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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NO. 2019-168**

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

**SUBJECT :** 2019 CELEBRATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' MONTH

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Presidential Proclamation No. 1906 dated October 5, 2009 provided for the declaration of the Month of October of every year as the "National Indigenous Peoples' Month."

For this year, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) is organizing a National Kalkali to be held on October 28-29, 2019 at the Maryhill School of Theology, Quezon City, with the theme, "***Buhay na Dunong: Pagkatuto Kasama ang mga Katutubo (Vital Wisdoms: Learning with Indigenous Peoples).***"

As represented, the activity aims to generate issues on intangible cultural heritage under the five UNESCO domains: oral traditions and expressions, performing arts, social practices, rituals and festive event, knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe, and traditional craftsmanship.

In view of the above, and upon the request of National Artist Virgilio S. Almario, Chairman, NCCA, all Provincial Governors, City Mayors and Municipal Mayors are encouraged to allow their Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representatives, local government personnel in-charge of tourism and cultural preservation, to attend the said activity, on official business. Likewise, LGUs are further encouraged to undertake activities appropriate in the celebration of the Indigenous Peoples' Month.

The payment of applicable traveling expenses, to cover the cost of hotel accommodation, meals and activity materials, per participant, may be authorized chargeable against available local funds, in accordance with, and subject to applicable limitations prescribed in COA Circular NO. 2012-003 dated October 29, 2012, to the usual accounting and auditing requirements and to all pertinent laws, rules and regulations. Likewise, the participating local government officials are reminded of the provisions of DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2018-25 dated February 28, 2018, prohibiting local government officials and employees from entering, staying and/or playing at gambling casinos.

The NCCA Chairman shall submit a Post-Activity Report to the Secretary of Interior and Local Government, through the Director of the Bureau of Local Government Supervision, within fifteen (15) days after the conduct of the said activity, 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

