

### **ARMOR XI's KMC: Champion of Pantukan IPs' Heritage**

The Kingking Mining Corporation, (KMC) an active member of the Alliance of Responsible Miners of Region-XI, (ARMOR XI) welcomes the decision of the inter-agency Mining Industry Coordinating Council (MICC) on the relaxing of the open-pit mining ban.

KMC is encouraged by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy A. Cimatu's concurrence with the MICC's recommendation to lift the ban on open-pit mining.

The imminent haul-up of the ban is a promising development in the mining industry as this may lead to the resumption of operations of some of the most significant and responsible mining ventures in Mindanao.

Together with the member companies of ARMOR-XI, KMC faithfully adheres to the highest standards of environmental management, constantly supporting sustainable development of its host communities.

In its espousal of sustainable development, a core of which is the preservation of the Indigenous Peoples' (IP) heritage, KMC, thru its Community Relations Specialist, Ms. Ruthie Valles, turned over some P200,000.00 to the Pantukan Federation of Mansaka Tribal Council Inc. (PFMTCI) Chairman, Matikadong Melindo L. Lee.

The cash assistance shall benefit the PFMTCI members and other IPs in their upcoming commemoration of the Indigenous Peoples' Day on November 11. This event is part of the 80<sup>th</sup> Araw ng Pantukan and the 15<sup>th</sup> Pasaka festival.

Among those who graced the turn-over at the Barangay Kingking Session Hall were: Pantukan Municipal Mayor Roberto M. Yugo, Deputy Mayor for the IPs, Rev. Rondy Pinopino, the Provincial IP Coordinator Albert Camana and the other PFMTCI officers.

Chieftain Lee expressed his gratitude to KMC for its consistent support to the IP communities through its livelihood and educational assistance even before it has even commenced its operations.

Mayor Yugo is convinced that with KMC's startup, Pantukan shall flourish in terms of employment generation and infrastructure development. - *Ethelinda Marcos Abarro*



*KMC's ComRel Specialist Ruthie Valles turns over 200k to PFMTCI Chair Melindo Lee*