

## **PENRO COTABATO TOOK PART IN THE COMMUNITY PARADE DURING TIMPUPO FESTIVAL LAST AUGUST 18, 2017**

Thousands of people attended the proud capital in Cotabato have witnessed and participated in the celebration of the abundant harvest of fruits in the City of Kidapawan. DENR-PENRO Cotabato together with CENRO Matalam through the invitation of Local City Government of Kidapawan took part in the community parade last August 18, 2017. Technical Services Division Head, Cesar A. Guevarra Ph. D. together with OIC-CENR Officer of Matalam, For. Charlie Acacio and the entire staff of both offices, routed the highway leading to the City Hall of Kidapawan. Despite the mist trickles at the start of the parade, the DENR team had fun being a participant of such a glamorous event in the community where it has been embraced and



made to feel a strong sense of enjoyment. Some Muslim and Indigenous Peoples (IP's) staff of DENR-Cotabato wore their attractive ethnic attire during the parade.

The city celebrates its bountiful harvest every year. The annual "Timpupo," the Kidapawan City Fruit Festival takes place during the month of August. One of the highlights of the festival is the Fruit Float Parade. Colorful floats decorated with assorted fruits of different colors and sizes go around the city for the people to appreciate. The celebration is also marked by fun games, races, dance competitions, cultural shows, and an agricultural trade fair.