



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
 DILG NAPOLCOM CENTER
 EDSA corner Quezon Avenue, West Triangle, Quezon City

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
 NO. 2015-144

TO : MINDANAO PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : MINDANAO WIDE CONVENTION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MANDATORY REPRESENTATIVES

The enactment of the Indigenous Peoples Right Act strengthened the constitutional provisions of promoting and protecting the rights of the Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs), thus providing for their mandatory representation in policy-making bodies and local legislative councils.

Along this line, the League of Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representatives (LIPMR) – Mindanao, Inc. is organizing a Mindanao Wide Convention of Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representatives to be held in March 2016, at SMX Convention Center, Davao City. Highlight of the convention includes the election of officers and the ratification of the League’s Constitution and By-Laws.

In this connection, and upon the request of Mr. Robert R. Simbahon, President, LIPMR-Mindanao, Inc., Mindanao Provincial Governors, City Mayors and Municipal Mayors are encouraged to allow their IPMR representatives, to participate in the said activity, on official business.

The payment of applicable traveling expenses, and a registration fee, if any, to defray the costs of hotel accommodation, meals and convention 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 reduction efforts.

The LIPMR-Mindanao President shall submit to, through the Director of the Bureau of Local Government Supervision, the Secretary of Interior and Local Government, a Post-Activity Report within fifteen (15) days after the conduct of the said congress, with 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 and Disbursements; and
- VI. Appendices, if any,

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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