



Luzon Conference

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PhilRice Central Experiment Station, Nueva Ecija

Open Idea Battle

Overview: Ideas about ICT in agriculture may have already been explored by your students in their thesis and projects. Through this event, we hope to improve and expand those ideas by giving them insights and inspiration. We also intend to provide thesis funding or internship for students with promising concepts.

Join the Battle: To join, submit your concept details and details of team members for pre-selection process at agrihackathon.philrice.gov.ph on or before October 31, 2016. Entries must be existing thesis, project output, or new ideas originated from the student-members of the team that will represent your school. Wait for acceptance confirmation on the next working day. Have the working prototype ready on the event date.

Process: On the start of the hackathon proper, each team will be given 5 minutes to pitch their concept to a panel of experts. These experts will give comments and suggestions to help the participants enhance their prototype. Then, teams will be given 24 hours to further work on their projects.

Judging: Only the student-members of each team will present their output to a panel of judges. Then, a question and answer portion follows. Entries will be judged based on 2 main criteria - product concept applicability in agriculture; and usability of the prototype.

Awards and Prizes: **The 1st place winning entry will get up to PhP100,000.00 worth of thesis assistantship for 6 months** to improve and expand their project. The funding will cover procurement of needed materials (does not include equipment), travel, accommodation, and other expenses. **They will also get PhP6,000.00 cash prize and perks** on the awarding ceremony. The 2nd and 3rd place entries also get perks and will be considered for possible funding.