

National Commission on Indigenous Peoples

First 100 Days of the NCIP Chairperson
with the NCIP Workforce





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HIS EXCELLENCY FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.

President of the Republic of the Philippines
Malacañang Palace
Manila

Subject: First 100 Days as NCIP Chairperson: Advancing the Bagong Pilipinas Brand of Governance

Dear **President Marcos Jr:**

Greetings of Peace from the Indigenous Peoples!

I hope this report finds you in good health and high spirits. I am honored and privileged to present an overview of my first 100 days as the Chairperson of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP). It aims to underscore initiatives undertaken in line with our shared vision of Bagong Pilipinas.

As mandated by the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997 (IPRA), the NCIP serves as the primary government agency responsible for the formulation and implementation of policies, plans and programs to promote and protect the rights and well-being of the ICCs/IPs and the recognition of their ancestral domain as well as their rights thereto. In my first few months, my primary focus has been on assessing the existing framework, identifying challenges, and formulating strategic plans to ensure the empowerment, development and recognition of IPs in our country. As such, I humbly report the following accomplishments:

POVERTY ALLEVIATION EFFORTS

Renewed commitment with the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) to strengthen efforts in resolving root causes of poverty which plays a major role to end conflict in the country and bring peace and development to uphold the rights and well-being of Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs)

Initiated the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing activity between National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), the National Irrigation Authority (NIA) and Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) of Bugkalot/Ilongot on the implementation of community-identified development projects under the corporate social responsibility of NIA and the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM).





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SOUND FISCAL MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES

Paid a courtesy call/visit to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in Manila City and participated in the FY 2024 Budget Deliberations (Plenary) on House Bill No. 8980 - FY 2024 General Appropriations Bill.

Expense Class	FY 2024 NEP	FY 2024 GAA	Increase/(Decrease)	
			Amount	%
Personnel Services	855,106,000.00	855,106,000.00	0.00	0%
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	510,948,000.00	588,058,000.00	77,110,000.00	15%
Capital Outlay	110,102,000.00	110,102,000.00	0.00	0%
Sub-Total	1,476,156,000.00	1,553,266,000.00	77,110,000.00	5%
Add RLIP	74,805,000.00	74,805,000.00	0.00	0%
TOTAL	1,550,961,000.00	1,628,071,000.00	77,110,000.00	5%

2023 IP MONTH CELEBRATION AND 26TH IPRA COMMEMORATION HIGHLIGHTS

In celebration of the 2023 Indigenous Peoples Month and 26th IPRA commemoration with the theme “*Pagpapayaman ng Pamanang Kultural at Katutubong Yaman Tungo sa mas Maliwanag na Kinabukasan para sa Bagong Pilipinas,*” different programs and activities were conducted all over the country in partnership with our Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) and other partner stakeholders including other government agencies, IP organizations, Local Government Units (LGUs), and the private sector to promote and recognize the rich and diverse cultural heritage of indigenous peoples in the Philippines. These activities include Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaigns, Cultural Sensitivity orientations, inter-agency field visitations, tree planting, capacity-building workshops, festivals, celebrations, webinars, medical and wellness missions, cultural dance performances and presentations, barefoot challenge, photo exhibit, trade fairs, indigenous games, assistance and equipment turnovers, conferences, poster-slogan contests, artists assemblies, support to Dayaw 2023, courtesy visits, and thanksgiving.

SOCIO ECONOMIC AGENDA

Scale up livelihood programs and explore opportunities for sustainable economic growth in indigenous communities particularly in sustainable agriculture through:

- Turnover of the first 23 out of 58 units of households for Kabihug/Manide Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) in Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte;





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- Turnover of 20 motorized fiberglass boats and fishnets at the Buhi Millenium Center in Buhi, Camarines Sur; and
- Abaca Stripping Machines (ASM) Turn-Over Ceremony in Caraga, Surigao Del Sur, Davao, and General Santos respectively.

PARTNERSHIP WITH PRIVATE SECTORS, CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (NGAS), LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

Worked closely with relevant agencies to ensure the inclusion of indigenous peoples' perspectives in national economic development plans and policies through:

- Official visit to the Department of Justice Secretary Jesus Crispin C. Remulla in Manila City;
- Meeting with the National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA);
- Courtesy visit to the City Mayor Sitti Djalja Turabin-Hataman at Isabela City Hall;
- Dialogue with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS);
- Dialogue with the Country Director for the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, and Brunei, Dr. Ndiamé Diop, the World Bank team on nourishing partnership with an ongoing project initiative to reduce the country's vulnerabilities and ensure the Safeguard and Inclusion Agenda for the Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines;
- Discussion with the IPCF Taiwan, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in the Philippines, Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO), with the Ambassador of Taiwan to the Philippines, Ambassador Wallace Chow, about the cultural exchange event in 2024 viewed to enhance the relationship between the Tao people of Lanyu (a.k.a. Orchid Island) Taiwan and Ivatan People of the Batan Island in the Philippines; and
- Participated in the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum at the Official Residence of Canada in Dasmariñas Village, Makati City. The purpose of the forum is to explore partnerships with the Canadian Government to develop programs or policies to eliminate discrimination and stereotypes of Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Programs (ICCs/IPs) in the country.





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PEACE EFFORTS

Undertaken MOA Signing activity with the Alternative Dispute Resolution (OADR) on the recognition of cultural values and customary laws of ICCs/IPs in the settling disputes to gain access to justice; strengthening and improving the use of conflict resolution of ICCs/IPs through their own justice systems and mechanism; and met with the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) Secretariat Executive Director Ernesto C. Torres Jr. for a Courtesy Call in Manila City.

Attended and received a Plaque of Appreciation as a Peace Companion in performing the mandates of NCIP in upholding the rights of Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) in the National Peace Summit Awarding Ceremony in Sequoia Hotel, Quezon City

BUREAUCRATIC EFFICIENCY INITIATIVES

Spearheaded an efficient and transparent process for the recognition and protection of Indigenous People’s rights through the issuance of seventeen (17) En Banc Resolutions.

2023 Category of Approved Resolution September 13- December 2023																
Title	Guidelines	CP	CADTI	CALT	MOA	MOU	MOA	Peace	Paper	IPS	IPPO	IP	Others	OCC Reso	OCC Order	OCC Decision
Total for the Month of December 2023 Resolution 4 OCC Reso 2 OCC Decision 2 CADT 2	1	1	2	1								1	2		2	4
Total for the Month of November 2023 Resolution 5 CADT 1		2	1	2				1								5
Total for the Month of September 2023 Resolution 8 + 1 CADT recognition = 9 OCC Order 5	1		1				4			1		1		5		8
Total for the Period September 13 - December 2023 Resolution 8 +5+4 = 17 (with 1 CADT recognition) OCC Reso 2 OCC Order 5 OCC Decision 2 CADT 1 + 2 =3	2	3	3+1	3			4		1	1		2	2	5	2	17

Enhance the capacity of NCIP personnel to ensure efficient delivery of services and expertise through:

- Series of Quality Management Systems to adopt QMS certifiable to ISO 9001 pursuant to Executive Order No. 605 s. 2007;





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- Agency Planning, Review, and Evaluation Activity (APREA) which aims to evaluate the NCIP's performance as regards to Programs, Activities, and Projects (PAPs) Implementation;
- #Cybersmart: Creating Safer Space in the Digital World, in partnership with PLDT and SMART;
- Orientation on RA11234 (EVOSS Law), EVOSS System and EO No. 18 "Constituting Green Lanes for Strategic Investments";
- Cross-learning Sessions on the Collaborative Implementation of Support to Parcelization of Lands for Individual Titling (SPLIT) Project at the Luxent Hotel in Quezon City;
- Back-to-back Training for Kobotoolbox Administrators and Focus Group Discussion for the Draft Guidelines on Contracting Out of Ancestral Domains/Lands Survey Projects; and
- Participation in Virtual Symposia on IP Registration, IP Women and Youth Empowerment, and Governance.

While these accomplishments signify progress towards the Bagong Pilipinas brand of governance, I recognize that much work remains to be done. As such, I remain committed to my role as Chairperson of the NCIP and will continue working towards ensuring the recognition, protection, promotion and advancement of the rights of Indigenous Peoples in line with your administration's vision for a just and inclusive society. I welcome any guidance or directives that can further empower the NCIP in fulfilling its mandate.

Thank you for your support and guidance throughout these first 100 days. Rest assured that under your leadership, the NCIP will strive to spearhead transformative changes that align with the Bagong Pilipinas vision and create a more just and equitable society for all Filipinos. I look forward to updating you on our progress in the coming months.

Thank you and Mabuhay!!

Yours faithfully,


Jennifer Pia Sibug-Las
Chairperson, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples

