

Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
City of Davao

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 68
Series of 2021

**AN ORDER CREATING THE INTERIM MORO AFFAIRS OFFICE AND
DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS**

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 17 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall recognize, respect, and protect the rights of indigenous cultural communities to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions, and institutions;

WHEREAS, the 1991 Local Government Code, recognizing the role of indigenous peoples in the society, provides that there shall be sectoral representatives in local legislative bodies which include indigenous cultural communities;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9997, otherwise known as "National Commission on Muslim Filipinos Act of 2009" declares it as a state policy to ensure the rights and well-being of Muslim Filipinos with due regard to their beliefs, customs, traditions and institutions, as well as to further ensure their contribution to national goals and aspirations and to make them active participants in nation-building. It also created the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) which is mandated to preserve and develop the culture, tradition, institutions, and well-being of Muslim Filipinos, in conformity with the country's laws and in consonance with national unity and development;

WHEREAS, having a population of 1,825,450 in 2020 and home to 11 tribes, Davao City is a multi-cultural city that is composed of Christians, Muslims, and Lumads;

WHEREAS, Davao City is home to six (6) Moro Groups (Sama, Maranao, Kagan, Iranun, Maguindanaon, and Taosug);

WHEREAS, it is essential to create a local office which will specifically cater to the needs of Moros within the City, and to promote equality and unity among Dabawenyos;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARA Z. DUTERTE, Mayor of the City of Davao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. CREATION. The Interim Moro Affairs Office is hereby created which shall be attached to the Office of the City Mayor. The Office of the City Mayor shall oversee the day-to-day function of the Interim Moro Affairs Office.

1.1 The deputy mayors of the Moro tribes, namely the Iranun, Kagan, Maguindanaon, Maranao, Sama, Taosug shall manage the Interim Moro Affairs Office and is the primary pipeline to execute instruction, programs and projects of Davao City designed to promote the welfare, growth and development of the Muslim communities.

1.2 Appropriate number of personnel shall be assigned or hired to ensure the functionality of the office.

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS. The Interim Moro Affairs Office shall act as a primary agency of the City Government of Davao in ensuring the preservation and development of the culture, tradition, institutions, and well-being of Muslim residents in Davao City.

Subject to existing laws, rules and regulations and guidelines provided by the NCMF, the Interim Moro Affairs Office shall have the following duties:

2.1 Act as a medium through which Muslim residents of Davao City can seek government assistance, and linkage to local and national offices in terms of Muslim affairs;

2.2 Serve as a nerve center of information for the Muslim communities of Davao City;

2.3 Closely coordinate with local and national agencies in relation to programs and provisions affecting Muslim communities;

2.4 Formulate and implement policies, plans, programs and projects aimed towards the advancement of the Muslim communities in Davao City;

2.5 Provide advice and assistance in the implementation and monitoring of policies, plans, programs and projects affecting Muslim communities in Davao City;

2.6 Participate in the peace process involving conflicts between Muslim groups and/or individuals in Davao City and the government in cooperation with appropriate agencies, individuals and institutions;

2.7 Promote and enhance the development of domestic trade and commerce among the members of the Muslim communities in Davao City;

2.8 In cooperation or coordination with existing public enterprises, corporations or private entities, promote or facilitate the establishment of joint venture and investments by the members of the Muslim communities in Davao City;

2.9 Promote and develop the Philippine Halal Industry and assist in the accreditation of halal-certifying entities/bodies in partnership or cooperation with appropriate agencies, individuals and institutions here and abroad;

2.10 Develop criteria for allocating additional resources for education, economic and cultural development programs;

2.11 Monitor and evaluate the performance of all existing policies and development programs of the government that seek to strengthen and uplift the socioeconomic conditions of Muslim residents of Davao City and identify areas that need government intervention and support; and

2.12 Perform such other functions as may be necessary for its effective operations and continued enhancement as a government entity.

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SECTION 3. BUDGETARY SUPPORT AND FUNDING. All costs pertaining to the operation of the Interim Moro Affairs Office shall be charged to available funds of the Office of the City Mayor, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.


SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. All provisions, memorandum, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

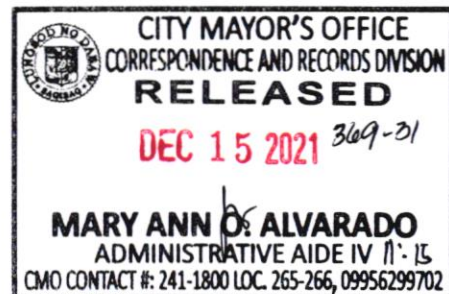
SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval hereof and shall remain in full force and effect unless rescinded.

Done this DEC 15 2021 in Davao City, Philippines.

Attested by:


ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ
City Administrator

SARA Z. DUTERTE
City Mayor

SEBASTIAN Z. DUTERTE
Acting City Mayor



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