



Paramaribo, 3 August 2007

Invitation “National Indigenous Day”

The Organization of Indigenous People in Suriname (OIS) has the pleasure to invite you to commemorate and celebrate the “National Indigenous Day” with us on August 9, 2007.

As you might know, the Suriname government has declared August 9 a national holiday within the framework of the International Day of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the United Nation at August 9.

This day is organized in a cooperation of the local authorities, the Indigenous communities of Grankreek, Columbia and Maho and the OIS.

The activities will take place at the monuments square in Groningen, district of Saramacca and will culminate in revealing the new Indigenous Monument there, made by Indigenous artist Leo Toenaé.

On the next page please find the program for the day.

The Organization of Indigenous People in Suriname,
Leon Wijngaarde
(President)

On behalf of him,

Mark Sabajo
Chairman Commission “Celebration 9 August and Monument 9 August”.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Monument Square - Groningen
District Saramacca

Thursday, 9 August 2007

From 9.00 - 21.00 hour

Program

- 9.00 - 9.30 hour - Walking in
- 9.30 - 10.00 hour - Parade
- 10.00 - 11.00 hour - Speeches
- 11.00 hour - Revealing of the new Indigenous Monument
- 11.30 - ? hour - Peoples Reception
- From 13.00 hour - Performance of several Cultural Groups
- 21.00 hour - Closing

- The unveiling of the Monument will take place through a traditional ceremonial initiation rite
- Warm snacks and cold drinks will be there to be sold
- Furthermore, Indigenous handicraft will also be for sale
- Several children's games will be organized for the kids