



Transcript of MPOS Minister's Speech

Title of the Activity: **Orientation on Guidelines for the Mandatory Representative of Indigenous Peoples in Local Legislative Council and Policy Making Body**
Date: May 24, 2022
Location: Tagum City
Audience Demographics: Representatives from the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs (MIPA), National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) and IP Leaders
Speaker: **Hon. Hussein P. Muñoz**

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BISMILLAHIRAHMANIRAHEEM.

Alhamdulillah Wassalatu Wassalam Ala Rasulillah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasasalam, Amma Baad, ASSALAMU ALAYKUM WARAHMATULLAHI WABARAKATUHO.

First, let me recognize and thank the Ministry of Indigenous People's Affairs under the leadership of a good friend and a colleague in BARMM and the Parliament, Hon. Minister and MP, Melanio Ulama, for extending opportunity such as this to the outside core territory of Davao Region. As an indigent from Davao and its sole representative in the Parliament, this is overwhelming and gratifying.

My courtesy to Atty. Mona B. Diragen, the MIPA Legal Officer IV, Atty. Joan A. Melo, the Provincial Legal Officer of NCIP Davao del Norte, IPMR and Tribal Leaders from different barangay and municipalities, MIPA Staff. Good Morning.

As I have mentioned, being an indigent and a Bangsamoro of Davao Region, today's activity is gratifying as this a manifestation of BARMMs commitment to extend its programs and activities to the outside core territory despite limitations and challenges under the BOL. This is also overwhelming, as this is a demonstration of the Chief Minister's pronouncement "na walang-iwanan" and so today we are opportune to be reminded of our rights as indigenous peoples as prescribed by the Philippine Constitution.

The creation of IPMR is a great avenue for us to be heard, however we must be equipped with the right knowledge on how to pass resolutions and ordinances that guarantee the representation of our tribes, that our customs and practices be recognized, respected and most importantly allowed to be practiced and developed. One example of such, is the involvement of tribal leadership to conflict resolutions and peace-building mechanisms. The BARMM government through the Ministry of Public Order and Safety, recognized in its mandate the capacity of the tribal leadership to settle conflicts and disputes in the community. They play a vital role in Reconciliation and Unification of Bangsamoro through RIDO SETTLEMENT. The same recognition and promotion that we aspire in the IPMR level that in your capacity as representatives of your tribes to the local government, you may unify your constituents towards peace and development by passing resolutions and ordinances that serve the interest of your constituents. This activity is timely relevant to empower you, and you have our support inshallah.

May peace be with us all.

Assalamu ALaykum Warahmatullahi Taalla Wabarakatuho.