



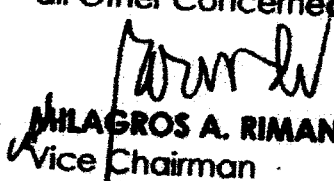
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**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Cordillera Administrative Region

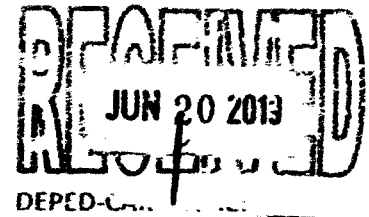
**A D V I S O R Y**

TO : All Regional Heads of Regional Line Agencies, Local Government Units, the Academe, the Business Sector and all Other Concerned Agencies in the Government

FROM :  **MILAGROS A. RIMANDO**  
Vice Chairman

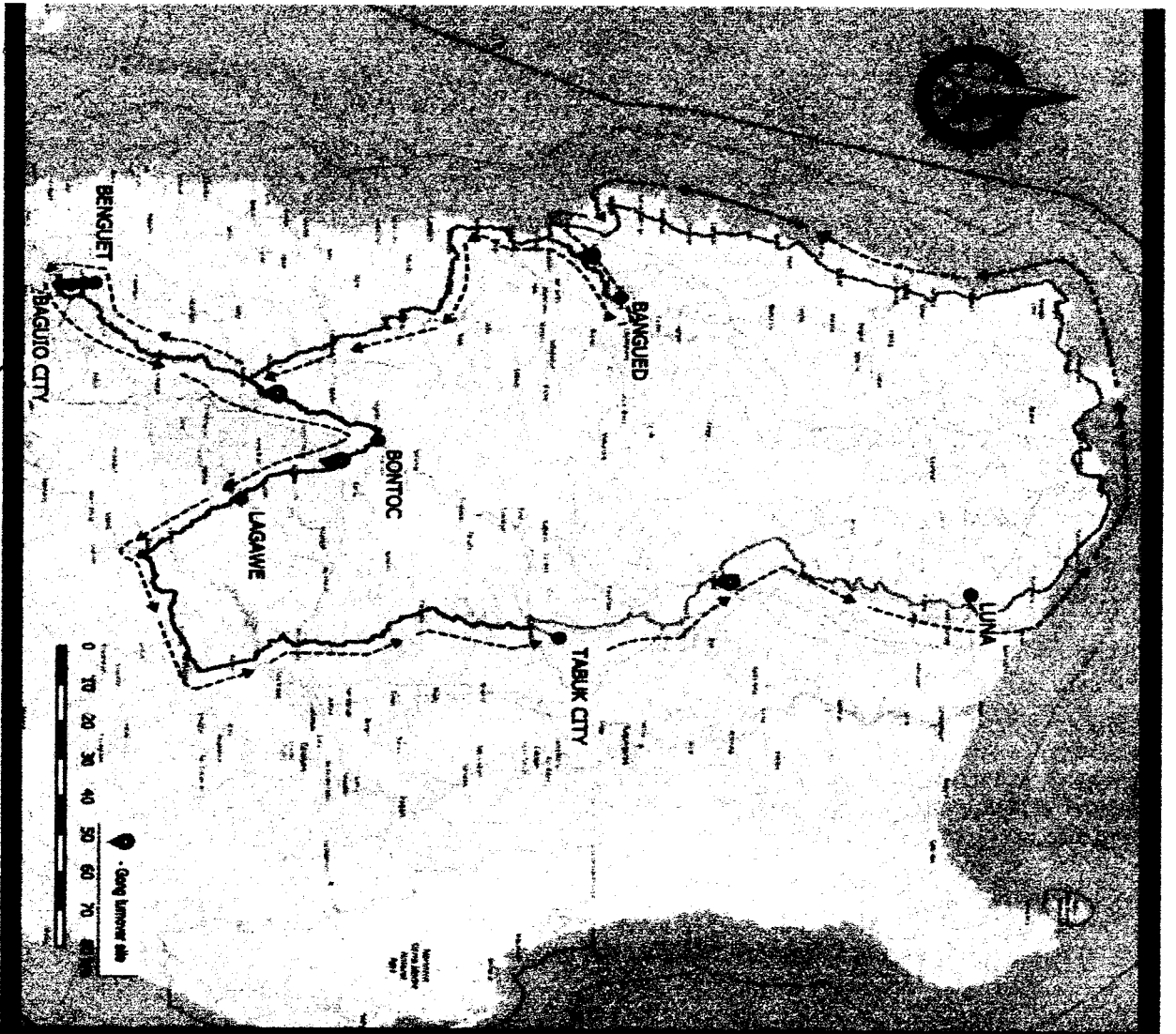
SUBJECT : **32<sup>nd</sup> CORDILLERA MONTH CELEBRATION**

DATE : 17 June 2019



1. We are celebrating our region's 32<sup>nd</sup> founding anniversary this July 2019 with the theme "**Building ONE Greater Cordillera**". The Regional Development Council – Infrastructure Development Committee and the Local Government of Kalinga leads the overall coordination for this year's month long activities.
2. We invite all Regional Heads of Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), the Academe, the Business Sector and all Other Concerned Agencies in the region to participate in all the activities lined up for this year's celebration. (Attachment "A" calendar of activities and programs)
3. We request that you and your staff join in the programs to be held in the provinces/city. The RLAs and LGUs are requested to provide accommodation, meals & snacks for their own contingent.
4. For the whole month of July 2019, all government and non-government, private entities and the academe are enjoined to display the streamer bearing the theme: "**CAR @32 Building ONE Greater Cordillera**" in front of their offices. (please download design from the RDC Website: [car.neda.gov.ph](http://car.neda.gov.ph))
5. June 26, 2019 will be the KAPIHAN at the DPWH-CAR Multipurpose Hall to present the activities slated for the month-long celebration, this will be attended by the RDC Chair, Vice Chair and sectoral committee chairpersons together with the Host Province, Kalinga.
6. The kick-off and Unity Gong Relay will run from July 9 to 14, 2019. The route for this year's relay is attached.
7. July 15, 2019 is the Cordillera Commemoration Day. During the parade in Tabuk, Kalinga, all participants are advised to be in Cordilleran-inspired attire. Provincial delegates are encouraged to perform a street dance.
8. For your guidance.

**2019 CORDILLERA MONTH CELEBRATION  
UNITY GONG RELAY ROUTE  
JULY 9 – 14, 2019**



Activity	ACTIVITY
<b>Preliminary</b> June 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am - Press Conference (KAPILHAN by PIA) at the DPWH-CAR Multipurpose Hall</li> </ul>
<b>Day 1, July 9</b> Tabuk City – Apayao	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00am - Kick-off Program at Tabuk</li> <li>1:00pm - Leave for Apayao</li> <li>5:00pm - Turnover of Gong and Program to be held in <b>Flora, Apayao</b></li> </ul>
<b>Day 2, July 10</b> Apayao – Abra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00am - Leave for Abra via Maharlika Highway – Laoag City (Ilocos Norte)</li> <li>2:00pm - Turnover of Gong at the Tangadan Tunnel Boundary</li> <li>4:00pm - Program and Fellowship to be held in Bangued, Abra</li> </ul>
<b>Day 3, July 11</b> Abra – Benguet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00am - Leave for Benguet (via Narvacan – Santiago - San Emilio - Conventos/Itocos Sur) - Marikayan-Halsama Highway – La Trinidad)</li> <li>3:00pm - Turnover of Gong and Program, Fellowship at the Benguet Provincial Capitol</li> </ul>
<b>Day 4, July 12 AM</b> La Trinidad – Baguio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00am - Leave for Baguio City</li> <li>9:00am - Turnover of Gong and Program at Baguio City Hall, 1. Floor</li> </ul>
<b>Day 5, July 12 PM</b> Baguio City – Mountain Province	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00am - Leave for Mt. Province (via Halsama Highway)</li> <li>3:00pm - Turnover of Gong at the Benguet – Mountain Province Boundary (Simo)</li> <li>7:00pm - Program and Fellowship at the Mountain Province Provincial Plaza or Multipurpose Hall in Pookstoon, Bantoc</li> </ul>
<b>Day 5, July 13</b> Mountain Province – Ifugao	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00am - Leave for Ifugao (via Bontoc-Banua-Lagawe)</li> <li>10:00am - Turnover of Gong at the Mt. Province-Ifugao boundary at Mt. Polls</li> <li>2:00pm - Program at the Provincial Plaza in Lagawe</li> </ul>
<b>Day 5, July 14</b> Ifugao – Kalinga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00am - Leave for Tabuk (via Santiago-Quezon – Tabuk Rd.)</li> <li>11:00am - Turnover of Gong in Agbanawang, Tabuk City</li> <li>5:00pm - Fellowship Night at the Kalinga Sports Complex</li> </ul>
<b>Cordillera Day,</b> July 15 Kalinga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00am - Grand Parade</li> <li>9:00am - Culminating Program at the Provincial Sports Center</li> </ul>



The strength and pride of the Cordillera

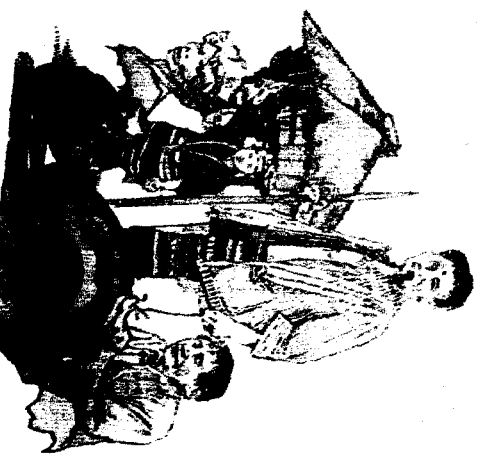
have always been rooted from its shared HISTORY, collective CULTURE, and unique IDENTITY.

The Cordillera should be recognized FIRST as an AUTONOMOUS REGION so that it has power as a region in a Federal System.

The passage of an ORGANIC ACT ensures the protection, respect, and recognition of our rights to self-determination and the FUTURE we want.

# AUTONOMY TOWARDS

# FEDERALISM



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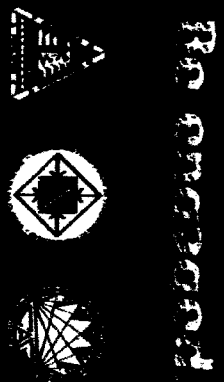
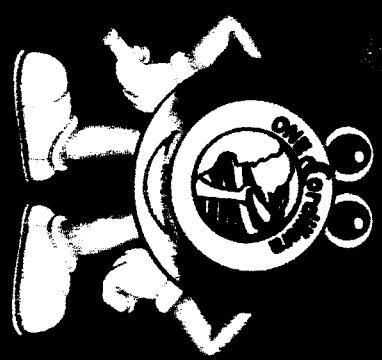
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# ON THE

# CORDILLERA



# SPCCAR

## WHAT IS THE SPCCAR PROGRAM?

SPCCAR stands for the Social Preparation of the CAR into an Autonomous Region.

It is a program implemented by the Cordillera Regional Development Council (RDC-CAR) through the Cordillera National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA-CAR) with partners from the local government units (LGUs), regional line agencies (RLAs), civil society organizations (CSOs), etc.

## WHAT IS THE SPCCAR'S PURPOSE?

The SPCCAR's purpose is to prepare the region towards autonomy through its 3 main thrusts:

- (1) **IEG (Information, Education and Communication)**
  - aims to increase awareness and support of all stakeholders from local (grassroots) to national levels through various communication channels
- (2) **AB (Alliance Building)**
  - seeks to gather and solidify support from local to national organizations for the passage of an autonomy organic act
- (3) **CAP (Capability Building)**
  - aims to enable LGUs, RLAs, CSOs, etc. to develop their capacities in preparation for autonomy

## WHAT IS REGIONAL AUTONOMY?

Regional Autonomy is the establishment of a Regional Government to which the National Government DEVOLVES certain powers and functions in accordance with laws and the Constitution.

## CORDILLERA AUTONOMY AND THE CONSTITUTION

Section 15, Article X of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the creation of AUTONOMOUS REGIONS in Muslim Mindanao and in the CORDILLERAS consisting of geographical areas sharing common and distinctive historical and cultural heritage, and economic and social structures, among others.



## WHY IS THE CORDILLERA CURRENTLY AN ADMINISTRATIVE REGION AND NOT AN AUTONOMOUS ONE?

Prior to 1987, the provinces of Abra, Benguet and Mt. Province, and the city of Baguio, were part of Region 1, while Apayao, Ifugao and Kalinga were under Region 2.

The Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) was created in July 15, 1987 through Executive Order No. 220 in response to the relentless clamor for regional autonomy, which culminated in a historic "sipat" or peace accord between the government under President Corason Aquino and Fr. Conrado Balweg of the CBA-CPLA at Mt. Data Hotel, Baulkon, Mt. Province. This administrative set-up was meant to prepare the region towards AUTONOMY.

Thus, the CAR is only a TEMPORARY region. If EO 220 is repealed, the provinces of the CAR will return to Regions 1 and 2. However, if Cordillera becomes autonomous, it will become a PERMANENT region.

# AUTONOMY FOR CORDILLERA MBA

## (1) Enhanced Cordillera Idem

Regional autonomy will preserve indigenous knowledge systems and allow each culture to flourish unhampered by the dominance of another culture and thereby contribute more effectively to regional and national progress.

## (2) Responsive Policies for the Region

National standards do not always respond to the needs of the Cordillera. For instance, the PD 705 or the Forestry Code, and the RA 7880 or the Roxas Law, are applicable to other regions in the country but are not suitable in the Cordillera given its geographical and sparse population.

Regional autonomy will give the Cordillera the opportunity to decide and select policies and programs that best suit the region.

## (3) Progress for All

Regional autonomy allows the Cordillera to sustainably manage and utilize its resources using indigenous knowledge, practices, and procedures for development.