



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

December 3, 2025

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

CLMD – 2025 - **1652**

**NATIONAL VALIDATION OF CULTURAL STANDARDS FOR INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES EDUCATION (PART I)**

To: Schools Division Superintendent } Leyte Division
CLMD Chief
Indigenous Peoples Education Focal Person
School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Attached are Memorandum DM-CT-2024-410 re: the National Validation of Cultural Standards for Indigenous Peoples Education (Part 1) and Advisory dated November 28, 2025. The final schedule of the activity will be on December 14-18, 2025 (inclusive of travel time) in Luna, Apayao.
2. The list of participants and the updated administrative arrangements are enclosed in this memorandum for the reference and guidance of those attending the activity.
3. For more information or clarification, contact **Margie B. Sarmiento-Balledo**, Education Program Supervisor of the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) at **margie.balledo@deped.gov.ph**.
4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Assistant Regional Director
Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

Enclosure: As stated

References: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

CULTURAL STANDARDS
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES EDUCATION
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November 28, 2025

**CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE NATIONAL VALIDATION OF CULTURAL
STANDARDS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES EDUCATION (PART 1)**

This is in reference to the Memorandum numbered DM-CT-2024-410 titled National Validation of Cultural Standards for Indigenous Peoples Education (Part 1) that was previously scheduled on October 25-28, 2024 but was postponed because of Typhoon Kristine is rescheduled on **December 14-18, 2025 (inclusive of travel time) in Luna, Apayao.**

Attached are the following as reference:

- 1) Memorandum released in 2024 with Advisory;
- 2) updated administrative arrangements; and,
- 3) updated list of participants.

For any inquiries or clarifications, please contact **Maria Lourie C. Victor**, Head, Bureau of Learning Delivery (BLD)- Indigenous Peoples Education Office (IPsEO), through maria.victor@deped.gov.ph, copy furnished at ipseo@deped.gov.ph, or through 09778421007.

Immediate dissemination of this advisory is desired.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS
National Validation of Cultural Standards
for Indigenous Peoples Education (Part 1)
December 14-18, 2025 (inclusive of travel time)
Luna, Apayao

Resource Persons (Community Elders and Leaders)

REGION	RESOURCE PERSONS
CAR	Salitan Cagmanan Andres Ngao-i Marie Carolyn Verano
Region I	Julita Levy Salvador Linuel Elearn Pang-ot Charlie Cayabas
Region II	Felipe Lumiwes Marciano Imapa Rogelio Dulnuan Sr
Region III	Rebecca Reyes Lito Jugatan Brenda Malonzo
Region IV-CALABARZON	Ernesto Doroteo Marilyn Vertudez Ramcy Astoveza
Region IV-MIMAROPA	Ryan Parisan Amelda Anastacio Roy Dabuit
Region V	Pedro Orbon
Region VI	Virgilio Ocario Pastor Elias Valencia Alex Salveo
Region VII	Decena Nida Salingay Wilson Nama Melchor Gelacio
Region VIII	Romeo Carundong Vanessa Sabrani
Region IX	Timuoy Fernando G. Mudai Timuay Dlibon Nilda Mangilay Timuoy William Mateo, Sr.
Region X	Datu Ampuan Jeodoro Sulda Datu Daag Roger Limbo Datu Diamla Rolando Soong
Region XI	Vigencita Manang Bae Adelaida Bungad Rodolfo Mande
Region XII	Fulung Dan Alim Fulung Fredo Basino



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REGION	RESOURCE PERSONS
Caraga	Bae Manyaguyad Luciana Rico Datu Mandasigan Ruel Badbaran Luzminda Caga
BARMM	Jerry Datuwata Romeo Saliga

Regional Representatives, Department of Education

REGION	DEPED REPRESENTATIVES
CAR	Rosemarie Yangkin – Regional IPed Focal
Region I	Rica Perez – Regional IPed Focal
Region II	Rodoleo Espiritu – SDO Quirino IPed Focal
Region III	Arnold Montemayor – Regional IPed Focal Ruel Bondoc – SDO Pampanga IPed Focal
Region IV-CALABARZON	Margaret Musa – Regional IPed Focal Jean Danga – SDO Antipolo City IPed Focal
Region IV-MIMAROPA	Jeffrey Anthony Reyes – Regional IPed Focal Haydie Abeleda – SDO Occidental Mindoro IPed Focal Margielyn Tomanggong – SDO Palawan IPed Focal
Region V	Rene Homer Flores – Principal I, Iraya Elementary School, Camarines Sur
Region VI	April Velez – Regional IPed Focal
Region VII	Jennifer Acedillo – SDO City of Naga, Cebu IPed Focal
Region VIII	Margie Sarmiento-Balleo – Regional IPed Focal Necia Nedruda – SDO Leyte IPed Focal
NIR	Jose Leonardo Degillo – Regional IPed Focal (Resource Person)
Region IX	Sonia Gonzales – Regional IPed Focal
Region X	Arnel Genita – Regional IPed Focal Edwin Gurra – SDO Bukidnon IPed Focal
Region XI	Maria Elena Ferido – SDO Tagum City IPed Focal
Region XII	Regan Dagadas – Regional IPed Focal Benjie Unday – SDO Sultan Kudarat IPed Focal Josseth Malida – Landan National High School, South Cotabato
Caraga	Elizabeth Ysulan – Regional IPed Focal
BARMM	Judith Caubalejo – Director, BIPEd (Resource Person) Imelda Sombrito – Regional IPed Focal (Resource Person)



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Participants	Source of Fund
DepEd Representatives from the Schools Division of Sultan Kudarat and South Cotabato	Region XII IPed Program Support Funds
Resource Persons from MBHTE and DepEd – NIR	DepEd BLD-IPsEO (AC-25-IPsEO-IPed-2-042)
DepEd Representatives of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DepEd – CAR, Region I, Region II, Region III, Region IV-CALABARZON, Region IV-MIMAROPA, Region V, Region VI, Region VII, Region VIII, Region IX, Region X, Region XI, Region XII and Caraga• Schools Division Offices of Antipolo City, Bukidnon, Camarines Sur, City of Naga, Leyte, Quirino, Occidental Mindoro, Palawan, and Pampanga	Regional/Division IPed Program Support Funds or local funds

Participants are encouraged to avail of modest and practical travel options (travel by plane can be considered as appropriate) in going to and from the venue.

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UPDATED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Participating as resource persons to this activity are Indigenous Peoples (IP) community representatives actively involved in IP Education (IPEd) Program implementation and identified representatives from DepEd and the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE). DepEd representatives from IPed implementing regions and divisions are also included in Enclosure 1.

Participants are expected to arrive on December 14, 2025 (Sunday), stay until the end of the consultation on December 17, 2025, and depart on December 18, 2025 (Thursday). DepEd participants are advised to bring their laptops and extension cords.

Food and accommodation expenses shall be charged to the DepEd Apayao - IPed Program Support Fund. Travel expenses and honorarium of community representatives, and travel of MBHTE and DepEd representatives shall be charged as follows, subject to availability and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations:

Participants	Source of Fund
Community resource persons representing the following regions, provinces and cities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region I • MIMAROPA • Region IX • Region XII • Agusan del Sur • Apayao • Bohol • Guihulngan City • Davao City 	Regional or Division IPed Program Support Funds
Community resource persons representing the following regions, provinces and cities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region II • Region III • Region IV-CALABARZON • Region V • Region VI • Region VIII • Region X • Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) • Mati City • Bayawan City • Tagum City • Surigao del Norte • Baguio City • Kalinga 	DepEd BLD-IPsEO (AC-25-IPsEo-IPed-2-042)



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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR CURRICULUM AND TEACHING

MEMORANDUM
DM-CT-2024- 410

TO

TOLENTINO G. AQUINO, Regional Director, Region I
BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS, Regional Director, Region II
RONNIE S. MALLARI, Officer in Charge, Office of the Regional Director, Region III
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RAMIR B. UYTICO, Regional Director, Region VI
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EVELYN R. FETALVERO, Regional Director, Region VIII
RUTH L. FUENTES, Regional Director, Region IX
ARTURO B. BAYOCOT, Regional Director, Region X
ALLAN G. FARNAZO, Regional Director, Region XI
CARLITO D. ROCAFORT, Regional Director, Region XII
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MARIA INES C. ASUNCION, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Regional Director, CARAGA
MOHAGHER M. IQBAL, Minister, Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE), BARMM

FROM

: 
GINA O. GONONG
Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching

SUBJECT

: **NATIONAL VALIDATION OF CULTURAL STANDARDS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES EDUCATION (PART 1)**

Date

: October 21, 2024

The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learning Delivery (BLD)-Indigenous Peoples Education Office (IPsEO), will conduct the **National Validation of Cultural Standards for Indigenous Peoples Education (Part 1)** on **October 25-28, 2024 (inclusive of travel time)** at **Luna, Apayao**.

This activity aims to validate at the national level the consolidated cultural standards that were locally generated with Indigenous Peoples (IP) communities involved in IPED implementation with community representatives from Indigenous Peoples (IP) communities involved in IPED. Once validated, the cultural standards can be used as a reference in enhancing DepEd policies to be more inclusive of the context, views, and aspirations of IP communities. The validated cultural standards will be presented to the DepEd Secretary during the IP Month Celebration on October 29, 2024.

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Participating as resource persons to this activity are identified IP community representatives actively involved in IPEd implementation and the IPEd Regional Focal Person/Division Focal Person. The number of participants per region is as follows:

Region	Number of IP Representatives	IPEd Regional Focal/Division Focal
CAR	3	1
I	3	1
II	3	1
III	3	1
IV-CALABARZON	2	1
IV-MIMAROPA	3	1
V	2	1
VI	3	1
VII	3	1
VIII	2	1
IX	3	1
X	3	1
XI	3	1
XII	3	1
CARAGA	3	1
BARMM	4	0

Participants are expected to arrive on October 25, 2024 and stay until the activity ends on October 28, 2024. Please see Enclosure 1 for the list of participants and Enclosure 2 for the Activity Design. DepEd participants are advised to bring their laptops and extension cords.

Food and accommodation expenses shall be charged to the DepEd Apayao - IPEd Program Support Fund. Travel expenses of DepEd participants and IP community representatives, and honorarium of IP community representatives shall be charged against local IPEd Program Support Funds, subject to availability and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Participants are encouraged to avail of modest and practical travel options (travel by plane can be considered as appropriate) in going to and from the venue.

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ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations

National Validation of Cultural Standards for Indigenous Peoples Education (Part 1)
October 25-28, 2024 (travel time included)

Luna, Apayao

Session Topic/Activity	Session Objectives	Timeline/ Duration	Method	Resources Needed	Responsible Person/Office	Output
Day 1: Opening Program Overview of the activity Updates on the IPEd Program National validation of cultural standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss updates on the IPEd Program Discuss of the effort to generate cultural standards Validation of draft national cultural standards 	8:00-8:30 am 8:30 -9:00 am 9:00 am -12:00 noon 1:00 -5:00 pm	Plenary session on the overview Plenary discussions Workshop group discussions	Laptop Projector PowerPoint Presentations Workshop Guides	IPsEO	Validated national cultural standards
Day 2 National validation of cultural standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validate draft national cultural standards 	8:00 am-12:00 noon 1:00-5:00 pm	Plenary discussions and workshop group sessions Plenary discussion	Laptop Projector Workshop guides	IPsEO	Validated national cultural standards
Day 3 Identification of policies and areas of concerns where cultural standards can be used as reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify which policies of DepEd can be enhanced based on cultural standards 	8:00 am -12:00 noon 1:00 -5:00 pm	Workshop on policy recommendations based on cultural standards	Laptop Projector Workshop Guidelines	IPsEO	Recommendations for policy enhancement



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October 22, 2024

ADVISORY

The **National Validation of Cultural Standards For Indigenous Peoples Education (Part 1)** to be conducted by the Bureau of Learning Delivery-Indigenous Peoples Education Office (BLD-IPsEO) scheduled on October 25-28, 2024 in Luna, Apayao will be postponed until further notice due to the impending landfall of Typhoon Kristine.

Approved:


LEILA P. AREOLA
Director IV