



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 01 Series of 2019

DIRECTING ALL LGU LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND HEADS OF OFFICES WITHIN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA TO RATIONALIZE THE GRANT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES AND, RELATIVE THERETO, BE CIRCUMSPECT IN ALLOWING THE CONDUCT OF STUDY TOURS OR "LAKBAY-ARAL," TEAM-BUILDING, AND SIMILAR NON-ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES, AND IN REVIEWING ALL REQUESTS AND SOLICITATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to promote transparency, accountability, and the judicious use of government resources in all levels of governance;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 77 issued by the President on 15 March 2019 underscored the need to review and rationalize fiscal considerations for official local and international travels and assignments and ensure that the same meet the criteria of i) being part of the employee's mandate or functions; ii) being required to meet the needs of the office, or there is substantial benefit to be derived by the State from it; iii) the presence of the employee is critical to the outcome of the meeting or conference; and, iv) the projected expenses are not excessive or involve minimum expenditure;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Isabela (PGI) implements the policy of upholding the governing principles of good financial housekeeping and transparency, consistent with its status as a *Hall of Fame* recipient of the *Seal of Good Local Governance*, the highest honor bestowed upon an LGU by the DILG;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Isabela is determined to ensure continuing compliance with the conditions of its SGLG status through the strengthening of policies, systems, and procedures in all aspects of local governance;

WHEREAS, consistent with policy and in support of the intent and provisions of Executive Order No. 77, there is a need for the PGI to regulate the conduct of activities that do not meet the criteria for Official Travel as stated in EO 77, yet often require the grant or allocation of financial assistance and other resources of the PGI;

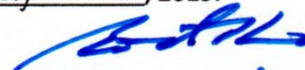

WHEREAS, the conduct of study tours, educational trips or "Lakbay-Aral," Team Building are activities that do not meet the criteria for official travels but are often stated as reasons for soliciting financial support and logistical assistance in PGI offices and offices of Local Chief Executives in cities and municipalities in Isabela;

NOW THEREFORE, I, RODITO T. ALBANO, Governor of the Province of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct all LGU Local Chief Executives and heads of offices within the Provincial Government of Isabela to rationalize the grant of travel expenses and allowances and, relative thereto, be circumspect in allowing the conduct of study tours or "lakbay-aral," team-building, and similar non-essential activities, and in reviewing all requests and solicitations for the purpose.

All Orders, circulars, memoranda, rules, regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the Province of Isabela, this 1st day of July, 2019.


RODITO T. ALBANO 

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Nagkaisa para sa Isabela