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Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples

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THE HONORABLE SECRETARY
MARIA ANTONIA. YULO LOYZAGA
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City

Dear Secretary Loyzaga,

The Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples is privileged to invite Your Honor to its **TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) MEETING** with the following details:

Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023
Time: 9:00 AM
Modality: Face-to-Face
Venue: Room 5, Ramon V. Mitra Building, House of Representatives

In this meeting, the Committee will convene three (3) TWGs in order to expedite the deliberations and approval of the following House Bills:

1. **House Bill No. 1064**

"AN ACT TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO MEMBERS OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND PREFERENCE IN CERTAIN CASES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Introduced by Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma;

2. **House Bill No. 4294**

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FREE AND CULTURE-SENSITIVE SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION CONCERNING THE CIVIL STATUS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Introduced by Reps. Arlene D. Brosas, France L. Castro, and Raoul Dannel A. Manuel; and

House Bill No. 6641

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FREE AND CULTURE-SENSITIVE CIVIL REGISTRATION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES"

Introduced by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez; and

3. **House Bill No. 3340**

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY INTELLECTUAL RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES"

Introduced by Rep. Maximo. Y. Dalog, Jr.

As one of the main stakeholders of HB 3340, the DENR's presence in the meeting will be instrumental to the ensuing discussions.

Finally, in light of current ingress protocols being implemented by the House of Representatives, **the Committee further requests Your Honor to submit to the Committee Secretariat a list of confirmed participants on or before Monday, September 4, 2023.**

Please carefully refer to the Agenda attached hereto for the details of the program flow for the said meeting. The position papers of other stakeholder agencies are likewise provided herewith for Your Honor's reference.

Thank you and warm regards.

Respectfully yours,

For the TWG Chairperson
REP. MAXIMO Y. DALOG, JR.

By:



ADORA P. PUEBLOS
Committee Secretary