



Republic of the Philippines  
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao  
Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education  
Cotabato City



Office of the Minister

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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TO : ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
DIVISION IPEd FOCAL PERSONS  
PRINCIPALS/SCHOOL HEADS/TEACHERS-IN-CHARGE

FROM : MOHAGHER M. IQBAL  
Minister

SUBJECT : OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MONTH  
CELEBRATION

DATE : October 03, 2023

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1906, s. 2009 entitled **Declaring the Month of October of Every Year as National Indigenous Peoples Month**, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) enjoins all offices and schools to observe the National Celebrations, through various commemorative and advocacy activities.
2. As the primary government agency mandated to protect and promote the right of every Filipino learner to basic education, including the inculcation of values that promote recognition of the nation's cultural diversity, the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education's (MBHTE) Bureau of Indigenous Peoples Education (BIPEd) intends to substantially contribute to the objectives of the said observances through its extensive network of schools, field offices, and various learning programs
3. This is consistent with the aims of the Kto12 Basic Education Program and the National Indigenous Peoples Education (IPEd) Policy Framework (DepEd Order No. 62, s. 2011), which stipulates that within the framework of maintaining inclusive and effective learning environments, the MBHTE shall nurture, among all learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel, respect for human rights and cultural diversity and shall promote greater awareness and appreciation of the Indigenous Peoples' cultural heritage and history – an integral, yet often neglected, part of the Philippine nation's cultural heritage and history (Section 15-g).
4. For this year's observance of the National IP Month, the MBHTE shall be guided by the theme: **Pundasyon ng Katutubong Edukasyon ay Patatagin, Katutubong Karunungan ay Patuloy na Pagyamanin**. This theme aligns with the call of the MATATAG Agenda to strengthen inclusive education programs like the IPEd Program, and at the same time, contributes to the 2023 call of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples for the nation to enrich the cultural heritage of IP communities.



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5. In line with the abovementioned theme, the schools division offices (SDOs) and schools are enjoined to support the National Celebrations by undertaking appropriate and relevant activities during the month from October 1 to 31, 2023 (for the National IP Month) through, but not limited to the following:

- a. conduct appropriate learning activities that promote the objectives and message of the National Celebrations (e.g., activities that promote awareness of and respect for Indigenous Cultural Communities, particularly those within or proximal to the school.
- b. conduct of advocacy activities for teaching and non-teaching personnel, and other stakeholders.
- c. hanging of streamers/banners in strategic places in the vicinity of offices and schools (an electronic file of the standard layout shall be provided to SDO offices by BIPEd of MBHTE downloaded from the DepEd-Indigenous Peoples Education Office/ IPseO).

Please access the National IP Month 2023 folder through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/IPMonthOct2023> for materials.

6. The SDOs, through the IPEd Focal Persons, shall ensure the proper coordination of activities and compliance with the guidance provided in this Memorandum. Expenses incurred relative to the conduct of activities shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

7. Should you have concerns or other inquiries, kindly contact Ms. Imelda Sombrito, Regional IPED Focal Person, at mobile no. 0905-8565-932 or email [imeldasombrito24@gmail.com](mailto:imeldasombrito24@gmail.com)

8. For information and compliance.

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