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SUBJECT : PARTICIPATION IN THE PHILIPPINE STARTUP CHALLENGE 2021 (PSC 2021) REGIONAL PITCHING COMPETITION

DATE : SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

The Commission on Higher Education Regional Office 2 hereby disseminates the information in the attached communication from **MR. NESTOR S. BONGATO, CESO V**, Director IV, Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Luzon Cluster 1, inviting Higher Education Institutions in Region 2 to participate in the Philippine StartUp Challenge 2021 (PSC 2021) Regional Pitching Competition, for the information and participation of all interested parties.

As per communication, DICT Luzon Cluster 1 shall be conducting a StartUp Basiqs Workshop for Region 2 on **September 22, 2021, 1PM** via Zoom platform in preparation for the Regional Pitching Competition.

Interested participants may refer to the following links for details and registration procedures:

a. StartUp Basiqs Workshop: **bit.ly/STARTUP2021-LC1**
b. PSC 2021 - Regional Pitching Competition Registration: **bit.ly/LC1PSCRegister**
c. PSC Information: **dict.gov.ph/philippine-startup-challenge-2021**

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Director IV

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Dear **Director Paras,**

Greetings from the Department of Information and Communications Technology - Luzon Cluster 1!

The DICT, as one of the lead agencies in the implementation of the Philippine StartUp Development Program (PSDP), is mandated to foster an environment where innovation is given opportunities to be designed, tested, and turned into actual products. In order to fulfill its role in the PSDP, DICT is implementing the **Digital StartUp Development and Acceleration Program (DSDAP).** The overall goal of the program is to establish a strong Philippine StartUp Ecosystem by providing support that will enrich and strengthen the competitive advantage of Filipino startups.

In line with this, we would like to request your assistance in inviting Higher Education Institutions(HEIs) and State Universities and Colleges(SUCs) to be part of the **Philippine StartUp Challenge 2021 (PSC 2021) - Regional Pitching Competition**. The competition is open to all students and professionals who have creative ideas in helping solve social problems through the use of information and communications technology (ICT). We would like to encourage the HEI and SUC's students and alumni to participate in this competition to utilize their creativity and produce innovative business ventures.

In preparation for the Regional Pitching Competition, the DICT Luzon Cluster 1 in partnership with QBO Incubation Hub, DTI Region 2, and HackTheNorthPH will be conducting a **StartUp Basiqs Workshop for Region 2** on **September 22, 2021 1PM-5PM** via zoom platform. The StartUp Basiqs Workshop will guide participating teams and interested participants to the upcoming **Regional Pitching Competition - Region 2**, where winners will have a chance to qualify for the Philippine StartUp Challenge 2021. The final winners of the national competition will receive a trophy, with prizes and other opportunities from DICT startup partners and sponsors.

With your assistance, the DICT and its partners are confident that this initiative will bring forth another success to the promotion of entrepreneurship in ICT among Filipinos. We hope you can invite and encourage HEIs and SUCs to join the StartUp Basiqs Workshop for Region 2 and the PSC - Regional Pitching Competition. Complete details and registration procedures are available at the following links:

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Should you require further information, please contact Michael Angelo Langcay at +639369711046 or e-mail at malangcay.dict.gov@gmail.com.

We look forward to your favorable response regarding our invitation. Thank you for your usual support.

Very truly yours,

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