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August 22, 2024

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**CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES FOR THE PHILIPPINE
STARTUP CHALLENGE 9 – REGIONAL PITCHING COMPETITION TO**

Attached is the letter from the Department of Information and Communications Technology – Marinduque Provincial Office dated August 19, 2024 inviting schools and students to submit entries for the Online Regional Pitching Competition for the Philippine Startup Challenge 9 on October 16, 2024.

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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19 August, 2024

Dr. LYNN G. MENDOZA

Schools Division Superintendent

Department of Education – Schools Division of Marinduque

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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 9th year, the PSC remains committed to advancing Filipino youth-led startups nationwide by fostering a competitive entrepreneurial spirit among students. It enhances startup ideas through expert feedback from industry practitioners and ICT professionals, while building strategic partnerships and networks with participants, judges, mentors, and potential investors. The initiative also focuses on creating a prioritized pool of startup founders for DICT funding and support.

In line with this, we are pleased to invite your respective school and its students to submit entries for the **Philippine Startup Challenge 9 - Regional Pitching Competition** to be held on **October 16, 2024 via Hybrid Set-up (Face-to-face and via Zoom)**.

The Competition is open to all student-initiated startups with Software, IoT (Internet of Things) – enabled technologies, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Web3, Blockchain, and Mixed Reality in the Ideation to Minimum Viable Product stage.

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The team shall be composed of only three (3) student team members and (1) mentor:

- > The student team members should be in Senior High School or Collegiate level.
- > The student team members should be enrolled in the institution for the entire duration of the competition.
- > The mentor should be employed in the same school or university as that of the team members
- > The mentors are highly encouraged to participate in DICT-led (Central or its Regional Offices) Mentors' Bootcamp/s prior to registration (within two years from the time of the competition).

All participating teams must submit a duly accomplished School Clearance to be provided by the PSC Secretariat to substantiate that they are allowed to compete and represent their school. The school clearance template and other materials related to the competition can be downloaded here: <https://bit.ly/PSC9-Materials>.

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 9. Participating teams may submit their entry until **September 20, 2024, at 11:59 PM**, at <https://bit.ly/PSC9-Application-R4B>.

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 0967 1383 230 or email at iidbregion4b@dict.gov.ph.

Thank you and we look forward to your favorable response.

Very truly yours,

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