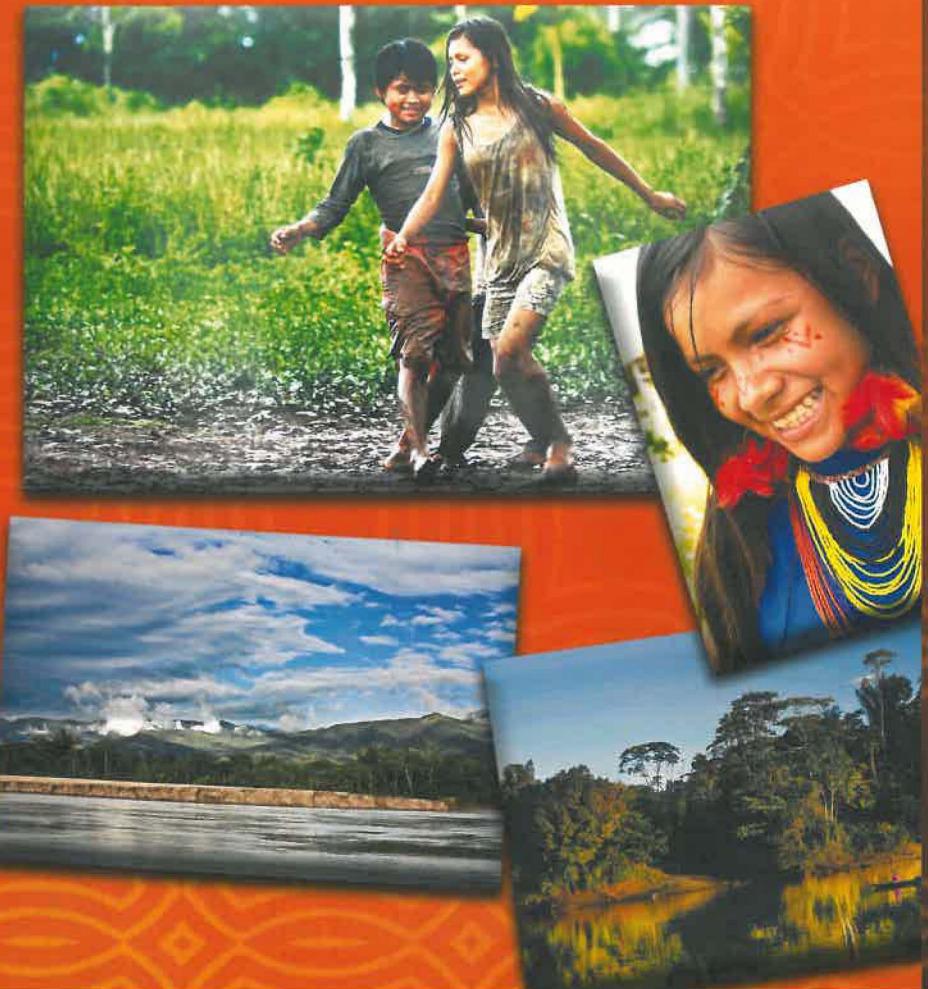




Opening Ceremony of Ecuador Photo Exhibition

“Sons of The Sacred Waterfalls” & Perlis Art Exhibition “Inspirasi Alam 2012”



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Daulat, Tuanku



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Atas Keberangkatan*

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Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Ibni
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Crown Prince of Perlis / Chancellor of UniMAP

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Her Royal Highness
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ECUADOR PHOTO EXHIBITION “Sons of The Sacred Waterfalls” & Perlis Art Exhibition “Inspirasi Alam 2012”

*“I’ll go where the big waterfall drops, she was
born where the mountains are just stones. The waterfall will give me
the power I’m looking for. I hope that in this long journey I have the
encounter that will provide me a long life.*

(Extract from the song of a man who goes in search of Arutam)

Ecuador is a nation where different groups with different cultures and identities coexist, not only in the countryside but in cities. This diversity has been currently is the source of economic, sociocultural and political wealth. The enhancement of a diverse society is therefore necessary for the development of the nation. Taking this into consideration, in Ecuador a modern state is being created, one that not only recognizes these differences and the rights that go with it, but that also builds on governance.

Nicholas Kingman’s photography exhibition “Sons of The Sacred Waterfalls” focuses on the daily life of the *Shuar* people that live in Ecuador’s eastern rainforest, which are part of the Amazon River Basin. The *Shuar* have been aggressively affected in their traditional ways of living : From hunters to farmers, family education to school; from herbal medicines to the pharmacy, from song and dance rituals to television and electronic equipment. However, *Shuar* life cannot be understood without taking into account the number of living forces and energies as plant, animals, spiritual beings, gods. While the gods build balance, magic protects people from evil practice of other people and other living beings in the forest. The great balance is built by Arutam, the energy of power, which is also in each individual, indefinable, but visible in its various manifestations, including waterfalls, a sacred place where you take the *ayahuasca* (natem) and other plants that can distinguish true reality.

To manage their relationship with and the modern world, the *Shuar* leaders, built during the last ten years, a new organizational form, intended for orderly management of land and natural resources, anatomy and economic and socialself, the recovery and upgrading of skills and expertise in the management of forest and orchards, reorganizing their ways of learning and sustaining the culture of forest conservation in more than 70% of its 200 thousand hectares, as well as organizing a proper way to connect with the world and grasp their knowledge and skills.



OPENING CEREMONY ECUADOR PHOTO EXHIBITION “Sons of The Sacred Waterfalls” & Perlis Art Exhibition “Inspirasi Alam 2012”

VENUE : PERLIS STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY

DATE : JULY 4TH 2012

PROGRAMME

- 09.00 am : Arrival of Guests
- 09.30 am : Arrival of VVIPs
- 09.45 am : Arrival of YAB Chief Minister of Perlis or
Representative & Spouse
- 09.50 am : Arrival of HE The Ambassador of Ecuador
- : Cultural Dance Performance
- : Welcome Speech by YAB Chief Minister of Perlis
- : Speech by HE The Ambassador of Ecuador
- : Official Launching of the Ecuador Photo Exhibition
by HE Ambassador of Ecuador
- : Presentation of Souvenirs
- : Visit to the Exhibition
- : Refreshment
- : Departure of HE The Ambassador of Ecuador
- : Departure of YAB Chief Minister of Perlis & Spouse
- 11.30 am : End of Ceremony

