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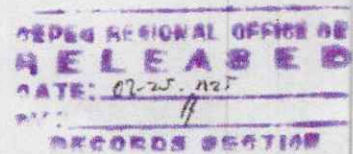
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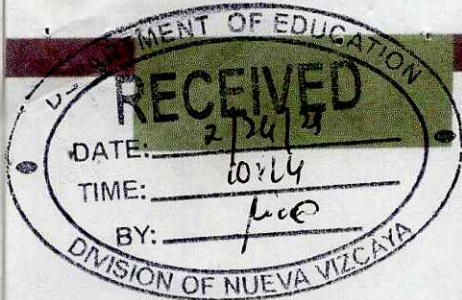
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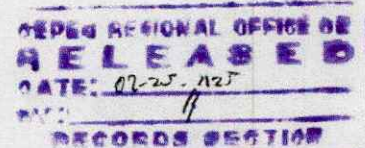
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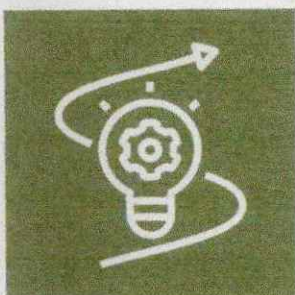
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To: **ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

In view of this aforementioned activity, this Office reiterates that the participation of public and private schools is voluntary and shall be subjected to the non-disruption-of-class policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.

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IPIC'25

What is IPIC'25?

The ISEC Philippines Innovation Challenge 2025 (IPIC'25) is a dynamic, real-world problem-solving competition designed to empower students and young professionals to develop innovative and sustainable solutions to pressing societal challenges. Hosted by the International Students Environmental Coalition (ISEC) Philippines, this two-day event brings together aspiring changemakers, industry professionals, and mentors to tackle key issues aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In this challenge, students will gain:

- ✓ **Hands-on Experience in Problem-Solving** – Work on real-world challenges and develop innovative, impactful solutions.
- ✓ **Collaboration & Teamwork** – Engage with like-minded individuals, whether joining as a team or being placed in one, to brainstorm and create solutions together.
- ✓ **Mentorship from Industry Experts** – Learn from professionals and thought leaders who will guide participants through the ideation and development process.
- ✓ **Exciting Rewards** – Compete for a ₱10,000 prize pool, certificates, and potential project implementation opportunities!

Event guidelines:

1. Eligibility

- a. The competition is open to all Filipino youth aged 14 to 35 years old at the time of the competition.
- b. Participants may register individually or as a team. Individual registrants will be assigned to a team at the start of the competition.
- c. Each team must consist of 2 to 4 members.

2. Competition Structure

- a. Participating teams will develop innovative solutions based on problem statements aligned with real-world challenges.
- b. The problem statements will be divided into three (3) thematic areas, reflecting real-life situations.
- c. Problem statements will be released on the competition date.
- d. Each team must select one thematic area and propose a viable solution accordingly.

3. Submission Requirements

- a. To be eligible for evaluation, each team must submit the following:
 - i. Pitch Presentation Video
 - ii. Business Model Canvas
 - iii. Prototype (if available)

4. Evaluation & Final Round

- a. The Top 3 teams per thematic area will advance to the final round.
- b. In the final round, the Top 3 overall winners will be selected and awarded.

5. Originality & Compliance

- a. All submissions must be original and must not have been previously submitted to any competition.
- b. Any form of plagiarism or intellectual property infringement will result in disqualification.

Important Details:

📅 **Deadline of Registration:**
March 3, 2025

Key Dates to Remember

- 📅 **March 15, 2025** – Bootcamp & Problem Statement Release
- 📅 **March 22-23, 2025** – Competition Proper

🏆 Prize Pool: ₱10,000*

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📄 Register now:

<https://forms.gle/F2P3kmM3ejApc5NVA>

