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Department of Education
REGION II - CAGAYAN VALLEY
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BATANES

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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2025 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MONTH CELEBRATION

To: Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
President, Saint Dominic College
All others concerned

1. Pursuant to the observance of Indigenous Peoples Month in October with the theme "*Ating Pandayin ang Kinabukasan, Gabay ang Katutubong Karunungan at Karapatan*", the Schools Division of Batanes shall conduct an **Ivatan Indigenous Peoples Quiz**.
2. The Ivatan IP Quiz aims to:
 - a. Enhance understanding and appreciation of the Ivatan heritage and culture among learners;
 - b. Encourage preservation of Ivatan traditions, language, and cultural practices;
 - c. Provide an avenue for learners to engage in healthy competition while deepening their knowledge of the Ivatan culture; and
 - d. Recognize and reward students who excel in their knowledge of Ivatan culture.
3. The quiz shall be conducted on different dates and in designated venues per school cluster to preclude travelling of participants from the island schools to the mainland. Additionally, awards shall be given to winners per cluster.
4. The General Guidelines and Mechanics of the Ivatan IP Quiz is hereto enclosed. (*See enclosure 1*)
5. Aside from the IP Quiz, schools are encouraged to organize other meaningful school-based activities (e.g., wearing of Ivatan attire every Friday, exhibits, storytelling, cultural presentations, demonstrations of traditional Ivatan skills and practices) to further highlight Ivatan identity and heritage. Provided that the provisions of DepEd Order No. 5 s.2005 on the "Increase Engaged Time-on-Task" are observed.
6. Expenses related to the conduct of school-based activities shall be charged against the school MOOE, while the cash prizes for winners, materials, and travel expenses of Division personnel who will administer the IP Quiz shall be charged



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against the IPed Program Support Fund, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

7. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is enjoined.


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OIC - Schools Division Superintendent 

Encl.: as stated
Reference: None

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under the following subjects:

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GENERAL GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS

1. The Ivatan IP Quiz shall have two (2) categories – Elementary and Secondary
 - a. The **Elementary Category** is open to Grades 4, 5, and 6 learners who are officially enrolled for the School Year 2025-2026 in public or private schools within the division.
 - b. The **Secondary Category** is open to Grades 7-12 learners who are officially enrolled for the School Year 2025-2026 in public or private schools within the division.
2. The IP Quiz schedule, venue, clustering of schools, and number of slots per school shall be as follows:

Date and Time	Venue	Cluster Schools	No. of slots
October 8 9:00 AM	ICS Hall	Itbayat CS	4
		Mayan CS	4
		Yawran BS	2
		Raele IS (Elementary)	4
October 8 1:30 PM	RIS Hall	Itbayat NAHS	5
		Raele IS (Secondary)	5
October 15 9:00 AM	SCS Hall	Chavayan ES	2
		Savidug ES	2
		Sabtang CS	4
		Nakanmuan ES	1
		Sumnanga	4
October 15 1:30 PM	SNSF Hall	Sabtang NSF	2 per Grade Level
October 17 9:00 AM	Ivatan CH	Basco CS	4
		Diptan ES	4
		Saint DC	2
		Valugan IS (Elementary)	3
		Tukon	1
		Chanarian	2
		Mahatao CS and Diura BS	4
October 17 1:30 PM	Ivatan CH	Batanes NSHS	4
		Saint DC	2
		Valugan IS	3
		Mahatao NHS	3
October 22 9:00 AM	UES Hall	Ivana ES	3
		San Vicente ES	2
		Uyugan ES	3
		Itbud IS (Elementary)	3
		Imnajbu ES	2
October 22 1:30 PM	BGCHS Hall	Ivana NHS	4
		Batanes GCHS	4
		Itbud IS (Secondary)	4

3. Each school shall devise a mechanism to identify its respective participants and may opt to send fewer than, but not more than, the allotted number.

4. Identified participants will compete individually.
5. There shall be three rounds – **EASY, AVERAGE, and DIFFICULT**
6. The scope of the IP Quiz for both elementary and secondary will be:
 - a. Geography and History
 - b. General Information
 - c. Indigenous Knowledge, Systems and Practices
 - d. Flora and Fauna
 - e. IPRA Law
7. The quiz will consist of **10** easy questions, **7** average questions, and **5** difficult questions. Each correct answer will be equivalent to 1, 2, and 3 points, respectively.
8. The questions will be prepared by a group of selected EPSs and administered by the EPS for Araling Panlipunan or his representative. Different sets of questions will be provided for the various school clusters.
9. Questions will be read twice by the quizmaster. Only when he/she gives the “GO” signal can the contestants start writing their answers on the paper provided to them. When the quizmaster says “STOP”, contestants must raise their pens after which, proctors/watchers will verify their answer whether it is correct or wrong, and be indicated in the score sheet.
10. A “Challenge” is allowed and shall only be made by the contestant or his/her official coach immediately before proceeding to the next question. A “challenge” will no longer be accommodated once the next question has been read.
11. After the third round, the points of each contestant will be added to determine the winner. In case of a tie, additional questions will be asked until it is broken to determine the top 5. The top 5 contestants who garnered the highest points at the end of the third round will be declared as First Place, Second Place, Third Place, Fourth Place, and Fifth Place in that particular cluster.
12. Cash Prize and Certificate of Recognition will be awarded to the top 5 winners of each cluster per category. A Certificate of Participation will also be given to other participants and coaches.
 - a. The cash prizes will be as follows:

First Place:	P1,100
Second Place:	P 900
Third Place:	P 700
Fourth Place	P 500
Fifth Place	P 300
13. The list of official winners will be announced through a memorandum.