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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2023, this advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO 28, s. 2021, but only for information of DepEd officials, personnel staff, and as well as concerned public.

**CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES FOR THE ONLINE
REGIONAL PITCHING COMPETITION FOR THE PHILIPPINE
STARTUP CHALLENGE 8**

Attached is the letter from the Department of Information and Communications Technology – Marinduque Provincial Office dated July 11, 2023 inviting schools and students to submit entries for the Online Regional Pitching Competition for the Philippine Startup Challenge 8.

Attendance to activities like these will be on **VOLUNTARY BASIS**. Public and private school teachers and other officials should observe the **no-disruption-of-classes policy** as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s.2005 entitled *“Instituting Measures to Increase Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith”*

For more information and clarification, please contact Ms. Alyssa T. Tomagan, IIDB Focal of DICT MIMAROPA at 09318933960 or iidbregion4b@dict.gov.ph.

Dissemination of this Advisory is desired.

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Dear Dr. Mendoza,

Greetings from the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) MIMAROPA!

As mandated by the Republic Act No. 11337, otherwise known as the "Innovative Startup Act" of 2019, the DICT serves as one of the lead agencies in spearheading the Philippine Startup Development Program (PSDP) which aims to support startups from ideation, product development, marketing, and expansion. To fully strategize initiatives and support programs for startups and startup enablers, the DICT implements the Digital Startup Development and Acceleration Program (DSDAP) to establish a strong Philippine Startup Ecosystem by providing support that will enrich and strengthen the competitive advantage of Filipino startups. One key activity under the DSDAP is the Philippine Startup Challenge (PSC). The PSC is an annual startup competition that aims to encourage and inspire Filipinos to create innovative and relevant ICT products and services that may also be viable business ventures that help solve social problems.

Now in its 8th year, the PSC continues to center and dedicate its efforts to the young and innovative minds of aspiring Filipino student startup founders. Foremost of the goals of PSC is to provide an avenue where the entrepreneurial spirit and innovative mindset could be inspired and honed along with enhancing startup ideas through feedback-gathering from ICT professionals and other key industry partners.

In line with this, we are pleased to invite your respective school and its students to submit entries for the **Online Regional Pitching Competition for the Philippine Startup Challenge 8**. The competition is open to all senior high school and college-level students with student-initiated startups with Software or IoT (Internet of Things) – enabled technologies in the Ideation to Minimum Viable Product stage. The team shall be composed of only three (3) student team members and (1) mentor:

- >The members shall be in Senior High School or Collegiate level at the time of the competition.
- >The members must be currently enrolled at the time of the competition.
- >The mentor shall be employed in the same school or university as the team members.

All participating teams must submit a duly accomplished School Clearance to substantiate that they are allowed to compete and represent their school. The school clearance template can be downloaded here: https://bit.ly/R4BPSC8_SC .

With your participation, the DICT and its partners are confident that this initiative will bring another success to promoting entrepreneurship in ICT among Filipinos. We hope you can invite and encourage your students to join the Philippine Startup Challenge 8. Participating teams may submit their entry until **September 15, 2023, at 11:59 PM**, at:

- Student's Registration: https://bit.ly/PSC8_MIMAROPA_Student
- Mentor's Registration: https://bit.ly/PSC8_MIMAROPA_Mentor



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We have attached the PSC Mechanics and FAQs for more information about the competition. Should you have any inquiries and/or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact **Ms. Ma. Alyssa T. Tomagan, IIDB Focal of DICT MIMAROPA** through the mobile number at 0931 893 3960 or email at iidbregion4b@dict.gov.ph.

We look forward to your favorable response.

Very truly yours,

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ENGR. MA. FRANCES PECAÑA
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