

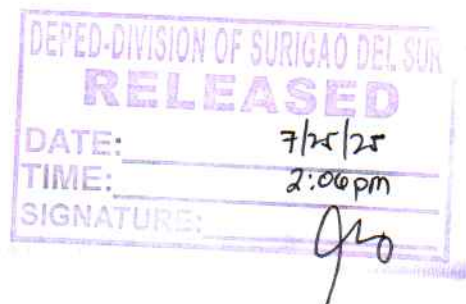


Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Caraga Region
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SURIGAO DEL SUR

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 306 s. 2025

To: CID Chief
Division IPed Focal Person
Division Legal Officer
Education Program Specialist-ALS
DIC-Tagbina I & Cortes Districts
Concern School Head
All Others Concerned



CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH MANDAYA AND MAMANWA INDIGENOUS POLITICAL STRUCTURE (IPS) OFFICERS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES EDUCATION (IPEd) PROGRAM

1. Republic Act No. 8371, Section 26 on Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997 (IPRA) states Government Agencies are required to consult and coordinate with Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and their Indigenous Political Structures (IPS) before implementing any program or project affecting their ancestral domains. Moreover, Section 32 emphasized that "The State shall ensure the right to education of IPs, which includes the development of appropriate learning systems".
2. The Department of Education (DepEd) recognizes the vital role of Indigenous Peoples (IPs), in the development and implementation of culturally responsive education. The Indigenous Peoples Education (IPEd) Program is designed to uphold the right of IP learners to an inclusive, relevant, and culture-based basic education. In line with Republic Act No. 8371 (Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997) and DepEd Order No. 62, s. 2011, the consultative meeting with the Indigenous Political Structure (Datus, Baes, and Elders) aims to ensure that the communities' perspectives, values, and knowledge systems are meaningfully integrated into the IPEd Program.
3. Evidently, Mamanwa learners appeared in number in Lubcon Elementary School, Cortes District and Mandaya learners are also in Malixi Integrated School as per data in the Learners Information System (LIS). Those schools are already serving IP learners for many years now considering that Mamanwa and Mandaya Tribal Communities are just nearby the schools' location.
4. Strengthening partnership with IP leaders is necessary for a wholesome implementation of IPEd Program. It is then for that cause that the Division of Surigao del Sur shall conduct a CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH MANDAYA INDIGENOUS POLITICAL STRUCTURE (IPS) OFFICERS OF MALIXI, TAGBINA, SURIGAO DEL SUR AND MAMANWA INDIGENOUS POLITICAL STRUCTURE (IPS) OFFICERS OF LUBCON, CORTES, SURIGAO DEL SUR ON THE

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES EDUCATION (IPEd) PROGRAM. In coordination with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), the activity is to be conducted on the following dates and venues:

Activity	Date	Venue
CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH MANDAYA INDIGENOUS POLITICAL STRUCTURE (IPS) OFFICERS OF MALIXI, TAGBINA, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES EDUCATION (IPEd) PROGRAM	July 29, 2025	Malixi Integrated School, Tagbina, Surigao del Sur
CONSULTATIVE MEETING MAMANWA INDIGENOUS POLITICAL STRUCTURE (IPS) OFFICERS OF LUBCON, CORTES, SURIGAO DEL SUR ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES EDUCATION (IPEd) PROGRAM	July 31, 2025	Lubcon Eleemntary School

5. In collaboration with the NCIP, the activity aims to:
 - a. Present the IPEd Program's goals, components, and local implementation plans.
 - b. Engage the Mandaya and Mamanwa IPS in discussions on the integration of indigenous knowledge, practices, language, and calendar into basic education.
 - c. Gather inputs, concerns, and recommendations from the Mandaya and Mamanwa IPS regarding IPEd delivery in school serving their community.
 - d. Strengthen collaboration and mutual understanding between DepEd and the Mandaya and Mamanwa IPS.

6. Participants of the activity are the Division IPEd Focal Person, Division Legal Officer, Education Program Specialist-ALS, District In Charge of Tagbina and Cortes Districts , School Heads of Malixi Integrated School and Lubcon Elementary School and the select Administrative Officer II.

7. Expenses incurred on meals and snacks, honorarium of IP leaders and supplies, and transportation shall be charged to the IPEd Program Support Fund (PSF) subject to the usual budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.
8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



LORENZO O. MACASOCOL, PhD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: None
Reference: RA 8371 and DO 62,s.2011
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

IPEd

PARTNERSHIP

CID/ALS
07/23/2025



Address: Balilahan, Mabua, Tandag City, Surigao del Sur, 8300
Telefax No. (086) 211-3225
Email Address: surigaodelsur.division@deped.gov.ph
Website: depedsurigaodelsur.com

Doc. Ref. Code	SDO-OSDS-F001	Rev	00
Effectivity	02.3.2025	Page	3 of 4