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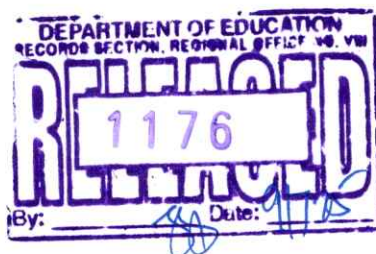
REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **1176** s. 2025

**CALL FOR ENTRIES TO THE NEXTGENPH'S INNOVATION CHALLENGE:
YOUTH INNOVATORS REIMAGINING PUBLIC SERVICE**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2025-10-05088 from the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations dated August 19, 2025 on the **Call for Entries to the NextGenPh's Innovation Challenge: Youth Innovators Reimagining Public Service**.
2. This is an open and participatory innovation contest that invites all Senior High School learners to participate by submitting an entry.
3. All Schools Division Offices, through their respective Youth Formation Coordinators and School Heads are requested to extend technical assistance and provide appropriate guidance to interested learners in joining the challenge.
4. Submission of entries shall be through uploading in the link:
<https://tinyurl.com/DepEd-NextGenPH-Entries>.
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.



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Enclosures: As Stated

References: As Stated

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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS

MEMORANDUM
DM-OUOPS-2025-10-05088

FOR : Regional Directors
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Regional Youth Formation Coordinators
School Division Superintendents
Division Youth Formation Coordinators
All Others Concerned

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Assistant Secretary, Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **CALL FOR ENTRIES TO THE NEXTGENPH'S INNOVATION
CHALLENGE: YOUTH INNOVATORS REIMAGINING PUBLIC
SERVICE**

DATE : August 19, 2025

The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Operations Strand and the Bureau of Learner Support Services–Youth Formation Division (BLSS–YFD), recognizes the crucial role of Filipino learners in nation-building and the importance of innovation in enhancing public services and productivity.

In line with this, DepEd is calling on all Senior High School learners to participate by submitting an entry to the **NextGenPH's Innovation Challenge: Youth Innovators Reimagining Public Service**, organized by the Development Academy of the Philippines, Center for Excellence on Public–Sector Productivity (DAP COE–PSP).

NextGenPH is an open and participatory innovation contest that invites youth to share their collective ideas and visions for how government services should be experienced by the public. This initiative seeks to capture a wide range of perspectives to inspire more citizen-centered, accessible, and effective public service delivery.

All Regional and Schools Division Offices, through their respective Youth Formation Coordinators and School Heads, are requested to extend technical assistance and provide appropriate guidance to interested learners in joining the challenge. For more details on the guidelines and mechanics, please refer to the attached guidelines and mechanics or visit <https://bit.ly/nextgenph>.

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Moreover, all entries must be submitted through the NextGenPH submission portal and likewise uploaded to <https://tinyurl.com/DepEd-NextGenPH-Entries> **on or before Monday, September 15, 2025.**

For questions and/or concerns, your staff may contact the BLSS-YFD through email at blss.yfd@deped.gov.ph.

For your information and appropriate action.

Thank you.

[BLSS-YFD/MGM]



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Center of Excellence on Public-Sector Productivity



Youth Innovators Reimagining Public Service

The **Development Academy of the Philippines, Center of Excellence on Public-Sector Productivity (DAP COE-PSP)** recognizes innovation's crucial role in improving public services and productivity.

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This contest features two categories and is open to both **Senior High School** and **College students**.

Guidelines and Mechanics

1. Submitting an entry to this competition is **Free-of-Charge**. Deadline of Submission of Entries is on **15 September 2025** at 11:55 PM.

2. The entry must be submitted by a group consisting of **at least three (3) members and no more than five (5) members**.

3. Each team member must be a **bona fide Senior High School or College Student from any private or public educational institution nationwide**. Participating groups are required to submit a signed endorsement form from their respective school, college, or university. See Sample Endorsement Letter in this link: <https://bit.ly/nextgenph-endorsement>

4. Participants may submit multiple ideas, with each entry answering the question: **How do you envision Philippine public services in the next 10 years?** Groups are encouraged to focus on a specific sector where they wish to propose solutions, such as but not limited to:

Education, Health and Nutrition, Social Welfare and Protection, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment, Tourism, Food and Agriculture, Labor and Employment, Security, Justice, and Peace, Arts, Culture and Sports and Energy

5. Interested YOUTH Groups must submit their entries through (<https://bit.ly/nextgenph-submit>). Information and requirements for each entry include:



General Information

Group Name, School, Address of School, Name of Members, Grade Level, Email Address, Contact Number, Name of Adviser, Email of Adviser, Contact Number of Adviser, Signed and Scanned Copy of Endorsement Form from their school/college/university



Entry Details

- **Title of the Idea:** What is the title of your proposed solution?
- **Service:** What government service would you like to improve?
- **Identify the Challenges:** Based on your research, literature and inquiries from the people around you, describe the problem you wish to solve.
- **Description of the Idea:** Considering creative ways or innovations you are aware of, how would you resolve the problem? Describe the solution.
- **Benefits:** In what way will this solution be beneficial to the public? How do you believe implementing your solution will enhance the identified government service?
- **Video:** A 1-minute video that provides an explanation of the idea and solution, along with an overview of the prototype. Prototypes may be a physical prototype of low-fidelity, mid or high user test video, or prototype of an application. The file name of the attachments should be your group name.
- **Title of the Innovative Idea:** Be creative. Make sure the title captures the solution to your identified problem.

6. Finalists will be selected to advance and present their ideas at the Pitching Event. Results will be communicated via email by October 2025.

Scan the QR Code for more information:



bit.ly/nextgenph

Groups with the Most Innovative Ideas will be recognized nationwide and will receive prizes.



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