



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SARANGANI

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

TO : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary Schoolheads

1. In line with the global observance of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples on August 9, 2025, all schools implementing the Indigenous Peoples Education (IPEd) Program and those serving Indigenous Peoples (IP) learners are encouraged to take part in the celebration.

2. This year's United Nations theme, "Indigenous Peoples and AI: Defending Rights, Sharing Futures," recognizes the importance of empowering Indigenous communities in the era of artificial intelligence and digital transformation. In support of this, the localized theme is: "*Ating Pandayin ang Kinabukasan, Gabay ang Katutubong Karunungan at Karapatan.*" This theme underscores the significance of indigenous wisdom and rights in shaping a just, inclusive, and culturally rooted future.

3. All IPED-implementing and IP-serving schools are enjoined to:

- a. Display tarpaulins bearing the localized theme in visible areas such as school façades or main gates beginning August 8, 2025. Here's the link for the advocacy materials and design for the tarpaulin:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dFiwWYAk9ym3K3ouzImlrz2BbIVRIPas/view?usp=drive_link
- b. Disseminate information on the significance of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples through morning messages, short classroom discussions, or bulletin board displays.
- c. Initiate simple commemorative activities (e.g., flag-raising program messages, cultural performances, storytelling of indigenous wisdom) aligned with the theme and respectful of local IP cultures.
- d. Encourage the participation of IP learners, elders, and community leaders in school-based activities to highlight the importance of indigenous voices and heritage.

4. School heads are advised to ensure that all commemorative activities observe inclusivity and respect for IP traditions, and to submit brief documentation (narrative and photos) to the IPEd focal person on or before August 18, 2025.



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5. For inquiries, contact Melchor P. Maguan, at 09477636149.
6. For the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.

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Encl.: N o n e

Reference: As stated

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