



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

**NATIONAL COMMISSION ON  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**  
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**LAND REGISTRATION AUTHORITY**  
East Avenue, Quezon City

**JOINT LRA-NCIP  
MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 1  
SERIES OF 2005**

**TO : ALL CONCERNED OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL OF THE  
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (NCIP  
AND LAND REGISTRATION AUTHORITY (LRA)**

**SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES ON THE REGISTRATION OF  
CADTs/CALTs WITH THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS**

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2002, the Land Registration Authority (LRA) and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) entered into Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to define the areas of coordination, ascertain the extent of authority; and determine the responsibilities of the parties relative to the registration of Certificates of Ancestral Domain Titles/Certificates of Ancestral Land Titles (CADTs/CALTs) with the Registry of Deeds as required under Section 52(k) of R.A. 8371, otherwise known as the Indigenous People's Rights Act (IPRA);

WHEREAS, during a top LRA-NCIP Policy Dialogue on the registration of CADTs/CALTs with the Registries of Deeds of Provinces and Cities held on January 20, 2005, the two agencies agreed to set guidelines in treating the following:

1. Exemption of CADTs from payment of the contribution to the Assurance Fund;
2. Registration of CADTs embracing Ancestral Domains straddling more than one province or city;
3. CADTs overlapping titled properties; and
4. CALTs overlapping titled properties.

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2005, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo issued Memorandum Order No. 179 entitled DIRECTING THE LAND REGISTRATION AUTHORITY NOT TO IMPOSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ASSURANCE FUND FROM CERTIFICATE OF ANCESTRAL DOMAIN TITLES APPLICANTS;

WHEREAS, there is need for the issuance of a Joint NCIP-LRA Circular for the guidance of all concerned, especially, the Registrar of Deeds as well as the field offices of the NCIP;

WHEREFORE, in view of the above premises, the following guidelines are hereby jointly promulgated and circularized:

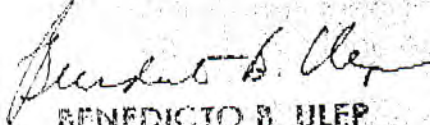
1. This Joint Inter-Agency Memorandum Circular shall apply to the registration of all CADTs/CALTs with the Registry of Deeds of Provinces and Cities.
2. In the registration of CADTs/CALTs with the Registry of Deeds of the LRA, the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated August 28, 2002 shall be closely observed;
3. The registration of CADTs shall be exempt from the payment of the contribution to the Assurance Fund pursuant to Memorandum Order No. 179 dated July 05, 2005;
4. The registration of the CADTs straddling one or more provinces and/or cities shall be done by registering the same with the Registrar of Deeds of all the provinces and/or cities where the various portions of the ancestral domain are located provided, however, that the various portions of the ancestral domain within the jurisdiction of each province and/or city shall be technically described with particularity; provided, further, that the province and/or city having jurisdiction over the largest portion of the domain shall have custody of the original CADT; and provided, furthermore, that the other registries will be provided with certified copies thereof for its reference and file;
5. The title to be registered shall contain a typewritten or stamped proviso that the same is subject to Section 56 of Republic Act No. 8371 to read, as follows:

"SECTION 56. Existing Property Rights Regimes. -- Property rights within the ancestral domains already existing and/or vested upon effectivity of this Act, shall be recognized and respected."

6. In the registration of CALT's the LRA, after projection and necessary confirmation from the DENR Regional Technical Director that the said CALT's overlap titled properties, shall return the documents and application to the NCIP for correction and segregation of the titled properties. In case of non-overlap, the LRA shall issue its endorsement to the Register of Deeds for appropriate action;

For the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.

August 22, 2005 at Quezon City, Philippines

  
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