

Republic of the Philippin Supreme Court Office of the Court Administrator Manila

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 196-2016

TO

ALL JUDGES, CLERKS OF COURT AND BRANCH CLERKS OF COURT OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS IN THE PROVINCES OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE AND AGUSAN DEL SUR

SUBJECT: INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR MEDIATION TRAINEES ON COURT-ANNEXED MEDIATION

The Philippine Judicial Academy (PHILJA), through the Philippine Mediation Center Office (PMCO), in coordination with the Office of the Court Administrator, is expanding its Court-Annexed Mediation Program in the Provinces of Agusan del Norte and Agusan del Sur.

To formally mark the establishment of the Philippine Mediation Center Units (PMCUs) in Butuan City, Agusan del Norte and Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur, an Internship Program for Mediation Trainees will be conducted from 17 October to 1 December 2016. This activity aims to provide Mediation Trainees the opportunity to apply what they have learned from the Basic Mediation Course held at the Red Palm Suites in Butuan City, Agusan del Norte, on 5 to 8 September 2016, by handling mediatable cases where they should successfully settle at least three (3) out of five (5) cases assigned to them, in order to be recommended for accreditation as Court-Annexed Mediators. This program will be conducted under the supervision of a Mentor-Coach.

In connection therewith, you are hereby directed to conduct an inventory of mediatable cases and refer them to the PMC Units in Butuan City, Agusan del Norte and Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur, starting 17 October 2016 and thenceforth.

Any communication relating to this program should be addressed to the Hon. Justice Adolfo S. Azcuna, Chancellor, PHILJA, 3rd Floor, Centennial Building, Supreme Court, Padre Faura Street corner Taft Avenue, Manila.

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