



**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

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**TO :** ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, THE ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** 16th PHILIPPINE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (PSS) NATIONAL CAVE CONGRESS

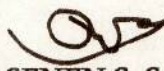
The Municipality of Sagada and the Philippine Speleological Society (PSS) will conduct the 16<sup>th</sup> PSS National Cave Congress on April 11-15, 2016 in Sagada, Mountain Province, Cordillera Administrative Region.

The theme for this year “Kweba, Kultura, Kalikasan” aims to pay homage to caves as important cultural spaces, signifying and inseparable to people’s way of life.

In view hereof, all Local Chief Executives are encouraged to allow the attendance of their Environment and Natural Resources Officer, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer, and/or Tourism Officer to the said activity on official business. The payment of applicable travelling expenses, and a registration fee, if any, to defray the costs of hotel accommodation, meals and conference 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 travelling 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.

For confirmation of participants, kindly coordinate with Mr. Robert L. Pangod, Sagada Municipal Tourism Officer thru mobile no. 0999 9911 801 or email at [sagada.mayor@yahoo.com](mailto:sagada.mayor@yahoo.com).

All DILG Regional Directors are directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular.

  
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 Secretary

