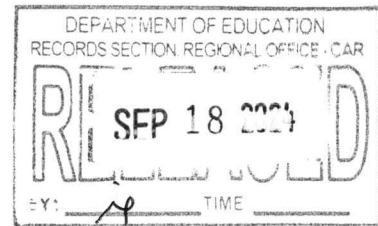




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CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION



September 16, 2024

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**  
No. 621.2024

**DISSEMINATION OF MEMORANDUM DM-OUPS-2024-12-06811 "STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 162 (S. 2008) PROVIDING GUIDELINES ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO NORTH BORNEO (SABAH)"**

To: Assistant Regional Director  
Schools Division Superintendents  
School Heads, Public and Private Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. This is with reference to the attached **DepEd Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2024-12-06811** from the Undersecretary for Operations dated September 12, 2024, reminding all national government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations to strictly comply with the provisions of Memorandum Circular No. 162 (S. 2008) Providing Guidelines on Matters Pertaining to North Borneo (Sabah).
2. For dissemination and strict compliance of all concerned.
3. For more details, kindly contact the **Administrative Services Division** at Tel. No. **422-1318 or 422-1804** or through email at [car.admin@deped.gov.ph](mailto:car.admin@deped.gov.ph).

  
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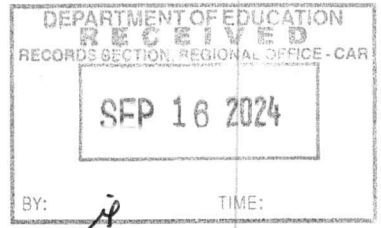
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**MEMORANDUM**  
**DM-OUOPS-2024-12-06811**

**TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**  
**ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**  
**ALL SCHOOL HEADS**  
**ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**FROM : *[Signature]***  
**ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**  
*Undersecretary for Operations*

**SUBJECT : STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 162 (S. 2008) PROVIDING GUIDELINES ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO NORTH BORNEO (SABAH)**

**DATE : September 12, 2024**

This Office respectfully endorses the attached Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated August 16, 2024, with subject *Strict Compliance with Memorandum Circular No. 162 (S. 2008) Providing Guidelines on Matters Pertaining to North Borneo (Sabah)*.

Said Memorandum reminds all national government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations to strictly comply with the provisions of MC No. 162 (S. 2008).

For reference and wide dissemination.

Thank you.

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**MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

**TO : ALL HEADS OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS**

**SUBJECT : STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 162 (S. 2008) PROVIDING GUIDELINES ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO NORTH BORNEO (SABAH)**

**DATE : AUG 16 2024**

In the interest of safeguarding the country's historical and legal right over North Borneo (Sabah), all national government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, are hereby reminded to strictly comply with Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 162 (s. 2008) entitled, "Guidelines on Matters Pertaining to North Borneo (Sabah)."

Moreover, the Department of the Interior and Local Government is hereby directed to circulate MC No. 162 to all local government units for information and guidance.

For reference, attached is a copy of MC No. 162.

For information and strict compliance.

By authority of the President:

*Lucas P. Bersamin*  
**LUCAS P. BERSAMIN**



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*Kathleen N. Espino*  
ATTY. KATHLEEN N. ESPINO  
ACTING DIRECTOR IV



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 162

**GUIDELINES ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO NORTH BORNEO (SABAH)**

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of Article 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution on National Territory, the Philippines has historical and legal right over certain parts of North Borneo (Sabah);

**WHEREAS**, it is in the national interest to safeguard the country's historical and legal right in North Borneo (Sabah);

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines believes in the peaceful resolution of disputes with neighboring countries as provided under the same Constitution, which expressly states that the Philippines adheres to the policy of peace, equality, justice, freedom, cooperation, and amity with all nations;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for guidelines with regard to activities, acts or statements in relation to North Borneo (Sabah) for the protection of the said rights;

**WHEREFORE**, the following guidelines are hereby prescribed:

**Section 1.** No Department, agency, or instrumentality of the Philippine Government shall make any act or statement expressing or implying, directly or indirectly, any recognition of a foreign state's sovereignty over North Borneo (Sabah) or non-recognition of Philippine title or historical and legal rights to the same.

**Section 2.** Any official activity, act or statement relating to North Borneo (Sabah) or which may have bearing on the Philippine claim to said territory shall be carried out only with the clearance of or after consultations with the Department of Foreign Affairs.

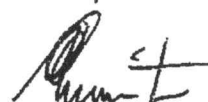
**Section 3.** Reference to North Borneo (Sabah) in official documents should not include its being part of a larger national/federal territory. These documents include, but are not limited to, the following: Philippine passports, agreement, agreed minutes, joint communiqués, record of discussions, and similar documents.

**Section 4.** Philippine government officials visiting North Borneo (Sabah) shall provide the DFA with a report on their travel thereto.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 20th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

By authority of the President:

  
**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary