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Department of Education
REGION II - CAGAYAN VALLEY
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BATANES

August 7, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUMNo. **225** s. 2025

**CELEBRATION OF THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE
WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

To: Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All others concerned

1. Pursuant to the United Nations' declaration of August 9 as the **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**, and in accordance with Republic Act No. 10689, declaring the same date as **National Indigenous Peoples Day** in the Philippines, the Department of Education affirms its support for this annual celebration through the promotion of activities that advance inclusion, respect for cultural diversity, and awareness of the rights of Indigenous Peoples (IPs).
2. This year's theme, "**Indigenous Peoples and AI: Defending Rights, Shaping Futures,**" underscores the importance of protecting Indigenous Peoples' rights and cultural heritage in the face of advancing artificial intelligence, while empowering them to actively shape a future where technology supports inclusion, respect, and the preservation of their identity.
3. In support of this observance and the Department's commitment to inclusive and culture-responsive education, this Division, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), enjoins all schools to conduct the following within this month:
 - a. Integrate the discussion of Indigenous Peoples Rights across subject areas;
 - b. Display and post advocacy materials on the school's official Facebook page to promote recognition and respect for Indigenous Peoples and their cultural heritage. Materials may be downloaded from: <https://bit.ly/IP-Day-Advocacy-Materials>.
 - c. Conduct school-based activities that highlight Ivatan Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices (IKSPs).
4. The provisions of DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005, titled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task," must be strictly observed during the conduct of related activities.



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5. Widest dissemination of this memorandum is desired

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For the Schools Division Superintendent

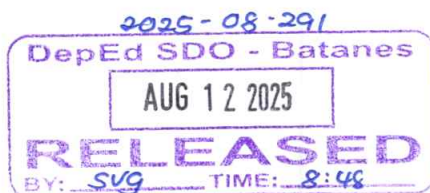

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Encl.: Republic Act No. 10689
Reference: None

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

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES EDUCATION

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