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DR. BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS

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Dear Dr. Paragas:

We are pleased to inform you that the Science Education Institute of the Department of Science and Technology (SEI-DOST) is launching the **2024 STARS Award (STEM Teachers Achieving Remarkable Success in Society)**. This is a nationwide search that aims to recognize STEM teachers/educators in the basic education who drive innovation, sustainability, and social responsibility through impactful STEM projects that inspire and transform communities beyond the classroom.

We would like to request your support by disseminating this information and encouraging applications in your region. Please see attached Search Primer for reference. This may also be downloaded at <https://bit.ly/2024DOST-SEISTARSAward>. Qualified teams may accomplish the forms and submit at <https://bit.ly/STARSAwardApplication> on or before **October 25, 2024**.

Should you have questions or clarifications, please send us an email addressed to The Search Secretariat at projectstar@sei-dost.gov.ph. You may also contact our SEI technical staff, Ms. April Valdez, at mobile number +639176364420.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ALBERT G. MARINO
Director III and
Officer-in-Charge, SEI

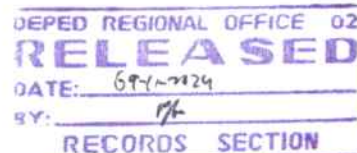
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To: **ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

For information, dissemination and appropriate action.

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Director IV / Regional Director

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STEM Teachers Achieving Remarkable Success in Society

COMPETITION PRIMER

The *STARS Award (STEM Teachers Achieving Remarkable Success in Society)* recognizes STEM teachers/educators who drive innovation, sustainability, and social responsibility through impactful STEM projects that inspire and transform communities beyond the classroom. The award celebrates and amplifies the efforts of STEM teachers dedicated to education and community service, setting a high standard for excellence in community-oriented STEM education. In doing so, it is hoped that these communities will be encouraged to continue with their STEM advocacies and help in achieving the goal of the DOST-Science Education Institute of a STEM-strong country.

ELIGIBILITY

- This competition is open to a team of Filipino teachers currently teaching in public or private schools.
- The proposing team shall be composed of three (3) STEM teachers at any level in basic education
- At least one team member should have experience organizing exemplary community-level STEM-related activities and should be able to provide evidence and documentation.

SEARCH PROCESS AND TIMELINE

ACTIVITIES	DETAILS
Submission of Proposals <i>August 20 to October 24, 2024</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The group shall submit the following documents needed for qualification:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Form 1 – Information SheetForm 2 – CertificationForm 3 – STEM-related Activities Conducted (for lead/main proponent only)Form 4 – Project Proposal• Project proposal should be new or expanded/improved version of your current or past initiative.• Follow the templates provided at the Google drive link https://bit.ly/2024DOST-SEISTARSAward• File should be named following this format: Form No._Surname_FirstName (Form 1_delaCruz_Juan)• Submit at https://bit.ly/STARSAwardApplication
Deadline of Application <i>October 25, 2024</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposals must be submitted on or before October 25, 2024.



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<p>Initial Screening and Evaluation <i>October 26 – November 14, 2024</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All submitted proposals shall be screened and evaluated by the Search Committee The following criteria will be used for the selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Impact (30%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measurable outcomes of the proposed project in terms of community benefits. Long-term sustainability and positive change to be brought about by the proposed project. 2. Innovation (25%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creativity in responding to and addressing community needs through STEM Use of innovative methods, technologies, or approaches. 3. Scalability (15%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for the proposed project to be replicated or adapted in other communities. Feasibility of implementation in different settings or regions. 4. Community Engagement (15%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level of involvement and collaboration with community members. Contribution to raising awareness and education on STEM-related issues. 5. Presentation and Documentation (15%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarity, coherence, and professionalism of the proposal Quality of supporting materials (e.g., photos, videos, endorsements).
<p>Announcement of Semi-finalists <i>November 15, 2024</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the screening and evaluation, semi-finalists shall be announced.
<p>STARS CAMP (Capacitating and Mentoring Program) <i>November 25-27, 2024</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the semi-finalists are required to attend the STARS CAMP. The proposal must be presented by each team. Proposals are subject to the revisions as recommended by the Search committee and mentors. After the CAMP, three (3) proposals will be chosen as finalists for implementation.
<p>Implementation and Monitoring Activities <i>February to October 2025</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Search committee shall conduct monitoring and evaluation activities. Implementation activities should be accomplished within the deadline.

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Submission of Report, Final Presentation, and Awarding Ceremony

November 2025

- The finalists shall submit and present an accomplishment report.
- The teams may win the following awards:

Stellar Community Award

For the project that demonstrates outstanding performance and remarkable results, shining brightly in the community.

Nebula Award

For the project that shows incredible potential and creativity, like a nebula giving birth to new stars.

Celestial Excellence Award

For the project that achieves the highest level of excellence and impact, representing the pinnacle of success

**Finalists may win up to Php150,000 and other prizes.*

The decision of the Search Committee and the final panel of judges are deemed irrevocable.



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