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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
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TO : ALL CONCERNED PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS,
MUNICIPAL MAYORS, THE REGIONAL GOVERNOR, ARMM AND
DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, REGIONS I-XIII AND CAR

SUBJECT : TRAINING FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MANDATORY
REPRESENTATIVES AND ADVOCATES FOR INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES RIGHTS

This Department, in collaboration with the National Commission for Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and Philippine Councilors League (PCL), will be conducting the *Training for Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representatives (IPMRs) and Advocates for Indigenous Peoples (IPs) Rights* on December 12-14, 2012 at the PCL Center and Hostel, Coastal Road, Bgy. Daniel Fajardo, Las Piñas City.

The training aims to provide the participants an avenue to: (1) Know the provisions of the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) and other issuances vis-à-vis the Local Government Code (LGC) and other related laws addressing the rights and responsibilities of IPs; (2) Understand why self governance and determination is a fundamental right, and know the key issues related to privileges and responsibilities of Indigenous Peoples/Indigenous Cultural Communities; (3) Enable the participants to share their best practices on how IPs exercise their rights and responsibilities within the context of IPRA and the LGC; and (4) Gain a long-term perspective on how IPs can fully exercise their rights and responsibilities, identify challenges and define the best ways of addressing these challenges.


In this connection, all concerned Provincial Governors, City Mayors and Municipal Mayors are encouraged to allow the members of their sanggunians, preferably their IP Mandatory Representatives, to attend the said activity, on official business.

The payment of applicable travelling expenses and registration fee, if any, to defray the costs of hotel accommodation, meals and training materials, per participant, may be authorized chargeable against local funds, subject to the availability thereof, and to the usual accounting and auditing requirements and to all pertinent laws, rules and regulations. Provided, that, the traveling expenses and registration fees of local government participants shall not be charged against the 20% component of the Internal Revenue Allotment or from whatever source which may prejudice poverty alleviation efforts.

The PCL National President shall submit to, through the Director of the Bureau of Local Government Supervision, the Secretary of Interior and Local Government, an After-Activity Report within fifteen (15) days after the training, guided by the following prescribed format:

- I. Executive Brief;
- II. List of Participants;
- III. Outputs of Technical Sessions;
- IV. Issues and Agreements or Recommendations, if any;
- V. Total Fees Collected and Disbursed; and
- VI. Appendices, if any.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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Secretary



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