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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT VIII
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MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : ALL PROVINCIAL/CITY DIRECTOR, C/MLGOOs AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : DISSEMINATION OF DILG ADVISORY RE COMMEMORATION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 2016 SOUTH CHINA SEA ARBITRAL AWARD ON JULY 12, 2026

DATE : July 02, 2026

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Attached is DILG Advisory with subject "*Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Award on July 12, 2026*".

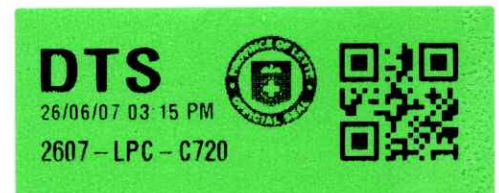
In view of this, all Field Offices are requested to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this issuance.

For immediate compliance.

By the authority of the Regional Director:

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ADVISORY

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : COMMEMORATION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 2016 SOUTH CHINA SEA ARBITRAL AWARD ON JULY 12, 2026

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On 12 July 2016, the Arbitral Tribunal in the South China Sea Arbitration issued a unanimous Award affirming the Philippines' sovereign rights in its exclusive economic zone and continental shelf, and declaring China's nine-dash line without legal basis under international law. The said Award is final and binding.

This year, the Philippines commemorates the 10th Anniversary of the landmark Award with a nationwide series of activities. This Department highly encourages all Local Government Units (LGUs) to take part in this commemoration and join the whole-of-government effort. This effort strengthens public awareness that the West Philippine Sea and the resources within our exclusive economic zone belong to the Filipino people, and that caring for them is a shared duty.

In view thereof, all LGUs, including barangays, are hereby highly encouraged to:

1. Support the commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the 2016 Arbitral Award through the following:
 - a. Issuance of a resolution by the Local Sanggunian expressing support for the nationwide commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the Award and its localized celebration;
 - b. Conduct of flag-raising ceremonies on **6 July 2026** (commemoration kick-off) and **12 July 2026** (10th Anniversary), with the delivery of the unified commemoration message at: <https://tinyurl.com/Mats-10th-Anniv-SCS>;
 - c. Continuous display of the Philippine flag throughout the commemoration period (6–12 July 2026);
 - d. Crafting and posting of commemorative materials on social media, and printing and display of tarpaulins, banners, and digital posters in announcement boards and LED screens in key public areas (templates available at: <https://tinyurl.com/Mats-10th-Anniv-SCS>);

- e. Participation in the nationwide simultaneous blowing of car horns and tolling of church bells on **12 July 2026 at 10:00 AM** (ten short blasts), in coordination with local parishes and faith communities; and
 - f. Such other activities which the LGU may deem appropriate for the commemoration, which may be conducted in the days leading up to 12 July 2026.
2. Submission of the list of planned and completed activities in relation to the 10th Anniversary commemoration to the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) and the National Security Council (NSC), at oaseia@pco.gov.ph and stratcom@nsc.gov.ph, beginning 6 July 2026.

All DILG Regional, Provincial, and Field Offices are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Advisory within their respective jurisdictions.

For information, reference, and compliance.



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