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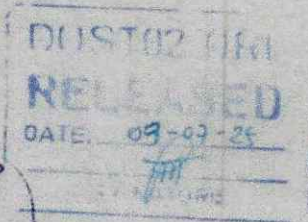
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Dear Sir:

The DOST-Technology Application and Promotion Institute is pleased to announce the conduct of the **2025 Regional Invention Contest and Exhibits by Cluster (ClusteRICE) Northern Luzon** competition, on May 21-22, 2025 at PSHS Cagayan Valley Campus Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya.

This activity will be conducted in accordance with the National Invention Contest established under Republic Act No. 7459, also known as the "Inventors and Invention Incentives Act of the Philippines." ClusteRICE Winners will receive cash prizes and represent the region in the National Invention Contest and Exhibits (NICE) in 2026. For the submission of entries, please refer to the following links:

1. Invention (Tuklas), Utility Model (Unlad), Industrial Design (Banghay), and Creative Research (Likha) Categories

<http://tapi.dost.gov.ph/cal-for-proposals/2025-clusterice/entry-form-for-tuklas-banghay-unlad-likha>

2. Student Creative Research Category (Sibol) Category

<http://tapi.dost.gov.ph/cal-for-proposals/2025-clusterice/entry-form-for-sibol-student-creative-research-category>

In this regard, we kindly request your assistance in inviting schools to participate and submit entries on or before **March 15, 2025, at 11:59 PM** to the aforementioned links. You may visit DOST-TAPI website at www.tapi.dost.gov.ph or the DOST Regional Office website in your area, and DOST-TAPI Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/DOST-TAPI to view, access, and download the 2025 RICE Guidelines and other related forms.

Please find attached 2025 CLUSTERICE Guidelines for your guidance and reference. Should you have questions and clarifications, please get in touch with Ms. Jenny-Rose G. Masocol at 09759311116 or email masocol2.cvrhd@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Very truly yours,

VIRGINIA G. BILGERA
 Regional Director

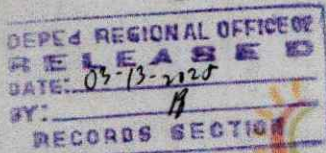
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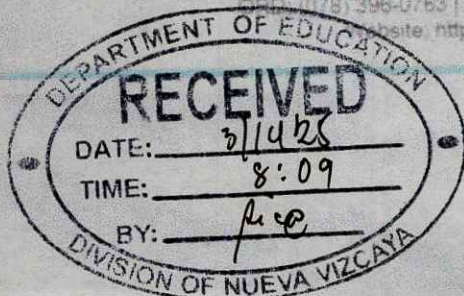
For information, dissemination and appropriate action.

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2025 REGIONAL INVENTION CONTEST RULES AND CRITERIA (BY CLUSTER)

1. Rationale

The **Regional Invention Contest and Exhibits (RICE)** is a nationwide activity conducted by the Technology Application and Promotion Institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-TAPI) in different regions to recognize the indispensability of the Filipino inventors in the Philippine society and in the landscape of national economic development. The Regional Invention Contest (RIC) shall encourage inventors to utilize their innovativeness through competition and with prizes to look out for. RIC serves as the qualifying round for the National Invention Contest, pursuant to Section 4 of the Republic Act (RA) No. 7459 also known as "***Inventors and Invention Incentives Act of the Philippines***".

2. Clusters

- 2.1 The competition shall be conducted through clusters (ClusteRICE) composed of several regions per cluster. The five (5) Clusters shall be as follows:
 - 3.1.1 *National* Capital Region (for Cities and Municipalities within the NCR);
 - 3.1.2 Southern Luzon (for Regions IV-A, IV-B and V);
 - 3.1.3 Northern Luzon (for Regions I, II, III and CAR);
 - 3.1.4 Visayas (for Regions VI, VII and VIII); and
 - 3.1.5 Mindanao (for Regions IX, X, XI, XII, and XIII).
- 2.2 Each cluster must have at least three (3) entries to be considered a cluster. Entries in clusters which will fail to meet the required number of entries but if merged together will be able to satisfy the same, shall compete against each other in a Wild Card Cluster. Otherwise, such entry/entries will be joined to any of the geographical adjacent cluster. For purposes of residential requirement, proof of residency already submitted prior merging of clusters need not be changed.

3. Invention Contest Categories

- 3.1. The invention contest for this year is open to both the public and private sector inventors and researchers within the Regions of the Clusters. There are five (5) categories where talented Filipinos can compete in the invention contest, namely:
 - 3.1.1. Outstanding Invention (Tuklas Award);
 - 3.1.2. Outstanding Utility Model (Unlad Award);
 - 3.1.3. Outstanding Industrial Design (Banghay Award);
 - 3.1.4. Outstanding Creative Research (Likha Award); and
 - 3.1.5. Outstanding Student Creative Research (Sibol Award) for High School and College students.
- 3.2. **Invention Category:** Invention refers to any technical solution of a problem in any field of human activity which is new, involves an inventive step and is industrially applicable. It may be, or may relate to a product, or process, and their improvements, (Sec. 21, RA 8293). It shall be covered by letters patent still in force granted by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines

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(IPOPIL). The category may be subcategorized into *Invention (Privately-Owned Technology)* and *Invention (Government-Owned Technology) Categories*.

- 3.3. **Utility Model (UM) Category:** *Utility Model* refers to any technical solution of a problem in any field of human activity which is new and industrially applicable, within contemplation of the above statute (Sec. 109, RA 8293). It shall be covered by utility model registration with a valid registrability report still in force granted by (IPOPIL).
- 3.4. **Industrial Design (ID) Category:** *Industrial Design* refers to any composition of lines or colors or any three-dimensional form whether or not associated with lines or colors: *Provided*, that such composition or form gives a special appearance to and can serve as pattern for an industrial product or handicraft within the contemplation of the above statute (Sec. 112, RA 8293). It shall be covered by industrial design registration with valid registrability report still in force granted by the (IPOPIL).
- 3.5. **Creative Research Category:** *Creative Research* refers to patent pending inventions, registration pending utility models and industrial designs and research results not yet applied for patent, utility model and industrial design registration. Eligible under this category are new and useful machines or devices or gadgets, products or processes or an improvement of any of the foregoing; and non-biological or microbiological processes not contrary to public order, morals, public health and welfare. These are research results with demonstrable qualities and potential for improvement and/or widespread commercialization or dissemination. The Creative Research Category (Likha Award) shall be subcategorized into (a) *Government-Funded* and (b) *Privately-Funded* if there are at least three (3) qualified entries in both sub-categories. However, if entries on either of the sub-category is less than three (3), the two (2) subcategories shall be merged into one (1) category only.
- 3.6. **Student Creative Research Category (Sibol) Category:** Student creative research refers to new and innovative projects or models developed by students in secondary and tertiary levels. These projects or models should possess features and characteristics that may have significant contributions to the promotion of Science and Technology (S&T) innovations that are not contrary to public order, morals, public health, and welfare. The category will be sub-categorized into *Student Creative Research for College* and *Student Creative Research for High School Categories*. Out of School Youth (OSY) ages 13 to 18 years old at the time of application shall belong to High School Category. OSY ages 19 to 24 years old at the time of application shall belong to the College Category. OSY ages 25 and above shall belong to the Creative Research Category.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1. Citizenship.
 - 4.1.1. *UM, ID, Creative Research, and Student Creative Research Categories*. Individual who is a Filipino Citizen at the time of the submission of entry.

- 4.1.2. *Invention Category*. Individual who is a Filipino Citizen at the time of the submission of entry or a Philippine government office.
- 4.2. Residence.
 - 4.2.1. *Invention, UM, ID, Creative Research, and Student Creative Research Categories (for OSY)*. At least six (6) months resident of, or whose principal office is located in, the Regional Cluster where the entry is submitted.
 - 4.2.2. *Student Creative Research Categories (for High School/College Student)*. Currently enrolled in a campus or branch located in the Regional Cluster where the entry is submitted.
- 4.3. Technology.
 - 4.3.1. *Invention, UM, and ID Categories*. Owner of a registered and existing UM, or ID or an assignee thereof whose name appears in the IP registration as inventor or researcher, whichever is applicable, provided that in case of government-owned technology, said deed of assignment is required.
 - 4.3.2. *Invention Category*. Owner or a registered and existing Patent or an assignee thereof whose name appears in the IP registration as inventor or researcher, provided that government-owned technologies may be grouped under a separate subcategory from privately-owned technology where no deed of assignment is necessary.
 - 4.3.3. *Creative Research and Student Creative Research*. Author of a scientific research involving a registrable technology as its primary subject.
 - 4.3.4. *Previous Winner*.
 Entries that have previously won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in any category or subcategory of past Regional or National Invention Contests and prior to the issuance of these guidelines shall no longer be eligible to participate in subsequent Regional Invention Contests within the same category. However, entries that have won under the Creative Research and Student Creative Research Categories may still join the invention or UM category, provided they have been granted IP registration. Likewise, those entries who will win in connection to Section 6.8 and 6.9 of this current guideline will also be deemed ineligible for future Regional Invention Contests.
 - 4.3.5. *Group Contestants*. In case of invention, UM, ID, or creative research by a group, all members must sign in the accomplished entry forms, or sign waivers and other relevant documents if they are not joining the contest.

5. Documentary Requirements.

- 5.1. Qualifying Round.
 - 5.1.1. Competent proof of Identification bearing picture, signature, and citizenship.
 - 5.1.2. Birth Certificate and/or Barangay Identification Card (For Out of School Youth participants)
 - 5.1.3. Sangguniang Kabataan and/or Barangay Endorsement (For Out of School Youth participants)
 - 5.1.4. Proof of Residence.
 - 5.1.4.1. Private Individual and Out of School Youth. Certificate of Residency.
 - 5.1.4.2. Student ID.

- 5.1.5. Technology.
 - 5.1.5.1. Invention, UM, ID and creative research Categories. One (1) Copy of the completely filled-out entry form RIC Form No. 01A, herein attached as **ANNEX "A"** including:
 - 5.1.5.1.1. 3-5 minutes AVP of the entry
 - 5.1.5.1.2. Information Sheet with Data Privacy Consent Form
 - 5.1.5.1.3. Detailed information or description of the entry (not more than 3 pages)
 - 5.1.5.2. Student Creative Research Category. One (1) Copy of the completely filled-out entry form RIC Form No. 01B herein attached as **ANNEX "B"** including:
 - 5.1.5.2.1. 3-5 minutes AVP of the entry
 - 5.1.5.2.2. Information Sheet with Data Privacy Consent Form
 - 5.1.5.2.3. Detailed information or description of the entry (not more than 3 pages)
- 5.2. Final Round
 - 5.2.1. One (1) copy of the completely filled-out and notarized entry forms including
 - 5.2.1.1. RIC Form No. 01 - Entry Form for invention, UM, ID and creative research categories, herein attached as **ANNEX "1"**; and
 - 5.2.1.2. RIC Form No. 03 - Entry Form for Sibol Award, herein attached as **ANNEX "2"**.
 - 5.2.2. One (1) original copy of signed and notarized waivers:
 - 5.2.2.1. RIC Form No. 02 - Waiver Form for invention, UM ID, and creative research categories, herein attached as **ANNEX "3"**; and
 - 5.2.2.2. RIC Form No. 04 - Waiver Form for Sibol Award, herein attached as **ANNEX "4"**.
 - 5.2.3. One (1) copy of letters patent or UM or ID registration (as applicable).
 - 5.2.4. One (1) copy of one (1) page abstract, description or drawings, pictures, certificates.
 - 5.2.5. One (1) original copy of notarized Certification that their work is their own, new and original, for Creative Research Category (Likha Award) and Student Creative Research Category (Sibol Award):
 - 5.2.5.1. RIC Form No. 5 - Certification for Entries under the Creative Research Category (Likha Award), herein attached as **ANNEX "5"**; and
 - 5.2.5.2. RIC Form No. 6 - Certification for Entries under the Student Creative Research Category (Sibol Award), herein attached as **ANNEX "6"** or **ANNEX "7"** in case of underage student

6. Procedures

- 6.1. *Submission of Entries.* Contestants submit their entries through their respective clusters on or before the deadline of submission. All documentary requirements must be submitted at the time of the application. Only entries with complete documents will be acted upon. Entries may join only one (1) cluster. The contestants may later on be required to provide additional information to the judges in order to fully evaluate their entries during the contest proper.

- 6.2. *Prejudicial Disclosure.* All contestants shall be responsible in protecting their technology against prejudicial disclosure.
 - 6.3. *Formality Check.* The Secretariat of the respective Cluster conducts formality and initial eligibility check.
 - 6.3.1. *Complete.* Entries with complete documentary requirements shall be submitted to the respective BOJ for deliberation.
 - 6.3.2. *Incomplete.* Secretariat calls the attention of the contestant for the submission of the lacking documents and the deadline therefore. Failure to timely submit lacking documents despite extension shall render the entry disqualified.
 - 6.4. *Qualifying Round.* BOJs deliberate on the entries of their respective clusters based on the applicable criteria under the Qualifying Round. At the end of the Qualifying Round, ten (10) entries per category/subcategory will be shortlisted for the final round which may decrease depending on the number available qualified entries.
 - 6.5. *Final Round.* During the final round, scores of all shortlisted entries will be back to zero. BOJ will then deliberate using the Final Round criteria. The contestants may be required to provide additional information in order to fully evaluate their entries.
 - 6.6. *Exhibit.* Only the entries that reach the final round may join the exhibition of the technologies during the ClusteRICE event.
 - 6.7. *Pitching.* ONLY the contestant shall be the one to pitch the entry before the BOJ and answer questions during Q&A portion, if any. In case of group contestants, only one (1) of them shall pitch and answer questions. Pitching of entries that are at risk of prejudicial disclosure shall pitch in a closed-door session limited to attendees with duly executed NDAs.
 - 6.8. *Minimum Rating for ClusteRICE Winner.* No entry shall be declared as 1st place winner in any category or subcategory unless the same garnered an overall rating of 80%. The BOJ may declare no winner or less than three (3) winners per category/subcategory when the 80% requirement is not achieved by some or all of the contestants in that category/subcategory.
 - 6.9. *Winning Entry.* Only ONE entry per category per Cluster will be considered as winner in the ClusteRICE. These winners will qualify to the National Invention Contests and Exhibits (NICE). There will be no 2nd, 3rd, etc. winners.
 - 6.10. *Decision of BOJ.* The decision of the Board of Judges is final and unappealable. The scorecards or rating sheets are considered personal notes of the judges and are not for public scrutiny. Thus, any part of it shall NOT be given to any contestant or any requesting party.
7. **Board of Judges.** The Board of Judges shall be composed of highly qualified professionals thoroughly selected by the DOST-TAPI **ClusteRICE** Awards Committee. The judges must not be affiliated with any organizations, agencies, schools, or universities of the participating contestants in the regional contest of the same year. The judges must sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with DOST-TAPI prior to judging, herein attached as **ANNEX "9"**.

8. Judging Criteria

8.1. Qualifying Round

8.1.1. Invention (Tuklas) Category

Criteria	Weight
Scope of Social issue/concerns being addressed	20%
Contribution to the existing technology and/or industry	20%
Scope of Technology Applicability	20%
Potential Market Segment	20%
Potential income generation for the country	20%
Total	100%

8.1.2. Utility Model (Unlad) Category

Criteria	Weight
Scope of Social issue/concerns being addressed	20%
Contribution to the existing technology and/or industry	20%
Scope of Technology Applicability	20%
Potential Market Segment	20%
Potential income generation for the country	20%
Total	100%

8.1.3. Industrial Design (Banghay) Category

Criteria	Weight
Appearance	40%
Scope of Technology Applicability	20%
Scope of Social issue/concern being addressed	20%
Potential Market Segment	20%
Total	100%

8.1.4. Creative Research (Likha) Category

Criteria	Weight
Commercial Advantage	40%
Commercial Applicability	40%
Test Result	20%
Total	100%

8.1.5. Student Creative Research (Sibol) Category

Criteria	Weight
Commercial Advantage	40%
Commercial Applicability	40%
Test Result	20%
Total	100%

8.2. Final Round

8.2.1. Invention (Tuklas) Category

Criteria	Weight
Perceived Impact (Provides how the technology could contribute to the general welfare).	50%
Degree of Development	30%
Presentation	20%
Total	100%

8.2.2. Utility Model (Unlad) Category

Criteria	Weight
Perceived Impact (Provides how the technology could contribute to the general welfare).	50%
Degree of Development	30%
Presentation	20%
Total	100%

8.2.3. Industrial Design (Banghay) Category

Criteria	Weight
Appearance	40%
Perceived Impact	20%
Degree of Development	20%
Presentation	20%
Total	100%

8.2.4. Creative Research (Likha) Category

Criteria	Weight
Appearance	40%
Perceived Impact	20%
Degree of Development	20%
Presentation	20%
Total	100%

8.2.5. Student Creative Research (Sibol) Category College

Criteria	Weight
Novelty	30%
Commercial Viability	30%
Methodology	10%
Test Result	10%
Presentation	20%
Total	100%

8.2.6. Student Creative Research (Sibol) Category High School

Criteria	Weight
Novelty	30%
Commercial Viability	30%
Methodology	20%
Presentation	20%
Total	100%

9. Prizes and Privileges

- 9.1. Cash prizes. All **ClusteRICE** winners shall receive a cash incentive and certificate of recognition subject to accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- 9.2. National Qualifier. Winners shall be selected per category or sub-category, if applicable. In case of tie, the Board of Judges shall break the tie via majority vote. The winner in each category or subcategory shall automatically be the national qualifier for the National Invention Contest provided that entries under creative research categories shall submit their technology to the Institute for the availment of TAPI Intellectual Property Rights Assistance Program (IPRAP).
- 9.3. DOST-TAPI will cause the First Prize Winners of the Student Creative Research Category to be featured in available national Science and Technology event(s) for the youth such as the National Science, Technology and Innovation Youth Festival.
- 9.4. The contestants must submit their duly accomplished entries to the respective DOST-RO, DOST-TAPI or directly through the inventions contest link stated in Item 4.1. The DOST-TAPI will pre-screen entries based on compliance to the requirements stated in Item 4.1 of this Rules and Criteria. All documents submitted are subject to final examination by the Board of Judges.
- 9.5. IP Protection of Creative Researches. All contestants in the Creative Research Categories (Likha Award and Sibol Award) shall agree that any intellectual property included in their entries shall be protected under the DOST-TAPI's Intellectual Property Rights Assistance Program (IPRAP). Ownership shall be retained by the contestants or their Assignees, if applicable, who shall also disclose their creative works in full.
- 9.6. Commercialization. All contestants and winners shall commit to push for the commercialization of their inventions and researches once opportunities are provided.

10. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately after posting in the official website of DOST-TAPI.



ENGR. NONILO A. PEÑA
Chairperson, Screening Committee for RA 7459

RIC Form No. 01A
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2025 REGIONAL INVENTION CONTESTS (by Cluster)
For Region _____ Cluster

ENTRY FORM FOR INVENTION, UTILITY MODEL, INDUSTRIAL DESIGN, AND CREATIVE RESEARCH CATEGORIES

CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS PER ENTRY

- 3-5 minutes AVP of the entry
- Information Sheet with Data Privacy Consent Form
- Detailed information or description of the entry (not more than 3 pages)

1. CATEGORY (Please check)

- INVENTION
- UTILITY MODEL (UM)
- INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (ID)
- CREATIVE RESEARCH

2. CONTESTANTS

Name of Contestant	Age	Educational Attainment	Address	Contact Detail

3. TITLE OF ENTRY: _____

4. PATENT/UM/ID REGISTRATION NO.: _____

5. Has the entry been part of any contest before? () YES () NO If yes, where?
_____ when? _____

6. Has the entry won any major prize (i.e. 1st, 2nd, 3rd prize) in any national or regional cluster invention contest organized by DOST-TAPI in the past? () YES () NO If yes, please specify _____

7. In separate sheet ***NOT MORE THAN THREE PAGES***, please submit the detailed information or description of the entry (*may include the perceived impact on how the technology could contribute to the general welfare, technological and economic advantages of the entry over the existing similar products, devices, machines, or processes, and cost to develop or create the product/invention*). For Creative Research Category, may include additional information such as proof of test results and methods used.

8. Please indicate the approximate size or dimensions of the working model, prototype,

products, or exhibit materials and special requirements, if any.

9. How did you know about the ClusteRICE?

Invitation from DOST?

DOST Social Media?

Others? Please specify _____

I/WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the above answers given are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. Any fraudulent information provided will be a ground for disqualification or withdrawal of the award.

Contestant/s

9. How did you know about the ClusteRICE?
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Others? Please specify _____

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Endorsed by:

Signature over Printed Name of the Endorsing Official/Position

School

Address

Tel./Fax No.

RIC Form No. 01
Series of 2025

2025 REGIONAL INVENTION CONTESTS AND EXHIBITS (by Cluster)

For Region _____ Cluster _____

**ENTRY FORM FOR INVENTION, UTILITY MODEL, INDUSTRIAL DESIGN, AND
CREATIVE RESEARCH CATEGORIES**

CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS

- 1 copy of the ENTRY FORM RIC Form No. 01
- 1 copy of the DETAILED INFORMATION/DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTRY
- 1 copy** of the COMPLETE PATENT/UM/ID IP Certificate with ribbon (for invention, utility model and industrial design categories only)
- 1 copy of the CERTIFICATION RIC Form No. 05 that their work is their own, new, and original (for entries in the creative research categories only)
- 1 copy of WAIVER RICE Form No. 02
- Certificate of Residency from LGU
- Information Sheet with Data Privacy Consent Form

1. CATEGORY (Please check)

- INVENTION
- UTILITY MODEL (UM)
- INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (ID)
- CREATIVE RESEARCH

2. CONTESTANTS

Name of Contestant	Age	Educational Attainment	Address	Contact Detail

3. TITLE OF ENTRY: _____

4. PATENT/UM/ID REGISTRATION NO.: _____

(For invention, UM, and ID categories only, please submit six (6) copies of the complete patent or IP Certificate with ribbon.)

5. DEGREE OF DEVELOPMENT: *(Technology Readiness Level / Investment Readiness Level)*

Use below link for reference used by DOST-TAPI:



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6. Has the entry been part of any contest before? () YES () NO If yes, where? _____ when? _____
7. Has the entry won any major prize (i.e. 1st, 2nd, 3rd prize) in any national or regional cluster invention contest organized by DOST-TAPI in the past? () YES () NO If yes, please specify _____
8. In separate sheet(s), please submit the detailed information or description of the entry (*may include the technological and economic advantages of the entry over the existing similar products, devices, machines, or processes, and cost to develop or create the product or invention*).
9. Please indicate the approximate size or dimensions of the working model, prototype, products, or exhibit materials and special requirements, if any.
10. The contestants are required to execute a Waiver (*RIC Form No. 02: Waiver Form*) which forms part of this entry. Entries without waivers are automatically disqualified. Please use the attached form.

I/WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the above answers given are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. Any fraudulent information provided will be a ground for disqualification or withdrawal of the award.

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Date Signed: _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____, at _____, Philippines, affiant/s _____, exhibiting his/her/their proof/s of identity as above stated.

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Note: Please submit or email this form together with the accomplished waiver form to DOST-TAPI not later than 5:00 PM on the deadline of submission of entries.

8. Please indicate the approximate size or dimensions of the working model, prototype, products, or exhibit materials and special requirements, if any.

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School

Address

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____, at _____, Philippines, affiant/s _____, exhibiting his/her/their proof/s of identity as above stated.

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RIC Form No. 03B
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REGIONAL INVENTION CONTESTS AND EXHIBITS
For Region _____

ENTRY FORM FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTHS
STUDENT CREATIVE RESEARCH CATEGORY

CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS PER ENTRY

- 1 copy of the ENTRY FORM
- 1 copy of the DETAILED INFORMATION/DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTRY
- 1 copy of the CERTIFICATION RIC Form No. 06 that their work is their own, new and original
- 1 copy of the WAIVER RIC Form No. 04
- Certificate of Residency from LGU
- Information Sheet with Data Privacy Consent Form

1. **TITLE OF ENTRY:** _____

2. **CONTESTANTS**

Name of Contestant	Age	Year	Address	Contact Detail

3. **PRINCIPAL ADDRESS:** _____

Email Address: _____ Tel. No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

4. Has the entry been part of any contest before? () YES () NO

If yes, where? _____ When? _____

5. Has the entry won any major prize (i.e. 1st, 2nd, 3rd prize) in any *Sibol* Award in the past?

If yes, please specify _____

6. In separate sheet(s), please submit the detailed information/description of entry (*may include the technological and economic advantages of the entry over the existing similar products, devices, machines, or processes, and cost to develop or create the product/invention*).

7. Please indicate the approximate size or dimensions of the working model, prototype, products, or exhibit materials and special requirements, if any.

8. The contestants are required to execute a Waiver (RIC Form No. 04: Waiver Form) which forms part of this entry. Entries without waivers are automatically disqualified. Please use the attached form.

I/WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the above answers given are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. Any fraudulent information provided will be a ground for disqualification or withdrawal of the award.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Guardian/s	Contestant/s

Endorsed by:

Signature over Printed Name of the Endorsing Official/Position

_____ DOST Regional Office/ Inventors Organization	_____ Address	_____ Tel./Fax No.
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____, at _____, Philippines, affiant/s _____, exhibiting his/her/their proof/s of identity as above stated.

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RIC Form No. 02
Series of 2025

REGIONAL INVENTION CONTESTS AND EXHIBITS
For Region _____ Cluster _____

WAIVER

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I/WE, _____,
contestant/s of the **Regional Invention Contest and Exhibit** with the entry entitled,
"_____"
with Patent/Utility Model/Industrial Design Registration No. _____
under the Invention, Utility Model, Industrial Design, and Creative Research (encircle one) Category
hereby state that I/we are aware of all the rules and regulations set forth in the Contest.

By virtue hereof, I/we shall abide by the decision of the Board of Judges and hereby release,
agree to hold free from any responsibility, and waive whatever cause of action which I/we have
or may hereafter have against the members of the Board of Judges, the Department of Science and
Technology Regional Office (DOST RO), the Technology Application and Promotion Institute (DOST-TAPI),
and their employees that may arise from or relative to the conduct, results, etc. of the Contest.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/we have hereunto set our hands on this _____ day of
_____ at _____.

ID No.: _____ Issued at _____ on _____
ID No.: _____ Issued at _____ on _____
ID No.: _____ Issued at _____ on _____

**For group work, all members must sign.*

Contestant/s

Signed in the presence of

Witness

Witness

Address: _____

Address: _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____ at
_____, Philippines, affiant/s _____, exhibiting his/her/their proof/s of
identity as above stated.

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Page No.: _____;
Book No.: _____;
Series of 2025.

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REGIONAL INVENTION CONTESTS AND EXHIBITS (By Cluster)
For Region _____ Cluster _____

WAIVER

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I/WE, _____,
contestant/s in the **SIBOL AWARD (Outstanding Student Creative Research)** with the entry entitled,
" _____ "
hereby state that I/we are aware of all the rules and regulations set forth in the Contest.

By virtue hereof, I/we shall abide by the decision of the Board of Judges and hereby waive whatever cause of action which I/we have or may hereafter have against the members of the Board of Judges, the Department of Science and Technology Regional Office (DOST RO), the Technology Application and Promotion Institute (DOST-TAPI), and their employees that may arise from or relative to the conduct, results, etc. of the Contest.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/we have hereunto set our hands on this _____ day
of _____ at _____.

Advisers/Guardians

Contestant/s

* For Group work, all members must sign.

Signed in the presence of

Witness

Witness

Address:

Address:

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____, at _____, Philippines, affiant _____, exhibiting his proof of identity as above stated.

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RIC Form No. 05
Series of 2025

REGIONAL INVENTION CONTESTS AND EXHIBITS (By Cluster)

For Region _____ Cluster _____

CERTIFICATION

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I/WE, _____, contestant/s in the **Creative Research Category (Likha Award)** with the entry entitled, " _____," hereby certify that our entry is our own and that to the best of our knowledge, it is new and original. However, should DOST-TAPI and the Board of Judges through their initial evaluation find this entry not new and original may, at their discretion, remove and/or disqualify the entry.

I/We further certify my/our commitment to avail DOST-TAPI's **Intellectual Property Rights Assistance Program** to protect my/our research, as well as other applicable programs of assistance of DOST-TAPI to test and commercialize my/our research.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/we have hereunto set our hands on this _____ day of _____, at _____.

**For group work, all members must sign.*

Contestant/s

Signed in the presence of

Witness

Witness

Address:

Address:

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____, at _____, Philippines, affiant _____, exhibiting his proof of identity as above stated.

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RIC Form No. 06
Series of 2025

REGIONAL INVENTION CONTESTS AND EXHIBITS (By Cluster)
For Region _____ Cluster _____

CERTIFICATION

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I/WE, _____, contestant/s in the **Student Creative Research Category for College/High School (Sibol Award)** with the entry entitled, " _____," hereby certify that our entry is our own and that to the best of our knowledge, it is new and original. However, should DOST-TAPI and the Board of Judges through their initial evaluation find this entry not new and original may, at their discretion, remove and/or disqualify the entry.

I/We further certify my/our commitment to avail DOST-TAPI's **Intellectual Property Rights Assistance Program** to protect my/our research, as well as other applicable programs of assistance of DOST-TAPI to test and commercialize my/our research.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/we have hereunto set our hands on this _____ day of _____, at _____.

Advisers/Guardians

Contestant/s

* For Group work, all members must sign.

Signed in the presence of

Witness

Witness

Address: _____

Address: _____

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REGIONAL INVENTION CONTEST AND EXHIBITS (By Cluster)
For Region _____ Cluster _____

INFORMATION SHEET

Name of Inventor/Maker/ Researcher: _____
 Title of the Invention: _____
 Patent/UM/ID No.: _____
 Technical Description of the Invention/Research: _____
 Photo: (please see attached sheet)
 Address: _____
 Telephone/Cellphone Number: _____ Fax No.: _____
 E-mail Address: _____

CONFORMÉ

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

 (Signature over Printed Name)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

DATA PRIVACY CONSENT FORM

We at the Technology Application and Promotion Institute are committed to provide you with the services involving application and promotion of science and technology pursuant to Executive Order No. 128 and RA 7459 while implementing safeguards to protect your privacy and keep your personal data safe and secure.

Processing of Personal Data

The personal information being collected above which may include your age, educational attainment, and photos during the event may be used for the (1) issuance of ID, certificates and the like; (2) sending of notifications/communications involving the said event; (3) sending of materials for the event; (4) posting of pictures during the event in TAPI official website for promotional and transparency purposes; and other similar activities. Said information will also be shared within DOST System for the purpose of informing and/or inviting the data subject to any other events, promotions, proposals, and other activities of DOST System. Further, said information will be shared within and used by DOST System for statistics purposes.

Data Protection

We shall implement reasonable and appropriate organizational, physical, and technical security measures for the protection of personal information which we collected.

Only authorized personnel are permitted and have access to the collected information that will treat any confidential information under strict confidentiality. In case of breach, TAPI shall notify you and inform the National Privacy Commission (NPC) in accordance with the NPC Circular 16-03 or Personal Data Breach Management.

Personal information collected are stored and later on disposed of via shredding and permanently deleted in our electronic files in accordance to R.A. No. 9470 otherwise known as *National Archives of the Philippines Act of 2007*.

Rights of the Data Subject

As the Data Subject, you have the right to be informed of the personal information being collected, processed, and stored by TAPI as well as to access, object, rectify, and block the same. For questions or concerns, you may contact our Data Protection Officer through the following details:

(02) 8582-1450 local 2168
info@tapi.dost.gov.ph

I have read this form, understood its contents and consent to the processing of my personal data. I understand that my consent does not preclude the existence of other criteria for lawful processing of personal data, and does not waive any of my rights under the Data Privacy Act of 2012 and other applicable laws.

(Signature over Printed Name)

(Date)

(Signature over Printed Name of Guardian, if applicable)

(Date)



NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

his Non-Disclosure Agreement (Agreement) is made and entered into by and between:

TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION AND PROMOTION INSTITUTE, the agency of the Department of Science and Technology that organizes and implements the 2025 Regional Invention Contest and Exhibit by Cluster (**ClusterRICE**), with principal office at DOST Compound, General Santos Avenue, Bicutan, Taguig and represented in this Agreement by its Director, **ATTY. MARION IVY D. DECENA**, hereafter referred to as **DOST-TAPI**;

all Filipinos, of legal age, hereinafter referred to individually as **JUDGE** and collectively as **JUDGES**.

The **DOST-TAPI** and the **JUDGE/S** shall each be referred to as a "**PARTY**" and collectively as the "**PARTIES**".

WHEREAS, **DOST-TAPI** and **JUDGE/S** may either be a **DISCLOSING PARTY** and/or **RECEIVING PARTY** in relation to the sharing of information and have an interest in partaking in the 2025 **ClusterRICE** wherein the **DISCLOSING PARTY** may share information with the other that is considered to be proprietary and confidential to itself ("Confidential Information");

WHEREAS, the **RECEIVING PARTY** undertake not to use the shared information for any purpose other than for evaluation and judging of entries for the selection of 2025 **ClusterRICE** Winners;

NOW THEREFORE, for consideration of the covenants and promises contained in this Agreement, the **PARTIES** agree as follows:

"**DISCLOSING PARTY**" refers to a party (either **DOST-TAPI** or any of the **JUDGES**) that discloses confidential information as defined under item 3 below.

"**RECEIVING PARTY**" refers to the party that receives a Confidential Information from the **DISCLOSING PARTY** as defined under item 1 above.

"Confidential Information" refers to all information of any kind, whether tangible or written or intangible or oral or electronic, not generally known to the public which has or could have value or utility to the **DISCLOSING PARTY** and which ought to be understood by the **PARTIES** to be confidential or which is identified as confidential including but not limited to:

Information about intellectual property of any contestant that one may have acquired by reason of or in the course of reviewing or evaluating entries in the **ClusterRICE**.

Is known to the **RECEIVING PARTY** before the time of disclosure, as evidenced by written records of **RECEIVING PARTY**;

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Is known or independently developed by the RECEIVING PARTY, as demonstrated by written evidence;

Are disclosed to the RECEIVING PARTY in good faith by a third party who has an independent right to such subject matter and information; and

Is required to be disclosed by law, provided that the RECEIVING PARTY, at the DISCLOSING PARTY's expense, is not interposing an objection to such requirement.

The **PARTIES** agree to hold in confidence all Confidential Information; to not disclose Confidential Information to any third party without prior written approval from the DISCLOSING PARTY; and to use Confidential Information solely for the purpose herein stated

The **PARTIES** agree to protect and not release or disclose to a third party any and all Personal Information or Data derived from this endeavor or use the same outside the purpose of this project subject of this Agreement without prior written consent from the data subject in compliance with Republic Act No. 10173, otherwise known as Data Privacy Act of 2012, it implementing rules and regulations and other applicable circulars or advisories of the National Privacy Commission (NPC).

The **PARTIES** shall ensure that their respective officials, employees, personnel, and agents, who will have access to the confidential information referred herein shall be oriented to, and shall comply with the provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement shall remain in, unless otherwise terminated by either PARTY giving notice to the other of its desire to terminate this Agreement.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to constitute an agency, partnership, joint venture or other similar relationship between the **PARTIES**.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which constitute a single agreement. If the dates set forth at the signatures of this document are different, the Agreement shall be considered effective as of the date that both DISCLOSING PARTY and RECEIVING PARTY signed the Agreement.

The nullity or illegality of any portion of this Agreement shall in no way affect the validity and/or enforceability of the other provisions thereof.

All actions arising out of or by virtue of this Agreement shall only be filed in the proper courts of Taguig to the exclusion of all other courts.

This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument signed and agreed upon by both **PARTIES**.

Note: use this if judges are within NCR)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **PARTIES** hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed this ____ day of _____ at the TAPI Bldg. DOST Compound General Santos Ave., Bicutan, Taguig City.

ATTY. MARION IVY D. DECENA
Director, DOST-TAPI

[NAME OF JUDGE 1]

JUDGE 1

[NAME OF JUDGE 2]

JUDGE 2

[NAME OF JUDGE 3]

JUDGE 3

[NAME OF JUDGE 4]

JUDGE 4

[NAME OF JUDGE 4]

JUDGE 4

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)

CITY OF TAGUIG) s.s.

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, for and in City of Taguig, Philippines, this _____ personally appeared the following parties with their proof of identity.

No.	Name	ID Type / No.	Issue at / Issued on
1.	ATTY. MARION IVY D. DECENA		
2.	[NAME OF JUDGE 1]		
3.	[NAME OF JUDGE 2]		
4.	[NAME OF JUDGE 3]		
5.	[NAME OF JUDGE 4]		
6.	[NAME OF JUDGE 5]		

known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing Non-Disclosure Agreement consisting of ____ pages on which this Acknowledgement appears and signed by Parties and they acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL on the date and place first above written.

-DO NOT FILL OUT THIS PORTION (FOR DOST-TAPI)-

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF TAGUIG) s.s.

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, for and in City of Taguig, Philippines, this _____
personally appeared the following parties with their proof of identity.

Name	ID Type / No.	Issue at / Issued on
ATTY. MARION IVY D. DECENA		

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Regional Invention Contest and Exhibits by Cluster

Meeting with North Luzon and South Luzon Cluster
January 27, 2025 | 10:00 AM



2025 REGIONAL INVENTION CONTEST AND EXHIBITS BY CLUSTER

The **Regional Invention Contest and Exhibits (RICE)** is a nationwide activity conducted by the Technology Application and Promotion Institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-TAPI) in different regions to recognize the indispensability of the Filipino inventors in the Philippine society and in the landscape of national economic development.

The Regional Invention Contest (RIC) shall encourage inventors to utilize their innovativeness through competition and with prizes to look out for. RIC serves as the qualifying round for the **National Invention Contest**, pursuant to Section 4 of the Republic Act (RA) No. 7459 also known as "**Inventors and Invention Incentives Act of the Philippines**".

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2024 NATIONAL INVENTION CONTEST AND EXHIBITS

July 16 - 18, 2024 | Marriott Hotel, Manila



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2024 NATIONAL INVENTION CONTEST AND EXHIBITS PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

July 24, 2024 | Sheraton Hotel



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2024 SEOUL INTERNATIONAL INVENTION FAIR (SIIF)

November 27 - 30, 2024 | Seoul, South Korea



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CLUSTER REGIONS



For 2025, the competition shall be conducted through clusters instead of per region or **ClusterRICE**. The five (5) Clusters are as follows:

- A. National Capital Region (for Cities and Municipalities within the NCR);
- B. Southern Luzon (for Region IV-A, IV-B and V);
- C. Northern Luzon (for Region I, II, III and CAR);
- D. Visayas (for Region VI, VII and VIII); and
- E. Mindanao (for Region IX, X, XI, XII, XIII)

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INVENTION CONTEST CATEGORIES



The invention contest for this year is open to both the public and private sector inventors and researchers within the Regions of the Clusters. There are **five (5) categories** where talented Filipinos can compete in the invention contest, namely:

- Outstanding Invention (Tuklas Award);
- Outstanding Utility Model (Unlad Award);
- Outstanding Industrial Design (Banghay Award);
- Outstanding Creative Research (Likha Award); and
- Outstanding Student Creative Research (Sibol Award) for High School and College students.



INVENTION CATEGORY

Invention refers to any technical solution of a problem in any field of human activity which is new, involves an inventive step and is industrially applicable. It may be, or may relate to a product, or process, and their improvements, (Sec. 21, RA 8293). It shall be covered by letters patent still in force granted by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP-HIL). **The category may be subcategorized into *Invention (Privately-Owned Technology)* and *Invention (Government-Owned Technology) Categories.***



UTILITY MODEL (UM) CATEGORY

Utility Model refers to any technical solution of a problem in any field of human activity which is new and industrially applicable, within contemplation of the above statute (Sec. 109, RA 8293). It shall be covered by utility model registration with a **valid registrability report still in force granted by (IPOPIL)**.



INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (ID) CATEGORY

Industrial Design refers to any composition of lines or colors or any three-dimensional form whether or not associated with lines or colors: Provided, that such composition or form gives a special appearance to and can serve as pattern for an industrial product or handicraft within the contemplation of the above statute (Sec. 112, RA 8293). It shall be covered by industrial design registration with **valid registrability report still in force granted by the (IPOPIL)**.



CREATIVE RESEARCH CATEGORY

Creative Research refers to **patent pending inventions**, registration pending utility models and industrial designs and research results not yet applied for patent, utility model and industrial design registration. Eligible under this category are new and useful machines or devices or gadgets, products or processes or an improvement of any of the foregoing; and non-biological or microbiological processes not contrary to public order, morals, public health and welfare. These are research results with demonstrable qualities and potential for improvement and/or widespread commercialization or dissemination. The Creative Research Category (Likha Award) shall be subcategorized into (a) *Government-Funded* and (b) *Privately-Funded* if there are at least three (3) qualified entries in both sub-categories. However, if entries on either of the sub-category is less than three (3), the two (2) subcategories shall be merged into one (1) category only.



STUDENT CREATIVE RESEARCH CATEGORY

Student creative research refers to new and innovative projects or models developed by students in secondary and tertiary levels. These projects or models should possess features and characteristics that may have significant contributions to the promotion of Science and Technology (S&T) innovations that are not contrary to public order, morals, public health, and welfare. The category will be sub-categorized into *Student Creative Research for College* and *Student Creative Research for High School Categories*. Out of School Youth (OSY) ages 13 to 18 years old at the time of application shall belong to High School Category. OSY ages 19 to 24 years old at the time of application shall belong to the College Category. OSY ages 25 and above shall belong to the Creative Research Category.



MECHANICS

- All submitted entries will be screened by DOST-TAPI in terms of completeness of documentary requirements and will be endorsed to the Board of Judges.
- The contest will have **two rounds of judging**: the qualifying and final rounds.
- In the qualifying round, the Board of Judges **will shortlist the top ten (10) entries per category** based on the set criteria indicated in the 2025 RICE Rules and Criteria (by cluster).
- In the final round, scores of all shortlisted entries will be back to zero. BOJ will then deliberate using the Final Round criteria. **The top ten (10) contestants will be given a 5 minute presentation to pitch their entry.** ONLY the contestant shall be the one to pitch the entry before the BOJ and answer questions during Q&A portion, if any. In case of group contestants, only one (1) of them shall pitch and answer questions
- Only the entries that reach the final round may join the exhibition of the technologies during the ClusteRICE event.
- **One (1) NICE Qualifier** shall be selected per category and shall automatically qualify in the **National Invention Contest and Exhibits (NICE)** that will be held the following year (2026).

CALL FOR ENTRIES

<http://tapi.dost.gov.ph/>



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ELIGIBILITY

Citizenship

- *UM, ID, Creative Research, and Student Creative Research Categories.* Individual who is a Filipino Citizen at the time of the submission of entry.
- *Invention Category.* Individual who is a Filipino Citizen at the time of the submission of entry or a Philippine government office.

Residence

- *Invention, UM, ID, Creative Research, and Student Creative Research Categories (for OSY).* At least six (6) months resident of, or whose principal office is located in, the Regional Cluster where the entry is submitted.
- *Student Creative Research Categories (for High School/College Student).* Currently enrolled in a campus or branch located in the Regional Cluster where the entry is submitted.



ELIGIBILITY

Technology

- *Invention, UM, and ID Categories.* Owner of a registered and existing UM, or ID or an assignee thereof whose name appears in the IP registration as inventor or researcher, whichever is applicable, provided that in case of government-owned technology, said deed of assignment is required.
- *Invention Category.* Owner or a registered and existing Patent or an assignee thereof whose name appears in the IP registration as inventor or researcher, provided that government-owned technologies may be grouped under a separate subcategory from privately-owned technology where no deed of assignment is necessary.
- *Creative Research and Student Creative Research.* Author of a scientific research involving a registrable technology as its primary subject.



2025 ClusteRICE Cash Awards (for approval)

Winners from 2025 ClusteRICE will receive the following cash awards. Only the **1st prize winner** will qualify for 2026 National Invention Contest and Exhibits:

Rank	Invention Category	Utility Model Category	Industrial Design Category	Creative Research Category	Student Creative Research Category
2026 NICE Qualifier	50,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Consolation Prize for other finalist	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00



Proposed Partnership (Roles and Responsibilities)

Proposed Partnership (roles and responsibilities)

DOST-TAPI

- Overall implementation of ClusteRICE according to the approved guidelines
- Operational Expenses

DOST-PSHS

- Venue and Facilities
- Invite PSHS students
- Support in the promotion of the event

DOST-ROs

- Identify one-two focal persons (principal and alternate)
- Invite possible contestants;
- (DepEd, HEIs, inventors, researchers, OSY, etc;
- Support in the promotion of the event (posting of announcement and other promo mat)
- Possible activity aligned with the event
- Technical support during the event (host/emcee, secretariat);
- Other technical/logistic support.



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Regional Invention Contest and Exhibits by Cluster