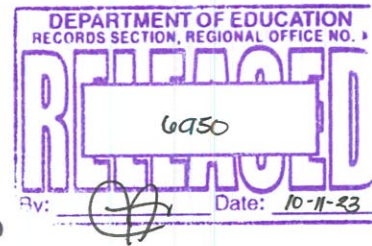




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REGION X – NORTHERN MINDANAO



October 5, 2023

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 0605, s. 2023

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (IP) MONTH CELEBRATION FOR 2023

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Presidential Proclamation No. 1906, s. 2009 declares the Month of October of Every Year as the National Indigenous Peoples (IP) Month. This year 2023, the Department of Education (DepEd) Region X is celebrating the 2nd Decade Years of the Indigenous Peoples Education (IPEd) Program.
2. The theme for this year is *Pundasyon ng Katutubong Edukasyon ay Patatagin, Katutubong Karunungan ay Patuloy na Pagyamanin*.
2. This theme is aligned with the call of the MATATAG Agenda to strengthen inclusive education programs like the IPEd Program and contributes to the 2023 call of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples for the nation to enrich the cultural heritage of IP communities.
4. The SDOs and the schools may celebrate through any of the following:
 - a. IP gathering in the spirit of celebration;
 - b. Provision of spaces where Indigenous Peoples can perform their cultural expressions/presentation;
 - c. Hanging of streamers/tarpaulins in the SDOs and schools with the theme for this year's celebration;
 - d. Wearing of IP Attire during the IP Day Celebration is highly encouraged;
 - e. Dialogue or "Kamustahan" with tribal elders or community representatives and Consultative Advisory Body (CAB) Members; and
 - f. Advocacy sessions with the teaching, nonteaching personnel, and organizations to increase awareness about the IPEd Program.
5. Further, the SDOs shall submit to the set Google Drive the following:
 - a. Pre-recorded video of one (1) cultural expression/cultural presentations;
 - b. At least 7-8-minute duration for each video;
 - c. Background information of the cultural expressions/cultural presentations;
 - d. Submission of the video format in mp4 on or before November 10, 2023; and
 - e. Pre-recorded video of schools implementing the IPEd Program, IP Elders, and other stakeholders as partners in the implementation of the program.



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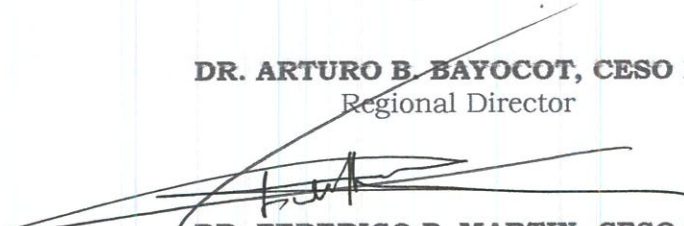
6. These activities, as applicable, must adhere to the IP community protocols and observe the DepEd Order 51, s. 2014 or the Guidelines on the Conduct of Activities and Use of Materials Involving Aspects of Indigenous Peoples Culture as reference in the implementation of activities to ensure adherence to ethical standards.

7. Expenses related to the conduct of these activities shall be charged against Division IPed Program Support Fund (PSF) for division-led activities/local funds and School MOOE for schools implementing the IPed Program, subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedures.

8. For further information, you may contact Mr. Arnel T. Genita, Regional IPed Focal Person via arnel.genita@deped.gov.ph.

9. This Office directs the immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum.

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