



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. **212**, s. 2016

**REITERATING THE ROLE OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
EDUCATION OFFICE (IPsEO)**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Regional Secretary, ARMM
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10533 otherwise known as the *Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013*, particularly the Indigenous Peoples Education (IPEd) provision of its Implementing Rules and Regulations (Section 8.4), and the key principles and standards it has set for the development and implementation of the basic education curriculum and for education governance, the Indigenous Peoples Education Office (IPsEO) of this Department created under DepEd Order (DO) No. 103, s. 2011 shall remain as the focal unit in the planning, implementation, coordination, and monitoring of various policy and program concerns related to IPEd and engagement with indigenous cultural communities, civil society, and other government agencies.
2. As a unit directly addressing a key area of affirmative action, the IPsEO shall have a direct reporting channel to the Secretary. As provided in DO 103, s. 2011, the IPsEO shall remain as a distinct office under the functional direction of the Office of the Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction and shall continue to engage the services of Technical Advisers and Project Development Officers on a contractual basis for the effective execution of its functions.
3. Given the nature and scope of IPsEO's mandate that cuts across different areas of concern, the offices under the organizational strands of the Department at various levels of governance are enjoined to support and collaborate with IPsEO in pursuing the Department's policy and program initiatives on IPEd.
4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance of this Order is directed.

LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

Reference:

DepEd Order (No. 103, s. 2011)

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