



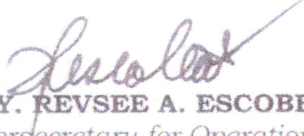
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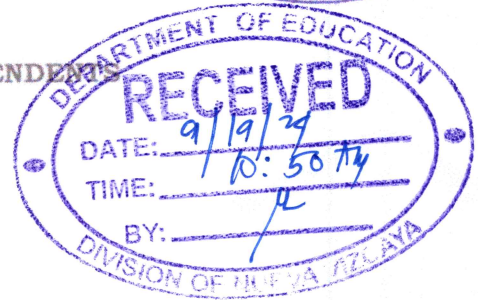
MEMORANDUM  
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TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
ALL SCHOOL HEADS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM :   
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO  
Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 162 (S. 2008) PROVIDING GUIDELINES ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO NORTH BORNEO (SABAH)

DATE : September 12, 2024

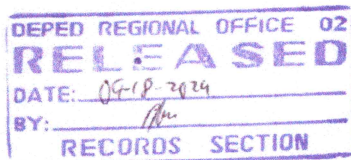


This Office respectfully endorses the attached Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated August 16, 2024, with subject *Strict Compliance with Memorandum Circular No. 162 (S. 2008) Providing Guidelines on Matters Pertaining to North Borneo (Sabah)*.

Said Memorandum reminds all national government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations to strictly comply with the provisions of MC No. 162 (S. 2008).

For reference and wide dissemination.

Thank you.



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[OUOPS/ODA]

September 16, 2024

To: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

Greetings!

For your information, guidance and compliance.

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Director IV/Regional Director

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MEMORANDUM		Date: 9-19-24	Released (Records):
To:	( ) PSDS/DICs	( ) Elem/Sec School Heads	
	( ) Private Schools	( ) Others:	
For:	( ) Information	( ) Dissemination	
	( ) Guidance	( ) Strict Compliance	
ORLANDO E. MANUEL PhD., CESO V Schools Division Superintendent			
By:	ASDS	CID Chief	SGOD Chief
	AO	Atty.	Signature: [Signature]



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Office of the Secretary

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Tracking No. ASS-2024-08-22108 Date AUG 21 2024  
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To: \_\_\_\_\_  
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☒ OSEC-PROPER ATTY. FATIMA (FI)  
☒ EPS DIL. BAHISTENOS  
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☐ Administration ("ADMIN") \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Curriculum and Teaching ("CT") \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Finance \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ Legal and Legislative Affairs ("LLA") \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Operations ("OPS") USEC. ESCOBEDO  
☐ Procurement \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ School Infrastructure and Facilities ("SIF") \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose:

- ☐ URGENT  
☐ For Information  
☐ For Follow-Up/Monitor  
☐ For Appropriate Action  
☐ For Comment/Recommendation  
☐ For Consideration, based on existing rules and regulations  
☐ For Complete Staff Work (CSW)  
☐ Other Matters \_\_\_\_\_

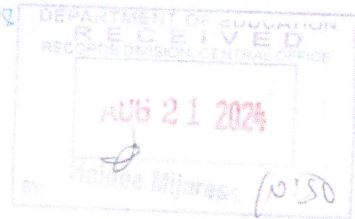
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Office of the President  
Malacañang

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MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

TO : ALL HEADS OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND  
INSTRUMENTALITIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED  
OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS

SUBJECT : STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 162 (S.  
2008) PROVIDING GUIDELINES ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO  
NORTH BORNEO (SABAH)

DATE : AUG 16 2024

In the interest of safeguarding the country's historical and legal right over North Borneo (Sabah), all national government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, are hereby reminded to strictly comply with Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 162 (s. 2008) entitled, "Guidelines on Matters Pertaining to North Borneo (Sabah)."

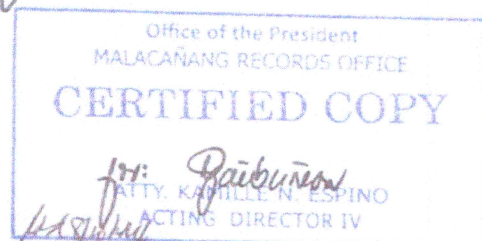
Moreover, the Department of the Interior and Local Government is hereby directed to circulate MC No. 162 to all local government units for information and guidance.

For reference, attached is a copy of MC No. 162.

For information and strict compliance.

By authority of the President:

  
LUCAS P. BERSAMIN



MALACANANG  
MANILA

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 162

**GUIDELINES ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO NORTH BORNEO (SABAH)**

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of Article 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution on National Territory, the Philippines has historical and legal right over certain parts of North Borneo (Sabah);

**WHEREAS**, it is in the national interest to safeguard the country's historical and legal right in North Borneo (Sabah);

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines believes in the peaceful resolution of disputes with neighboring countries as provided under the same Constitution, which expressly states that the Philippines adheres to the policy of peace, equality, justice, freedom, cooperation, and amity with all nations;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for guidelines with regard to activities, acts or statements in relation to North Borneo (Sabah) for the protection of the said rights;

**WHEREFORE**, the following guidelines are hereby prescribed:

**Section 1.** No Department, agency, or instrumentality of the Philippine Government shall make any act or statement expressing or implying, directly or indirectly, any recognition of a foreign state's sovereignty over North Borneo (Sabah) or non-recognition of Philippine title or historical and legal rights to the same.

**Section 2.** Any official activity, act or statement relating to North Borneo (Sabah) or which may have bearing on the Philippine claim to said territory shall be carried out only with the clearance of or after consultations with the Department of Foreign Affairs.

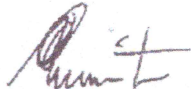
**Section 3.** Reference to North Borneo (Sabah) in official documents should not include its being part of a larger national/federal territory. These documents include, but are not limited to, the following: Philippine passports, agreement, agreed minutes, joint communiqués, record of discussions, and similar documents.

**Section 4.** Philippine government officials visiting North Borneo (Sabah) shall provide the DFA with a report on their travel thereto.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 20th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

By authority of the President:

  
**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary