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Hon. CRISTINA M. CAMBA  
Vice Mayor  
Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur


Dear Hon. Camba:

This refers to your Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. VC-120 s. 2013 entitled "SEEKING OPINION FROM DBM REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND THE DILG REGIONAL DIRECTOR, ALL OF CARAGA, BUTUAN CITY WHETHER REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (IPs) REPRESENTATIVE IN THE SANGGUNIAN IS OUTRIGHT MANDATORY OR SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMIT AND CONDITIONS".

Please be informed that the Department had already answered the similar query in DILG Opinion No. 20, s. 2011 dated May 31, 2011. The Department opined that IP representation in the sanggunian is mandatory and not subject to certain condition provided that the representative has already a Certificate of Affirmation issued by the NCIP pursuant to NCIP AO No. 001, series of 2009. The Department even stated that the sanggunian has to enact an Ordinance providing for the appropriation of funds for the salaries and other emoluments to be given to the concerned ICC/IP representative.

For your ready reference, attached is the photocopy of the said opinion.

Very truly yours,

  
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Regional Director