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FOR : ALL PRESIDENTS/HEADS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN REGION 2

SUBJECT : CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR HAQUATHON 2.0

DATE : FEBRUARY 26, 2021

The Commission on Higher Education Regional Office 02 informs all interested parties of the Call for Applications for Haquathon 2.0, organized by Save Philippine Seas (SPS), American Spaces Philippines, and the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines.

Haquathon 2.0 is a regional search for tech-based solutions from individuals, groups, or organizations to create and pilot solutions that address coastal- and marine-related sustainability issues. Proposals may be a platform, software, hardware, or piece of equipment.

Interested participants may refer to the attached email from the organizers for information on competition guidelines, eligibility, application requirements, and prizes.

For further information, interested parties may visit the competition website at **savethephilippineseas.org/haquathon2**. More information about American Spaces may be found at **americanspacesph.org**. More information about Save Philippine Seas may be found at **savethephilippineseas.org.**

Participation is voluntary.

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WebMail

CHED Regional Office 2 <chedro2@ched.gov.ph>

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Application for Haquathon 2.0 is now open!

1 message

Save PH Seas <haquathon@gmail.com> Tue, Feb 23, 2021 at 9:00 AM
Bcc: chedro2@ched.gov.ph

Building on the success of the first Haquathon held from 2019-2020, Save Philippine Seas (SPS) and the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines, are pleased to announce the call for applications to Haquathon 2.0 (H20).

H20 is a regional search for tech-based solutions to save our seas. It seeks individuals, groups, or organizations from the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Malaysia to submit proposals that address coastal- and marine-related sustainability issues. The proposals could be platform, software, hardware, or piece of equipment. Deadline for applications is on March 14, 2021.

Proposals must fall under one of the four themes: (i) illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing; (ii) sustainable tourism; (iii) sustainable consumption and production; (iv) climate change; and (v) seatizen (citizen) engagement.

The top 18 finalists will join the virtual Reboot Camp in April-May, a series of tailored mentorship sessions and virtual workshops to enhance their existing initiatives. Project pitching will be in June 2021. A panel of experts will then select five initiatives (one per country) to receive up to $2,000 to support activities from June-December 2021.

Applications will be assessed based on the following:

FEASIBILITY
The proposal demonstrates understanding of the problem being addressed and capacity to be further developed within seven months.

CREATIVITY

The proposal exhibits innovation through a new idea or a different approach to tackling an issue.

POTENTIAL COMMUNITY IMPACT
The proposal exhibits economic and societal value, and is accessible to the target audience. It must also show potential for sustainability.

POTENTIAL TO IMPROVE REGIONAL COOPERATION
The proposal shows possibility for replication in other countries in the region, or possibility of collaboration with other countries in the region.

Successful applicants will be notified by late March 2021. If restrictions on mass gatherings and travel ease, all winners will convene in the Philippines for the Haquathon Summit in January 2022 to report progress, challenges, and accomplishments. All expenses related to transportation, accommodations, and materials will be covered by the project. On the last day, finalists will present their final output to panelists and other potential partners. Finalists and winners alike may be connected with other organizations and networks suited to support their proposals.

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to individuals, groups, or organizations based in the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Malaysia.
- Proponents must be citizens and residents of one of the five countries.
- Proponents must be at least 18 years old and above.
- Groups and organizations must identify one lead team member and a secondary representative as the points of contact.
- All concepts must be past the conceptual phase and in the more advanced stages of development (i.e., prototyping, piloting, existing minimum viable product).
- Proposals may be submitted by individuals, pairs, or groups of three.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Fill out the online Haquathon application form. You may download the editable Word file to draft your application. If you are having problems accessing the online form due to unstable internet connection, please inform the SPS team at haquathon@gmail.com.
- Like the following Facebook pages: Save Philippine Seas and American Spaces Philippines
- Follow @savephseas and @amspacesph on Instagram if on Instagram

Providing false or incorrect information will be grounds for disqualification. Failure to follow instructions (e.g., sending your application via Facebook) means that your application will not be considered.

For more details, please visit the H20 site at www.savephilippineseas.org/haquathon2.

- Deadline for applications is at 11:59PM (GTM+8) on March 14, 2021. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Learn more about American Spaces in the Philippines at americanspacesph.org and Save Philippine Seas at savephilippineseas.org.