

THE T'BOLI MUSEUM IN LAKE SEBU, SOUTH COTABATO

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With the growing interest on the mountainous town of **Lake Sebu** mainly because of its **Seven Falls** and its three lakes, it is easy to get lost in the shuffle other important destinations. One such place could be the **T'boli Museum**.



The museum was set up by former **Lake Sebu Vice Mayor Bao Ba-ay** to help maintain the T'boli heritage and provide a location to promote cultural learning.



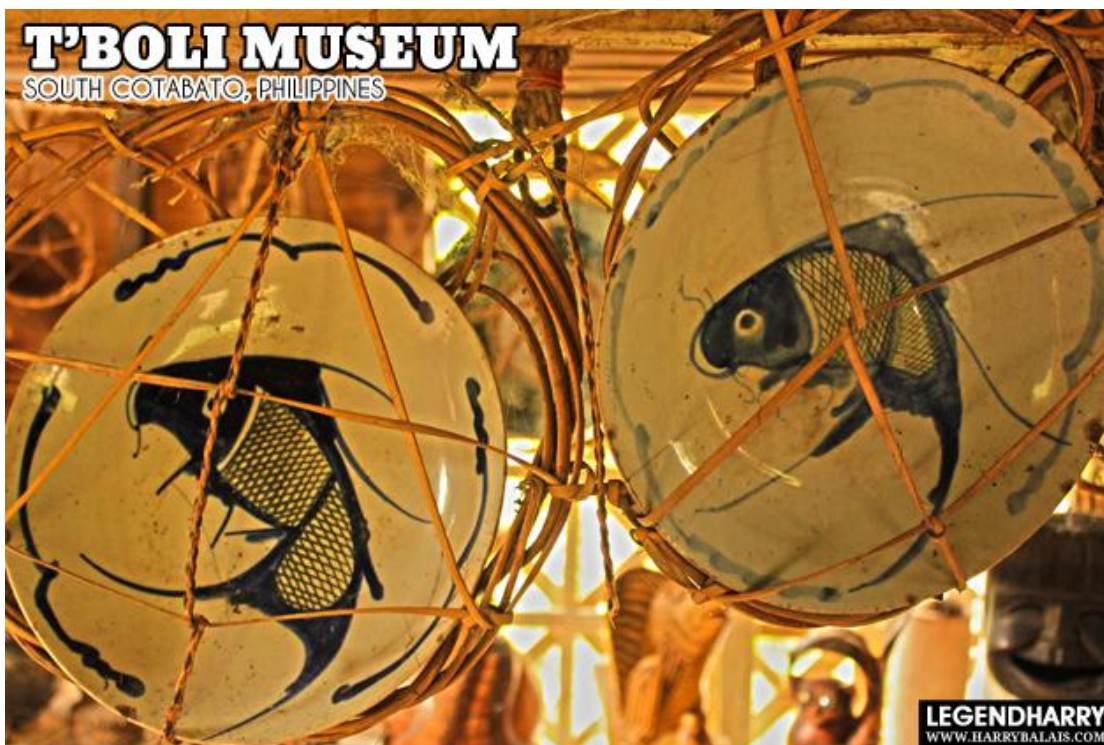
The museum displays artifacts and memorabilia. But what is prominently displayed in this modest museum are several gongs which strongly reminds the T'boli's great tradition of brass casting and passion for music.



The T'bolis believe that the brass casting is tied up with their history as a people.



The other display that caught my attention during my visit was the 16th-century china ware.



There are other interesting stuffs displayed in the **T'boli Museum**.



The **T'bolis** are excellent weavers and made use of the most abundant clothing material found in **Lake Sebu** – abaca. According to **COWHED**, there are 23 steps in the T'nalak weaving process starting from **Melek kedungon** (selection of abaca) up to **Semaki** (iron the cloth with shell).



Like in **COWHED**, the **T'boli Museum** has intricately designed souvenir items that can be had at very reasonable prices.



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