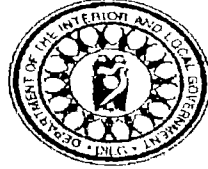


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**TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS  
DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS IN MINDANAO, AND  
OTHERS CONCERNED**

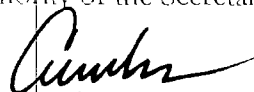
**SUBJECT : 1<sup>st</sup> LMP ISLAND CLUSTER MINDANAO CONGRESS**

The League of Municipalities of the Philippines will be holding the 1<sup>st</sup> Island Cluster Mindanao Congress on February 27-29, 2008 at the Grand Regal Hotel, Lanang, Davao City with the theme, "*Unity Amidst Diversity Towards Genuine Peace, Progress and Countryside Development.*"

In this connection, all Provincial Governors in Mindanao are hereby encouraged to allow their Municipal Mayors to attend the above captioned congress on official business. The payment of applicable traveling expenses, and a registration fee in the amount of Six Thousand Pesos (PhP 6,000.00) for twin sharing and Eight Thousand Pesos (PhP 8,000.00) for single occupancy, to defray the costs of hotel accommodation, meals and registration kit, 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.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

By Authority of the Secretary:

  
**AUSTERE A. PANADERO**  
Undersecretary, LG