



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

---

September 29, 2022

REGION MEMORANDUM  
CLMD No. 318, s. 2022

**NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (IP) MONTH CELEBRATION**

To: 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. DepEd SOCCSKSARGEN Region shall be joining with the various indigenous cultural communities in this nation-wide celebration.
2. The theme for this year's celebration is "Kasaysayan, Karunungan, at Wika ng mga Katutubong Pamayanan: Mga Saligan ng Katutubong Pagkakakilanlan at Tulay Tungo sa Inklusibong Kaunlaran."
3. This IP Month intends to highlight the importance of the indigenous histories, indigenous knowledge systems and practices (IKSPs) and languages of the IP communities as we are recognizing and commemorating the International Decade of Indigenous Languages, 2022-2033.
4. In support to this national celebration, the Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and schools implementing IPed Program in the Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs) in SOCCSKSARGEN Region are enjoined to design school-based or classroom-based activities. Specifically, the SDOs and schools may do the following:
  - 4.1 Integrate in the lesson plans indigenous knowledge systems to be taught to the learners;
  - 4.2 Invite IP Elders/Culture bearers to share in the classroom about indigenous practices as part of the lessons;
  - 4.3 Set a storytelling session focusing on indigenous stories aligned with the topics discussed;
  - 4.4 Hanging of tarpaulins in the SDOs and schools indicating the theme for this year's celebration; and
  - 4.5 Wearing of IP Attire (See DO 51, s. 2014).



Regional Center, Brgy. Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal  
Telefax No.: (083) 2288825/ (083) 2281893  
Website: depedroxii.org Email: region12@deped.gov.ph





Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

---

5. It is further encouraged that conduct of these activities, as applicable, should adhere to IP community protocols and the IATF protocols for the well-being and safety of everyone. Utilize 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.
6. ***The Regional IPEd Focal Person and Division IPEd Focal Persons shall monitor the conduct of these activities at the school level to ensure cultural-sensitivity, appropriateness and relevance of the activities to the learners and the indigenous cultural communities served. Monitoring shall be conducted on October 3-31, 2022.***
7. The monitoring shall observe the schools integration of the indigenous knowledge systems and practices, histories and languages in the teaching-learning process, involvement of the IP Elders and culture bearers in the month-long celebration, and the design of the classroom-based or school-based celebration.
8. The emphasis of this year's celebration is to make it classroom-based or school-based to avoid disruption of classes and pulling-out of teachers and learners.
9. The Regional IPEd Focal Person shall closely coordinate with the Division IPEd Focal Persons for the specific schedule of monitoring in their respective divisions.
10. Expenses related to the conduct of these activities shall be charged against the IPEd Program Support Fund (PSF) and School MOOE for schools implementing the IPEd Program, subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedures.
11. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

  
**CARLITO D. ROCAFORT**  
Director IV

Encl: None  
References: DepEd Order 62, s. 2011, PP 1906, s. 2009  
Allotment: IPEd PSF  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the subject  
CELEBRATION INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

JRGM/CLMD/NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (IP) MONTH CELEBRATION/330 /September 29, 2022

---



Regional Center, Brgy. Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal  
Telefax No.: (083) 2288825/ (083) 2281893  
Website: depedroxii.org Email: region12@deped.gov.ph

