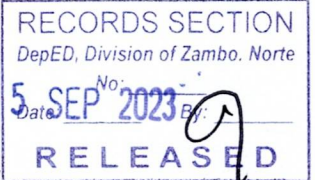




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REGION IX

SCHOOLS DIVISION OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE



Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

September 21, 2023

Division Memorandum
No. 414, s. 2023

CELEBRATION OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MONTH

TO: Co-Chair/Cluster Coordinators – ZN IPED Management Team
Public Schools District Supervisors/PICD & School Heads
District & School Coordinators – IPED Implementing Schools
All Others Concerned

1. The National Indigenous Peoples month in October is a Philippine observance that aims to support and raise awareness of indigenous cultural communities (<https://nationaltoday.com/national-indigenous-peoples-month>).
2. In adherence to DepEd Memo No. 97, series of 2022 paragraph 12 states that, “all activities and initiatives related to the National IP Month celebration shall adhere to both IP community and national protocols for well-being and safety. It is also reiterated that the planning and conduct of activities are to be guided by the Department’s Guidelines on the Conduct of Activities and Use of Materials Involving Aspects of Indigenous Peoples Culture (DO 51, s. 2014), which are meant to provide guidance on the ethical assessment of the conduct of learning activities and related engagements of schools, DepEd offices, and other education initiatives, which involve various aspects of Indigenous Peoples’ culture. Likewise, field offices and schools are enjoined to consult and collaborate with indigenous communities elders and other culture bearers as appropriate in the conduct of activities”.
3. In line with the occasion, this division encourages all Indigenous Peoples implementing schools to observe strictly the guidelines and suggested activities herein attached while waiting for prescribed activities from the Central Office.
4. It is advised that documentation report shall be submitted with transmittal in softcopy address to the Office of the Schools Division Superintendent through the Division Inclusive Education Supervisor, Leynie Boy G. Bellino at leynieboy.bellino@deped.gov.ph after the culmination of the whole month celebration.
5. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired for proper information of all concerned.

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Encl: As stated

Reference: DM 97, s. 2022
DO 51, s. 2014
DO 62, s. 2011

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**GUIDELINES AND SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES DURING
THE CELEBRATION OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MONTH**

- a. On October 2, 2023, Monday, the opening of the IP month shall be celebrated during the flag ceremony in a simple manner that schools shall invite IP community elders and/or culture bearers to grace the celebration with the highest DepEd ranking official to declare the celebration open;
- b. The opening may be highlighted with a prayer from the IP cultural bearer or an IP elder to be followed by prayers from other faith;
- c. wearing of IP attire (teachers and IP learners) on that day shall be properly coordinated and consulted to the culture bearers of the Indigenous Cultural Communities (DO 51, s. 2014);
- d. Within the month of the celebration, schools can share their blessings through in-kind and other services to the IP family/families and/or ICC to let them feel the importance of this month;
- e. With the assistance of the IP native speakers in your cultural communities and/or IP teachers, learners are provided opportunities to learn new IP words, songs, and others;
- f. When scouting activities are conducted during the month, you may invite IP members in your locality to demonstrate how to craft their products like weaving and others;
- g. Retooling, upskilling or reskilling training activities are encouraged however they shall be properly coordinated;
- h. When integration of lessons depicting IP cultural concerns, it is encouraged to invite IP cultural bearers if teachers do not belong to the tribe of the locality or not an IP at all;
- i. Hanging of tarpaulins is **strictly prohibited** not until the release of guidelines from the Central Office;
- j. All other activities not mentioned on this memorandum shall be deemed in accordance with existing policies and guidelines herein mentioned.



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