

## Surigao to celebrate Bonok-Bonok Festival 2011

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Tourists, neighboring townsfolk and covering journalists will once again be treated to a cultural festivity as Surigaonons will showcase not only their rich culture but also their unique rhythm through the staging of the Bonok-Bonok Maradjaw Karadjaw Festival 2011 on Friday, Sep. 9.

The Bonok-Bonok is a ritual dance originated from the Mamanwa tribe which has passed down through the generations and still being practiced today in honor of their patron Saint San Nicolas de Tolentino.

Ten contingents from various barangays, schools and towns in the province have confirmed their participation in the two categories- the Bonok-Bonok based and Free Interpretation.

The participants confirmed to join the Bonok-Bonok based category include R.C. Ouano Memorial Elementary School-Barangay Cagniog, Barangay Washington, Barangay Mat-I, Barangay Manjagao, and Barangay Rizal in cooperation with B. Vasquez Central Elementary School and Rizal National High School. For the Free Interpretation category, the participants include Surigao Norte National High School, Municipality of Tagana-an, Municipality of Alegria, Barangay Lipata, and Barangay Buenavista.

Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Jr., the event guest speaker, is expected to grace the opening rites of the festival along with other local officials headed by City Mayor Ernesto Matugas and Gov. Sol Matugas. (PIA-Surigao del Norte)