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

October 7, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**INVITATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR ON
THE CONDUCT OF THE LAJI SUMMIT/WORKSHOP**

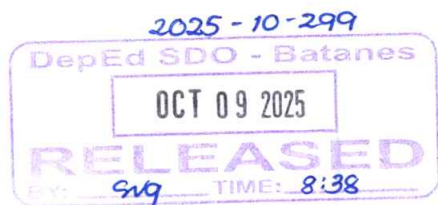
To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Secondary and Elementary School Heads
All Other Concerned

1. This Office respectfully endorses the letter of invitation from the **Office of the Provincial Governor** inviting schools to participate in the **Laji Summit/Workshop** to be held on **October 14-15, 2025**, at the **Human Resource Training Center, Provincial Capitol, Basco, Batanes**.
2. In view of this, all schools are encouraged to extend their support and participation in accordance with the provisions of the attached invitation.
3. Participants are the designated **Timpalak Florentino Hornedo Laji Coaches**, one (1) slot per school both elementary and secondary.
4. For further details, please refer to the attached communication from the Office of the Provincial Governor.
5. Expenses of participants relative to the conduct of this activity may be charged to the School's Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), local funds, or Special Education Fund subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
OIC-Schools Division Superintendent

For the OIC - Schools Division Superintendent


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Assistant Schools Division Superintendent



Enclosure: As stated

Reference: Letter from the Office
of the Provincial Governor

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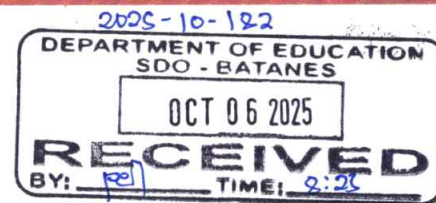
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OIC Schools Division Superintendent
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Basco

Through: Ms. Myrna H. Agudo

Education Program Supervisor & Vice Chairperson
Provincial Timpalak Committee

DEAR DR. MARCELO:

Warm greetings from the Provincial Government of Batanes!

In line with our continued efforts to preserve and promote Ivatan intangible cultural heritage, we are pleased to inform you that a **Laji Summit/Workshop** will be conducted on **October 14–15, 2025** at the **Human Resource Training Center (HRTC), Provincial Capitol, Basco**.

This initiative forms part of the preparatory activities for the annual **Timpalak Hornedo**, held every April in partnership with the **National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and DepEd Batanes**. The workshop aims to deepen the understanding and appreciation of *Laji* among educators and strengthen the capacities of teachers and future participants in this significant cultural program.

In this regard, we respectfully invite the participation of frequently designated coaches from both the elementary and high school levels to join the two-day training. Their involvement is vital to ensuring the integrity, continuity, and proper transmission of this traditional art form to our learners.

We hope for your favorable endorsement of this activity. Attached is a copy of the Program flow for reference.

Thank you very much for your continued support in advancing Ivatan culture through education.

Sincerely,

RONALD "JUN" P. AGUTO, JR.
Provincial Governor

**PRESERVING THE VOICE OF IVATAN HERITAGE:
A SUMMIT AND WORKSHOP ON LAJI**

October 14-15, 2025
HRTC Provincial Capitol

DAY 1:

Morning Session

🕒 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Registration and Welcome

🕒 9:00 AM – 10:130 AM

Opening Program

- Welcome Remarks
Honorable Vicenta V. Hidalgo
Provincial IPMR
- Keynote Speaker: “*Why Laji Still Matters: Identity, Resilience, and Revival*”
Speaker from NCCA

🕒 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Lecture 1 “Laji and Philippine Vocal Heritage”

Speaker: NCCA music expert

- Comparative look at *laji* and other indigenous vocal traditions
- Sample music of other

🕒 11:30 PM – 12:00 NN

Open Forum

🕒 12:00 NN

Lunch Break / Optional Practice Time

Afternoon Session

🕒 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Lecture 2: “Echoes of the Wind: The Living Tradition of the Ivatan Laji”

(History, Forms, Functions, and Meaning)

Speaker: Prof. Edwin Winston A. Valientes

🕒 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Lecture 3: "Danum du Ahaw: Exploring the Poetic World of Ivatan Laji"

Speaker: Honorable Anastacia B. Viola

- A deep dive into the concept of *pinatuvang a chirin*
- How *laji* carries collective memory, emotion, and community identity

🕒 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Lecture 4: "The Ivatan Voice in Laji"

Speaker: Mr. Dorian Merina

- Recorded samples of traditional *laji* and its storytelling aspect

🕒 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Workshop Part 1: Thematic Writing Circle

- Participants brainstorm themes based on their own lived experiences
- Grouped by theme (e.g., *family love, love for Batanes, hardship of life*)
- Begin composing lines, guided by *laji* mentors (elders and poets)

DAY 2

Morning Session

🕒 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Elders' Circle: "Voices from the Roots"

- Selected Ivatan elders share personal or inherited laji
- Younger participants interpret meaning and emotional content

🕒 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM

Workshop Part 2: Laji Composition and Deepening

- Build from yesterday's themes and lines
- Add musicality, rhythm, and imagery
- Peer and mentor feedback circles
- Coaching in oral delivery and performance techniques
- Emphasis on emotional resonance and audience connection

🕒 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch Break / Optional Practice Time

Afternoon Session

🕒 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Workshop Part 3: Performing the Laji/ Optional Practice Time

- Coaching in oral delivery and performance techniques
- Emphasis on emotional resonance and audience connection

Performance Showcase

- Selected participants perform newly composed laji
- Option for solo or group performance
- Elders and experts give short responses or reflections

🕒 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Closing Remarks and Recognition