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**Office of the Schools Division Superintendent**

**MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

FROM: *For: [Signature]*  
**LYNN G. MENDOZA, EdD**  
OIC, Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: **SUPPORTING DICT MIMAROPA PROJECTS SHORTLISTED FOR THE WSIS PRIZES 2025**

DATE: April 23, 2025

Please find attached letter of request from Emmy Lou V. Delfin, Regional Director, Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) MIMAROPA dated April 16, 2025 asking assistance to win the World Summit on Information Society Prizes 2025 by voting for DICT's projects.

Particular attention is invited on the steps to undertake in the voting process.

For information and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND  
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April 16, 2025

**DIR. NICOLAS T. CAPULONG**

*Regional Director*

Department of Education - MIMAROPA

Pasig City, Metro Manila

**Dear Dir. Capulong:**

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

The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) is thrilled to announce that 15 of our projects have been shortlisted for the prestigious World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) Prizes 2025. This global competition, hosted by the International Telecommunication Union and the United Nations, recognizes ICT projects that contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We are especially proud that two of these remarkable projects originated from MIMAROPA:

**Category 4 – AL C4: Capacity Building**

- Project PAG-ASA: Beyond Bars – Unlocking Opportunities through Digital Skills Training

“Project Pag-asa” is an ICT training initiative based in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro, that empowers persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) by equipping them with essential digital skills. Through training in computer use, online communication, and internet safety, the program enhances their employability, entrepreneurial potential, and readiness for reintegration into society. By bridging the gap between incarceration and opportunity, it demonstrates the transformative power of technology in rehabilitation, fostering hope, inclusion, and sustainable futures for participants.

**Category 8 – AL C7: ICT Applications: Benefits in All Aspects of Life – E-business**

- From Weeks to Minutes: How Occidental Mindoro Revolutionized Business Permitting

This project exemplifies how the DICT eLGU Business Permit and Licensing System (BPLS) has revolutionized business permit processing in Occidental Mindoro, streamlining operations, reducing corruption, and enhancing transparency. Fully adopted by all LGUs in 2024, it cut processing times to 10 minutes and boosted economic growth, with municipalities like Sablayan and Rizal seeing sharp increases in businesses and revenue. This initiative showcases the power of digital transformation in fostering efficiency and local development.

The voting phase, which will determine the top 5 projects in each category, is now open and will run until April 30, 2025.

We humbly seek your assistance in supporting our initiatives by voting for DICT's projects.

Here are the steps to vote:

1. Go to <https://bit.ly/WSIS2025-DICTMIMAROPA> and click Register as a New User.
2. Input your details and click REGISTER.
3. Confirm the registration on your Email.
4. Go back to <https://bit.ly/WSIS2025-DICTMIMAROPA> and log in with your credentials. You will be redirected to the Voting Form.
5. Navigate through the categories and look for the project titles from the DICT.
6. Click “My Votes” to verify if the projects you voted for are on the list.



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Below are the other DICT entries:

**Category 1 – AL C1. The role of Governments and all Stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for Development**

- AI.Deas for Impact: AI for Innovation and Social Impact Workshop

**Category 2 – AL C2. Information and Communication Infrastructure**

- Connecting the Islands of Batanes: From Isolation to Digital Inclusion
- Dalingap Digital Transformation Project
- Smart CALABARZON: The 'Smart Village, Smart Island' Revolutionizing Remote Communities

**Category 4 – AL C4. Capacity building**

- Modern Challenges, Innovative Solutions: Free Upskilling for Filipino Professionals Through PRC-Accredited CPD Training

**Category 5 – AL C5: Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs**

- Hacking for the Government: A Capture-the-Flag (CTF) Competition for the Academe
- Empowering Filipinos Through Cybersecurity Threat Feed: A DICT Region IV-A Initiative

**Category 6 – AL C6: Enabling Environment**

- Connecting Geographically Isolated, Disadvantaged Villages: Building Digital Communities through Whole-of-Nation, Convergence

**Category 9 – AL C7. ICT Applications: Benefits in all aspects of life – E-learning**

- Minecraft Education Training for Kids: Igniting Creativity and Transforming Learning for Kids

**Category 11 – AL C7. ICT Applications: Benefits in all aspects of life – E-Employment**

- One Skill at a Time: Free Digital Skills Training for Sustainable Employment & Workforce Development (R9)
- Transforming Lives through e-Employment in Davao Region (R11)

**Category 15 – AL C8. Cultural Diversity and Identity, Linguistic diversity and Local Content**

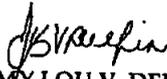
- CyberSecure Davao: Cultivating Resilience through Linguistic and Cultural Inclusivity

Your support is crucial to help us secure recognition for these impactful initiatives. Together, we can highlight the role of ICT in driving sustainable development across the Philippines and beyond.

Should you have further questions, please contact Engr. Jan Wilmer Gasmeña and Mr. Julius A. Aala, DICT MIMAROPA Information Officers, through their email address at [janwilmer.gasmena@dict.gov.ph](mailto:janwilmer.gasmena@dict.gov.ph) and [julius.aala@dict.gov.ph](mailto:julius.aala@dict.gov.ph)

Thank you, and we sincerely hope for your favorable support in this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
EMMY LOU V. DELFIN

Regional Director

DICT MIMAROPA Region