



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education


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ADVISORY

In reference to the memorandum issued by the undersigned dated August 26, 2015 regarding the **2015 National Indigenous Peoples Month Celebration**, please be advised that the culminating National Celebration scheduled on October 28, 2015 has been **moved to November 12, 2015**.

The venue shall still be at the Baguio Teachers Camp, Baguio City.

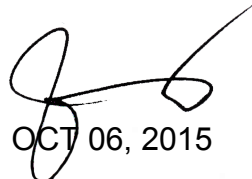
For your guidance.


DINA S. OCAMPO
Undersecretary for Programs and Projects

To: SDSs

For your information
and guidance, please.

Thanks, God Bless.


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MEMORANDUM

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF REGIONS I, II, CAR, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII AND XIII**

FROM : **DINA S. OCAMPO**
Undersecretary for Programs and Projects

SUBJECT : **2015 National Indigenous Peoples Month Celebration**

DATE : **August 26, 2015**

1. This refers to the celebration of the National Indigenous Peoples Month (October) for this year and some basic considerations in the conduct of our respective activities.
2. The year 2015 holds additional significance for the Indigenous Peoples Education (IPEd) Program being the culminating year of "EFA" (Education for All). Beyond the numerical EFA targets, we have also made concrete contributions through IPEd in making our basic education system more inclusive, consistent with the philosophy and intent of "Education for All". Our respective regional celebrations this year would hopefully carry the message of affirming the reforms that we have collectively worked on and consolidate support from within the Department, our indigenous communities, and other stakeholders for the sustainability of the IPEd Program.
3. As appropriate, the following points for consideration and guidance are provided in the conduct of our respective Regional IP Month celebration:
 - a) The celebration should include the following as basic components of the program:
 - i. The affirmation of the IPEd frameworks - formulated by the Divisions together with IP community representatives - by DepEd Regional and Division senior management. (Affirmation would mean the commitment of DepEd to recognize the long-term partnership between DepEd and IP communities, the output of the framework formulation process which will include

issues and concerns and identified PPAs, and the thoughts of the community regarding the partnership with DepEd). At the minimum, the frameworks should have covered the Ancestral Domain Analysis including the community IPEd VMG formulation.

- ii. The signing of the declaration of commitment/support to IPEd by the Regional Director and Schools Division Superintendents.

(IPsEO shall produce a huge cloth containing the declaration of commitment/support to IPEd which will be signed at an appropriate time during each of the regional celebration. The first to sign will be Region XI where the kick-off will be held (October 1). The declaration is then passed on to the succeeding region following the sequence/schedule provided in the attachment until it reaches the Central Office-led National Celebration to be held on October 28.

For the turnover of the declaration to the next region, the delegation from the region who will do the turnover should be composed of at least one DepEd representative and one IP community representative. How the turnover is to be done and integrated into the receiving region's celebration are to be discussed and agreed upon by the two regions involved.

The schedule of regional celebrations is attached for reference.)

- iii. It is strongly suggested that the celebration be also used as an opportunity to advocate DepEd Order No. 32, s. 2015 (Adopting the Indigenous Peoples Education Curriculum Framework), which is a major policy and program milestone.
 - b) Given what have been highlighted above, IP community representatives are expected to be part of the activity. The number, however, would depend on the design and resources available.
 - c) The design and activities of the celebration, which should specifically highlight the education aspect/IPEd in line with DepEd's mandate (and not just a general IP Month celebration), should be guided by DepEd Order No. 51, s. 2014 (Guidelines on the Conduct of Activities and Use of Materials Involving Aspects of Indigenous Peoples Culture).
4. Regional IPEd Focal Persons and Division IPEd Focal Persons are invited to attend the National Celebration on October 28, 2015 at Baguio Teachers Camp. The IPEd Focal Persons' travel expenses are to be charged to their respective 2014/2015 Regional/Division IPEd Program Support Fund (PSF) and are expected to make arrangements for their accommodations.

5. The DepEd – IPsEO shall be in touch with the Regional Offices in the planning and implementation of our IP Month celebration activities for this year.
6. For your guidance and appropriate action.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 2015 Indigenous Peoples Month Celebration

DATE	REGION / VENUE
October 1	XI/Davao City
October 2	XII/Tacurong City
October 5	IX/Pagadian City
October 7	X/Cagayan de Oro City
October 9	XIII/Agusan del Sur
October 12	VIII/Leyte
October 13	VII/Cebu City
October 14	VI/Iloilo
October 16	IVB/ Palawan
October 19	IVA/Batangas
October 21	V/Camarines Sur
October 23	III/Angeles City
October 26	II/Nueva Vizcaya
October 27	I/Pangasinan
October 28	Central Office-led National Celebration/Baguio Teachers Camp, Baguio City <i>* DepEd-CAR will have its regional IP Month Celebration during its Regional Basic Education Congress to be held on October 6-8, 2015</i>