

LUTAYAN PROFILE

Elected Municipal Officials

Mayor: Hon. Ruth M. Sakaluran

Vice-Mayor:

Sangguniang Bayan Members:

1. Hon. Sukarno R. Bantugan
2. Hon. Tautin M. Dagluc
3. Hon. Nguda M. Macatiguil
4. Hon. Noel A. Antonio
5. Hon. Hydie L. Delfin
6. Hon. Crispulo L. Ligo
7. Hon. Ibrahim G. Macasayon
8. Hon. Kamsa U. Macasayon

Sectoral Representatives:

President, ABC Municipal Federation - Hon. Kamid A. Paja

President, SK Municipal Federation - Hon. Bonbon S. Silongan

History

In the large cotabato empire, Lutayan was already a thickly populated community that existed several years prior to the migration of settlers from Visayas and Luzon provinces. The developed economic activities were in place and barter trading was the most popular mode of commerce practiced by the traders.

Aside from horses, carabao and similar animals, the traders travelled by boat through rivers, lakes and swamps. These trips took several number of hours and days and the travelers became weary and tired upon reaching Lutayan where they stopped to rest and refresh themselves. The word coming on the mouth of the people when they stopped to rest was “**LUTAY**”, a Maguindanaon vernacular for exhaustion, hence, the name Lutayan where people to rest before continuing their trips stick up to this day.

The Municipality of Lutayan was formerly a barrio of Buluan, Cotabato now Maguindanao. The eleven sitios of then barangay Lutayan were converted into regular barangays when Republic Act No. 4864 was enacted by Congress and signed into law by former President Ferdinand E. Marcos on May 8, 1967. The population of Lutayan at that time of its creation comprised of 70% Muslims, 25% settlers, 5% Highlanders and other Ethnic groups.

Six months after the creation in May 1967, the first election was held to form the set of officials to run the affairs of new born Municipality. Bai Salilang Mangelen was elected Municipal Mayor and Juan Lacamento was also elected as vice mayor together with six municipal councillors.

Starting from nothing, the new set of officials worked hard to start the building and growth of the municipality.

When the province of Sultan Kudarat was created in 1973 by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 341, Lutayan became part of the political jurisdiction of the said province.

Financial Resources

Income Class - 3rd Class

Income - PhP 52,119,364.24 (2007)

IRA - PhP 50,016,684.00

Land Area

- 13,210 hectares

Political Subdivision

Lutayan is composed of 11 barangays, namely:

1. Antong
2. Bayasong
3. Blingkong
4. Lutayan Proper
5. Maindang
6. Mamali
7. Manili
8. Palavilla
9. Sampao
10. Sisiman
11. Tamnag

Population

Total population - 51,640

Population Density - 331 persons/sq.km.

Growth Rate - 3.27%

Total No. of Household

Registered Voters - 28,402

Major Products/Crops: Rice, corn, coconut, mango & durian

Festival

Kanduli is the Maguindanaon term, which literally means “offering”, which implies two important things: First, we offer because we thank the Almighty God for the blessings he extended such as peace, unity and progress in the lives of the people of Lutayan for the passed years. Second, we offer because we want to sustain what we have achieved or even ask some blessings for the improvement of life of every citizen in the community.

Kanduli festival is a culture and Islamic faith based activity that also mean “thanksgiving” for every good deed a Muslim brother has done for his brethren. In like manner, food offering is traditionally offered or shared to show love and concern to others especially to less fortunate. These are the reasons why we cannot just put streamers anywhere in the streets and reflect “**Long Live Lutayan**”, without actual celebration of its foundation anniversary thru Kanduli Festival because we want to thank the creator for what we have now and at the same time pray not only to sustain our present conditions but to harness some more the climate of the harmony and widen the horizon of unity, peace and development that dwell in our hearts and flourish between and among us in the next days years to come.

Kanduli is a 3-day celebration and culminates every 12th day of October. This celebration was started since 2002 during the administration of Hon. Datu Suharto T. Mangudadatu. The festival showcases the different events and activities highlighting the revival of the rich Maguindanaon culture. Major agricultural products of every barangay are being offered, among which is the inland fishing products and different Muslim delicacies.

The celebration also recognizes the vital role of the different sectors existing in Lutayan such as the Religious Sectors of both Muslims and Christians, the Education Sector, the Senior Citizens, the Women’s Organization in this municipality because it is acknowledged that they are part or major contributor of making what is Lutayan now.

The local Chief Executive of the municipality of Lutayan through the Leadership of Hon. Raden Sakaluran is exerting effort to sustain the activity despite of economic constrains because it’s a way to be able to establish and strengthen closer ties among the people of Lutayan despite the existence of diversity and differences in culture. Likewise, this festival manifests the loyalty of its people and the cooperation to the ideals and aspirations of the municipality.

Tourist Spot:

Lutayan Lake Convention Center