

During the preliminary rounds, the 'Confidence and Communication Skills' criterion will be assessed based on how effectively each candidate explains the specific technology that inspired their techno attire. Only the Top 3 candidates will advance to the Question and Answer portion, with the following questions:

- 1. In a world shaken by ongoing conflicts such as the Israel-Iran and Ukraine-Russia wars, why do you believe humanity must continue its quest for discovery, innovation, and progress—even amidst such adversity?*
- 2. As artificial intelligence continues to transform our world, how do you believe we can harness its power responsibly while preserving the values that make us human?*
- 3. If ChatGPT were your best friend, what is the one question you would ask—and why do you believe that question matters in today's world?*
- 4. If you were to explain photosynthesis to an 8-year-old child, how would you make it simple, fun, and meaningful for them to understand?*
- 5. If you were tasked to create an annual report for DOST Region 10, what title would you give it—and how would that title reflect the agency's impact?*
- 6. Sometimes the greatest discoveries happen during moments of struggle. Can you share a personal challenge that taught you something new about yourself or the world?*
- 7. Which discovery or innovation from your childhood left a lasting impression on you and how has it influenced who you are today?*
- 8. If your life were a scientific experiment, what would be your hypothesis and what are you still trying to prove?*
- 9. Newton's First Law states that an object in motion stays in motion unless acted upon by an external force. In life, we often find ourselves moving in a certain direction—guided by habit, ambition, or circumstance. As a woman/man of purpose, how do you determine when it's time to resist the inertia of your current path and choose a new direction?*
- 10. With rapid advancements in artificial intelligence, robots are becoming more human-like in thought and emotion. If you found yourself falling in love with a robot, would you embrace that love, or walk away in search of something more human? Why?*