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Dear Mr. Briones:

The Department of Information and Communications Technology - Luzon Cluster 2 (DICT-LC 2) is hopeful that this communication meets you well and in good health especially during these challenging times.

The ICT Industry Development Bureau (IIDB) of the DICT Luzon Cluster 2 will be conducting The Philippine Startup Challenge 2021 (PSC 2021), a national startup competition which aims to encourage and inspire Filipinos to create innovative and relevant ICT products and services that may be viable business ventures and help our country advance in the global digital economy.

As part of the PSC 2021, the DICT Luzon Cluster 2 will organize a Regional Pitching Competition, which will serve as the qualification stage for the national competition among interested teams from Region III.

In view of the foregoing, we are requesting your support through encouraging your students to participate in the said competition. The Philippine Startup Challenge 2021 has extended its deadline for entries until 31 January 2022.

The following are the important dates to remember for the Student Category:

Philippine Startup Challeng	e 2021 Student Category Calendar
31 January 2022	Deadline of submission of entries
15 February 2022	Mentoring for Region III
17 February 2022	Mentoring for Region IV-A
23 February 2022	Regional Pitching for Region III
24 February 2022	Regional Pitching for Region IV-A
2 March 2022	Mentoring for Semifinals
2nd week of March	National Semifinals



4th week of March

National Finals

As indicated, the IIDB will organize a series of activities to fully equip the participants upon the acceptance of entries. These initiatives serve as our intervention to capacitate and develop startup teams joining the competition.

Interested participants from your institution may register through this link: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSdim6">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSdim6</a> BzgJucmxfNNbVN-EEFiRztC-x2Xjo4UgNPHPXGQHPyg/viewform.

Interested participants may know more about the mechanics of the challenge through this link: https://dict.gov.ph/philippine-startup-challenge-2021/.

We believe that your support will help us to engage our students and improve their startup ideas. Exciting prizes and mentoring programs await the winners.

Should you have any inquiries, your designated staff may directly coordinate with DICT IIDB Focal Person, Ms. Gav Herrera, through email at <a href="mailto:gav.herrera@dict.gov.ph">gav.herrera@dict.gov.ph</a> or DICT Laguna Provincial Head, Engr. Rex C. Aguila through email at rex.aguila@dict.gov.ph or via mobile number at 0917-8994557.

Thank you and we are hoping for your usual support regarding this matter.

For your kind attention and action.

With cordial regards,

Digitally signed by Sy Reynaldo

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