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Department of Education



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2005 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MONTH CELEBRATION

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation Nos. 486 and 1124, the Indigenous Peoples Month will be celebrated during the whole month of October 2005 with the theme "*Katutubo Noon at Ngayon*".
2. The observance of this event aims to:
 - a. promote the culture of the indigenous Peoples;
 - b. protect and advance the rights of the Indigenous Peoples and Cultural Communities;
 - c. recognize their important role in national development; and
 - d. recognize diversity and promote national unity.
2. The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) has initiated activities for the celebration such as photo competitions, interactive exhibitions, performances, workshops and other activities centered on the different cultural communities.
3. All regional directors and schools division/city superintendents are encouraged to support the 2005 Indigenous Peoples Month Celebration, provided that the Department policy stipulated in DepED Order No. 9, s. 2005, will not be violated.
4. For more information, please contact any of the following: Ms. Renee Talavera or Ms. Rizfrancis de los Santos at tel. no. (02) 527-2214 or (02) 5272192 loc. 503; Ms. Marichu T. Tellano at (02) 5272214 or (02) 527-2192 loc. 502.


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