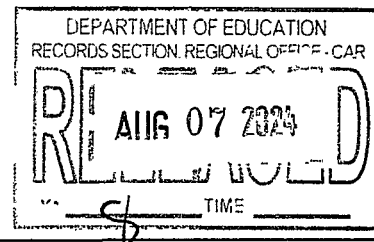




Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION



6 August 2024

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. 521.2024

**OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLES DAY 2024**

To: Assistant Regional Director  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Division Education Program Supervisors  
Heads of Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to **Memorandum DM-CT-2024-270** entitled *Observance of the International and National Indigenous Peoples Day 2024*, the Department of Education's theme for the International and National Indigenous Peoples Day is "Katutubong Edukasyon ay Patuloy na Palakasin; Pangkulturang Integridad Isulong at Patatagin." This localizes the international theme for 2024, which is "Protecting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary isolation and Initial Contact."
2. The localized theme highlights the importance of protecting the cultural integrity of IP communities which is the underlying message of the international theme, coupled with the call to strengthen the implementation of the Indigenous Peoples Education Program as it can effectively contribute to strengthening the cultural integrity of IP communities.
3. Guided by the Department's theme and its underlying significance, DepEd CAR enjoins SDOs, and schools to support the celebration of International and National IPD Day for the month of August
4. Activities organized for these celebrations shall observe the following:
  - a. In dialogue with partner IP communities at the school, schools division, and/or regional level, events shall be aligned with the theme discussed and undertaken with cultural sensitivity and appropriateness.:
  - b. with adherence to DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 or Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith to ensure that classes shall not be interrupted, schools are to conduct activities through discussions related to the theme that are integrated into lessons in the appropriate subject areas.:
  - c. For SDOs advocacy activities involving appropriate DepEd personnel shall ensure continuous classes at the school level as directed by DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2024 or *Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2024-2025*



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- d. Hanging of streamers/banners in strategic places in the vicinity of DepEd offices only (an electronic file of the standard layout shall be provided by DepEd-Indigenous Peoples Office (IPsEO); and
- e. Featuring the observance and other IPEd-related activities on the website and other communications media of the SDOs, and schools.

5. DepEd personnel are highly encouraged to maximize the observance as an opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of key DepEd policies on IPEd, such as IPEd Curriculum Framework (DO 32, s. 2015), the implementation of the IPEd Program, as well as the UN declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. (online resources are available at <https://social.desa.un.org/issues/indigenous-peoples/united-nations-declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples>).

4. All activities and initiatives related to the International and National IP Day 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 DO No. 51, s. 2014, *Guidelines on the Conduct of Activities and Use of materials Involving Aspects of Indigenous Peoples Culture*, which involve various aspects of Indigenous Peoples' culture. Likewise, field offices and schools are enjoined to consult and collaborate with indigenous community elders and other culture bearers as appropriate in the conduct of activities. relevant materials for the workshop.

5. SDOs, through the IPEd Focal Persons, shall ensure the proper coordination of activities and compliance with the guidance provided in this Memorandum. In consideration of the start of the current school year, celebrations may be conducted within the month of August 2024. Expenses incurred relative to the conduct of activities shall be charged to IPEd PSF/local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

6. For inquiries or concerns, please contact CES Jennifer P. Ande at the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) through landline number (074) – 422-7096 or email address: [car.clmd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:car.clmd@deped.gov.ph).

7. For information and guidance of all concerned.

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