



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BAGUIO CITY**



August 8, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
No. 471-2025

**OBSERVANCE OF THE 2025 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY AND MONTH**

To: CID Chief Education Supervisor  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Resolution 49/214 dated December 23, 1994 of the United Nations General Assembly; Republic Act 10689, An Act Declaring **August 9** as an **Indigenous Peoples Day**, Mandating Meaningful Observance Thereof; DM-CT-2024-270, Observance of the International and National Indigenous Peoples Day 2024 and Presidential Proclamation No. 1906, s. 2009 declaring the **Month of October** of every year as National Indigenous Peoples Month, this office announces the observance of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (IP) and National IP Day and Month.
2. All schools (public and private) are enjoined to observe the following celebrations through various commemorative and advocacy activities with the theme aligned with the international theme "*Indigenous Peoples and AI: Defending Rights, Shaping Futures*" set by the United Nations annually. For 2025, the Department of Education's theme is "**Ating Pandayin ang Kinabukasan, Gabay ang Katutubong Karunungan at Karapatan.**" This localizes the international theme for 2025, which is "Protecting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation and Initial Contact."
3. Activities organized for these celebrations shall observe the following:
  - a. in dialogue with partner IP communities at the school, events shall be aligned with the theme discussed and undertaken with cultural sensitivity and appropriateness;
  - b. with adherence to DepEd Order 9, s. 2005 or *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith* to ensure that classes shall not be interrupted, schools are to conduct activities through discussions related to the theme that are integrated into lessons in the appropriate subject areas;
  - c. advocacy activities involving appropriate DepEd personnel shall ensure continuous classes at the school level as directed by DepEd Order no.09, s.2024 or *Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities*.
  - d. featuring the observance and other IPed-related activities on the website and other communications media of the schools.
4. In addition, all employees of the Schools Division of Baguio City are encouraged to wear indigenous attires or indigenous inspired attires every Friday starting August 9 and within the month of August & October 2025.



5. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum to all concerned is desired.



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