean compromising their culture.

A Bonggi elder share having better farming implements will not affect their culture and tradition in any way.

He also believes that a traditional Bonggi house is more conducive to their way of life and will be of interest to tourists. On whether Banggi and The Bonggi's lifestyle can be promoted as tourism products, he answers, "Yes!"

Foreign guests will find the Bonggi interesting. Their culture and tradition is not very exposed and it will be appealing to discover how they live, think and behave daily.

These are only some of the Kadazandusun people. There are more than 30 more ethnic groups out there to talk to, to mingle with and to understand.

Other groups in Sabah are the Bajau, Irranun, Suluk, Ilocano, Brunei, Tagalog, Bisaya, Cocos and Ubians. There are also Chinese of mixed bumiputra parentage, Filipino of mixed bumiputra parentage, Eurasians, Indians and Javanese as well as other Indonesian ethnic groups.



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