



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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**2026 PRODUCTIVITY CHALLENGE OF THE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY  
OF THE PHILIPPINES**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
Regional Office Division Chiefs  
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a letter from the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) announcing the 2026 Productivity Challenge with the theme, "Moneywise: Saving Resources, Better Public Services."
2. The 2026 Moneywise Briefer is enclosed for reference.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Enclosure: As stated  
Reference: As stated



To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

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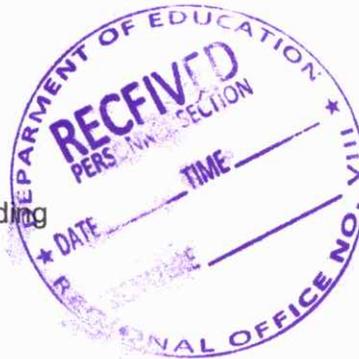
PRODUCTIVITY CHALLENGE

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26 January 2026

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RECEIVED RECORDS SECTION REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII DATE: 2-2-26 TRACKING #: 1471 SIGNATURE:

Dear Secretary Angara:

Greetings from the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP)!

The DAP, as the country's focal organization for the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) Center of Excellence on Public-Sector Productivity (COE-PSP), is excited to invite the Department of Education to join the 2026 Productivity Challenge with theme Moneywise: Saving Resources, Better Public Services.



The 2026 Productivity Challenge invites organizations to showcase and strengthen their resource-saving initiatives by promoting operational efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and innovation through smarter systems, technology, and reforms, while reinforcing accountability in public resource management. We welcome participation from government agencies that have started or sustained moneywise initiatives since 2025.

To join, simply submit a completed Moneywise Solution Entry Form (MSEF) along with supporting information to this Google Form: bit.ly/2026-Moneywise-Submit. For your reference, we have attached a detailed briefer on the 2026 Productivity Challenge, including easy-to-follow guidelines.

For any inquiries or concerns, your office may reach Ms. Samantha Denise R. Ocaña of the DAP Center for Governance - COE-PSP Program Management Office via email at productivitychallenge@dap.edu.ph, through phone (02) 8631-0921 to 30 loc. 152, or mobile +63 936 911 2188.

Let us turn savings into better public services by making every peso count. We look forward to your participation and to recognizing contributions that demonstrate a more efficient, innovative, and accountable government.

Very truly yours,

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Acting President and CEO

- Enclosures: 1. 2026 Moneywise Briefer
2. 2026 MSEF

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## SAVING RESOURCES, BETTER PUBLIC SERVICES

### 2026 Moneywise Briefer

#### Introduction

The Philippine Development Plan 2023–2028 underscores good governance and efficient resource management as essential foundations for building a resilient, inclusive, and prosperous society. To achieve this, every government office is called not only to **do more with less**, but to critically **examine internal processes, spending patterns, and operational practices** to ensure that public resources are used **efficiently** for their intended purpose.

The Productivity Challenge Program (PCP), led by the Development Academy of the Philippines as the focal organization of the Asian Productivity Organization's (APO) Center of Excellence on Public-Sector Productivity, continues to champion innovative, results-driven initiatives that promote smarter and more accountable governance. After generating innovative ideas (2023 Productivity Spark, saving time (*2024 Fastbreak: 100K Transaction Hours Reduced*) and paper (*2025 Paper-less: 1 Million Sheets Saved*), we now turn our attention to its next strategic focus: **2026 Moneywise: Saving Resources, Better Public Services**.

The challenge invites all public sector organizations to showcase initiatives implemented between **January 2025** and **August 2026** that have generated **cost savings, cost avoidance, or improved value for money** through enhanced review of internal processes, prudent expenditure management, and strengthened financial oversight.

Savings may be realized in key areas such as transportation, warehousing, Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOEs), electricity, personnel or consultants, and other operational costs. Additional savings may be generated through cost-efficient and resource-rationalizing measures, including reduced paper and printing through digital processes, judicious use of office supplies, centralized procurement, and strengthened inventory control.

By collectively aiming for significant savings, government offices demonstrate adherence to the principles of economy, efficiency, and effectiveness, ensuring that public funds are utilized prudently and redirected toward priority, citizen-centered programs and services.

#### Challenge Objectives

- Promote operational efficiency and cost-effectiveness
- Reduce leakages and unnecessary expenditures
- Encourage innovation and accountability in managing public resources



## SAVING RESOURCES, BETTER PUBLIC SERVICES

### Key Areas of Savings

Savings can come from:

- Transportation and logistics
- Utilities (e.g., electricity, water, fuel)
- Maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE)
- Personnel and consultancy costs
- Warehousing and storage
- Other operational expenditures

### MECHANICS

#### Who Can Join

- National Government Agencies (including regional and attached offices)
- Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs)
- State Universities and Colleges (SUCs)
- Local Government Units (LGUs)

#### How to Join

Participating agencies must submit the accomplished **Moneywise Solution Entry Form (MSEF)** through the official **Google Form link**: [bit.ly/2026-Moneywise-Submit](https://bit.ly/2026-Moneywise-Submit), with supporting documentation showing measurable savings. Agencies may submit entries on implemented and ongoing initiatives between **January 2025 – August 2026**.

Each entry should include:

1. A brief description of the savings initiative, the problem it addressed, steps taken to implement a moneywise solution, and its qualitative benefits.
2. Detailed breakdown of data in the computation that should reflect the **actual realized savings** or **expected annual savings**. The computation should cover a 12-month period within the timeframe.
3. Action photos, client testimonies, user feedback forms, and/or client satisfaction measurement that demonstrate other quantifiable benefits of your initiative.

**Deadline:** 15 August 2026



## SAVING RESOURCES, BETTER PUBLIC SERVICES

### Awards

- **2026 Moneywise Champion Award:** Awarded to the agency with the highest verified savings.
  - 1st Prize: Gift cards + Trophy
  - 2nd Prize: Gift cards + Trophy
  - 3rd Prize: Gift cards + Trophy
- **Creative Moneywise Solutions Award:** Given to the agency with the most creative and impactful savings initiative/s
  - 1 Winner: Gift cards + Trophy
- **Special Citations:** For agencies that showed significant effort and measurable impact, even if not the top savers.
  - 10 winners: Gift cards + Plaque of Recognition

### Call to Action

Every peso saved is a peso earned for the Filipino people. Join the **2026 Moneywise Challenge** and show that the government can be efficient, innovative, and accountable.

Let's turn **savings into better public services**, ensuring that every fund is used wisely.

Attachment: [Moneywise Solution Entry Form](#)