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REGION XI
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIGOS CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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To : Public Schools District Supervisors
School Heads/Principals/Administrators
Public and Private Secondary Schools

Subject : **CLUSTERICE-2023-0417-25**

Date : June 15, 2023

Herewith is a letter from the Technology Application and Promotion Institute (TAPI) of Department of Science and Technology announcing the holding of the 2023 Regional Invention Contest and Exhibits (RICE) by Cluster. The competition, dubbed as ClusterRICE, shall be conducted on a cluster basis where our Division belongs to Mindanao Cluster.

The invention contest is a competition open for both public and private inventors and researchers. There are six (6) categories where talented, inventive and creative Filipinos can compete and receive cash prizes: The Outstanding Invention or **Tuklas Award**, the Outstanding Utility Model, the Outstanding Industrial Design, the Outstanding Creative Research or **Likha Award** and the Outstanding Student Creative Research or **Sibol Award** for high school and college students. The regional winners will advance to the next and final level of the competition level during the National Invention Contest and Exhibits (NICE) which will be held in 2024.

Along this line, this Office encourages the participation of high school students and teachers (researchers and inventors) in this contest. The deadline for the submission of entries is July 7, 2023. Attached is the Call for entries for the 2023 Regional Invention Contest and Exhibits by Cluster for your guidance and information.

The participation of DepEd teachers and learners is on voluntary basis, and subject to the policy on "No disruption of Classes" per DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith".

Other details of the activity are found in the enclosures.

For information and guidance.

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Dear **Ms. Estacio**:

The **Department of Science and Technology (DOST)** thru the **Technology Application and Promotion Institute (TAPI)** is pleased to announce the holding of the **2023 Regional Invention Contest and Exhibits (RICE) by Cluster**. The competition, dubbed as ClusteRICE, shall be conducted on a per cluster basis instead of the usual per region as conducted in the past. The five (5) Clusters are as follows:

1. National Capital Region (for Cities and Municipalities within the NCR);
2. Southern Luzon (for Region IV-A, IV-B and V);
3. Northern Luzon (for Region I, II, III and CAR);
4. Visayas (for Region VI, VII and VIII); and
5. Mindanao (for Region IX, X, XI, XII, XIII and BARMM).

The said activity is in line with the implementation of the National Invention Contest under Republic Act No. 7459 otherwise known as **"Inventors and Invention Incentives Act of the Philippines"**. The DOST thru TAPI conducts the invention contest to give recognition of the indispensability of the Filipino inventors. The invention contest is meant to give recognition to the hard work and efforts of the inventors and researchers including the students.

As mandated by RA 7459, the invention contest is a competition open for both public and private inventors and researchers. There are six (6) categories where talented, inventive and creative Filipinos can compete and receive cash prizes: The Outstanding Invention or **Tuklas Award**, the Outstanding Utility Model, the Outstanding Industrial Design, the Outstanding Creative Research or **Likha Award** and the Outstanding Student Creative Research or **Sibol Award** for high school and college students. The regional winners will advance to the next and final level of the competition level during the National Invention Contest and Exhibits (NICE) which will be held in 2024.

This biennial regional invention contest provides a venue to sustain the generation of economically viable technologies and inventions and hasten the commercialization of inventor-generated technologies.

In line with this, we would like to request for a ***Regional Memorandum or Advisory*** to encourage the participation of high school students and teachers (researchers and inventors) in this contest. Attached is the **Call for Entries** for the **2023 Regional Invention Contest and Exhibits by Cluster** for your guidance and information.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.

Very truly yours,


ATTY. MARION IVY D. DECENA
Director



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CALL FOR ENTRIES

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Deadline: July 7, 2023

2023 REGIONAL INVENTION CONTEST AND EXHIBITS BY CLUSTER

The **Regional Invention Contest and Exhibits (RICE)** is a nationwide activity conducted by the Technology Application and Promotion Institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-TAPI) in different regions to recognize the indispensability of the Filipino inventors in the Philippine society and in the landscape of national economic development. The Regional Invention Contest (RIC) shall encourage inventors to utilize their innovativeness through competition and with prizes to look out for. RIC serves as the qualifying round for the National Invention Contest, pursuant to Section 4 of the Republic Act (RA) No. 7459 also known as **“Inventors and Invention Incentives Act of the Philippines”**.

For 2023, the competition shall be conducted through clusters instead of per region or **ClusteRICE**. The five (5) Clusters are as follows:

- a. National Capital Region (for Cities and Municipalities within the NCR);
- b. Southern Luzon (for Region IV-A, IV-B and V);
- c. Northern Luzon (for Region I, II, III and CAR);
- d. Visayas (for Region VI, VII and VIII); and
- e. Mindanao (for Region IX, X, XI, XII, XIII and BARMM).

A. Eligibility of Participants

The contest is open to all inventors, makers, designers, creative researchers, and student researchers who are Filipino citizens.

B. Categories

The regional contest is composed of the following categories:

1. Outstanding Invention Category (*Tuklas*)
2. Outstanding Utility Model (*Unlad*)
3. Outstanding Industrial Design Category (*Banghay*)
4. Creative Research Category (*Likha*)
5. Student Creative Research Category (*Sibol*) for High School and College

C. Mechanics

1. All submitted entries will be screened by DOST-TAPI in terms of completeness of documentary requirements and will be endorsed to the Board of Judges.
2. The contest will have two rounds of judging: the qualifying and final rounds.
3. In the qualifying round, the Board of Judges will shortlist the top ten (10) entries per category based on the set criteria indicated in the 2023 RICE Rules and Criteria (by cluster).
4. In the final round, shortlisted entries per category shall be judged according to the set criteria indicated in the 2023 RICE Rules and Criteria (by cluster). The top ten (10) contestants will be given a 5min presentation to pitch their entry.
5. Three (3) regional winners shall be selected per category and ranked as first, second, and third prize winners. All first prize winners in each category shall automatically qualify in the National Invention Contest and Exhibits (NICE) that will be held the following year (2024).

D. Entry Requirements

1. For Qualifying Round

Documentary Requirements	Invention Category	Utility Model Category	Industrial Design Category	Creative Research Category	Student Creative Research Category
1. Entry Form	RIC Form No. 01A (Annex A)	RIC Form No. 01A (Annex A)	RIC Form No. 01A (Annex A)	RIC Form No. 01A (Annex A)	RIC Form No. 01B (Annex B)
2. 3-5 minutes AVP of the entry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3. Information Sheet with Data Privacy Consent Form	Annex 8	Annex 8	Annex 8	Annex 8	Annex 8
4. Detailed information or description of the entry (not more than 3 pages)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

2. For Final Round

Documentary Requirements	Invention Category	Utility Model Category	Industrial Design Category	Creative Research Category	Student Creative Research Category
1. Entry Form	RIC Form No. 01 (Annex 1)	RIC Form No. 01 (Annex 1)	RIC Form No. 01 (Annex 1)	RIC Form No. 01 (Annex 1)	RIC Form No. 03A / 03B (Annex 2 / Annex 3)
2. Detailed Information	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3. IP Certificate with ribbon	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
4. Certification	✗	✗	✗	RIC Form No. 05 (Annex 6)	RIC Form No. 06 (Annex 7)
5. Waiver	RIC Form No. 02 (Annex 4)	RIC Form No. 02 (Annex 4)	RIC Form No. 02 (Annex 4)	RIC Form No. 02 (Annex 4)	RIC Form No. 04 (Annex 5)
6. Certificate of Residency	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7. Information Sheet with Data Privacy Consent Form	Annex 8	Annex 8	Annex 8	Annex 8	Annex 8

E. Guidelines

Please see attached 2023 RICE Rules and Criteria (by Cluster) for your guidance.

F. Submission of Entries

The participants may download the 2023 RICE Rules and Criteria (by Cluster) and required entry forms at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PDWZh0PINsi2_dThyAsRWZBBJdVfUUpX/view?usp=share_link and send in advance the scanned copy of the filled out forms through this link: <http://tapi.dost.gov.ph/call-for-proposals/2023-rice/invention-utility-model-industrial-design-and-creative-research> (for non-students), <http://tapi.dost.gov.ph/call-for-proposals/2023-rice/entry-form-for-student-creative-research-category> (for students) or email at tapiclusterice@gmail.com.

For inquiries, participants may get in touch with the DOST-TAPI ClusteRICE coordinators at telephone numbers (02) 8837 2072 local 2157/2167 or email tapiclusterice@gmail.com or info@tapi.dost.gov.ph.


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