



NATIONAL TECH4ED AWARDS 2018

BACKGROUND

The Department of Information and Communication Technology, thru its Tech4ED Project, believes that ICT has the power to transform and improve lives. Because of this, the Department has partnered with various local government units, agencies, and organizations to further extend the benefits of ICT thru the establishment of Tech4ED Centers in unserved and underserved regions of the Country. This has resulted to the flourishing of Tech4ED Centers overtime, reaching over 2,000 communities nationwide.

Thru the provision of digitally enabled contents and services, underserved and unserved regions of the Country experienced improvement in their quality of life. In its quest to provide relevant services, people behind this movement – managers, local leaders, constituents and project heads – have constantly embraced innovation to keep up with the challenge making the Tech4ED Centers responsive and relevant to the needs of the community.

And it is for these tireless efforts, sheer hard work and valuable contributions that the **DICT – Tech4ED Project Management Office** is conducting the **National Tech4ED Awards 2018** in search for this year's **Outstanding Tech4ED Center** and **Emerging Tech4ED Center**. Envisioned to give beneficiaries the needed recognition for their efforts as a valuable knowledge center in their area, the award seeks to recognize the best and finest Tech4ED Centers. In 2017, Seven (7) Tech4ED Centers were recognized for their contribution in shaping ICT-empowered communities thru technology.

OBJECTIVES

The National Tech4ED Center Awards 2018 has the following objectives:

1. Identify and recognize exemplary performances of Tech4ED Centers;
2. Encourage active participation of Tech4ED Center in sharing stories and best practices;
3. Increase awareness about the Tech4ED Project and encourage Tech4ED Centers to raise the level of their performances.





AWARD CATEGORIES

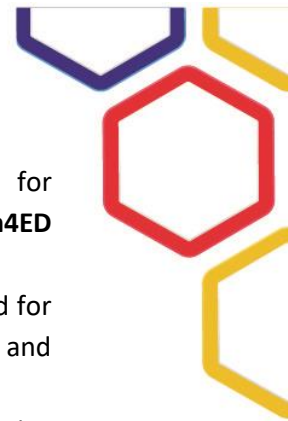
Outstanding Tech4ED Awards	Outstanding Tech4ED Awards <i>Emerging Centers Category</i>
<p>This category is open to all operational Tech4ED Centers in the Country that are in existence for over 2 years todate. Community eCenters and other Telecentre initiatives in the Country that were converted into Tech4ED or utilized the project’s platform may opt to apply for this category.</p>	<p>This category is open to all operational Tech4ED Centers in the Country that are in existence for 2 years and below.</p>

Both categories seek to recognize the Center with the most outstanding performance in operations, creating the greatest social impact in improving a community’s way of life through the efficient delivery of basic and innovative services, aside from the provision of vital access to information and communication technology thru the Tech4ED Platform.

GUIDELINES

1. The competition is open to all types of Tech4ED Center initiatives, currently active, in the Philippines.
2. Nominated Tech4ED Centers must be operational **during the entire application and awarding process**. Otherwise, nominated entries will be disqualified.
3. Only Tech4ED Centers that have been operational for at least two years and above at the time of nomination will be qualified to enter the Outstanding Tech4ED awards; Tech4ED Centers that are 2 years old and below shall submit nomination for the Emerging Center category.
4. Entries for the competition will be based on nominations by an individual or an organization with sufficient knowledge to endorse the Tech4ED Center.
5. Self-nominations will be accepted.
6. A Tech4ED Center may only be nominated once. In cases of multiple nominations, only the first nomination entry will be accepted.
7. For submissions, interested participants must submit a duly accomplished nomination form. Supporting materials such as pictures, brochures, news clippings and testimonials may also be submitted.



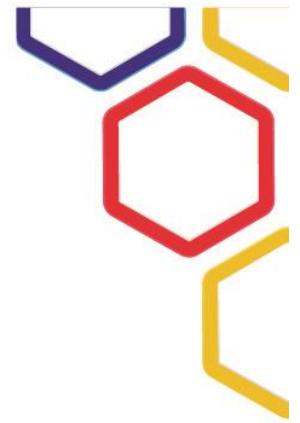


8. Nominations should cover *January 2016 – April 2018* accomplishments for **Outstanding Tech4ED Center** applicants while nominations for **Emerging Tech4ED Center** category should cover accomplishments since date of establishment.
9. The contest will follow the criteria stated below. An online voting will be opened for the shortlisted entries where the Tech4ED Center with most number of likes and shares gained will receive the *People’s Choice award*.
10. **Only** electronic submissions will be accepted. A 2-3 -minute AVP featuring the Center and its services is also preferred as a supporting attachment. Supporting documents must be consolidated and limited to a maximum of five (5) pages **ONLY**. For application and supporting documents, please use the following format: **Font style, Calibri, font size 11, 1.5 paragraph spacing**.
11. The winners for the **2018 National Tech4ED Awards** will be tapped as goodwill ambassadors and champions for the program. All finalists may be tapped to be speakers during regional/national conferences.
12. Winners must remain operational for one year or until the next conduct of the Tech4ED Center Awards. Failure to do so may result to revocation of award title.
13. All entries will be subject to validation by the organizers
14. All validated entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges to be appointed by the PMO.
15. Entries must be received by Tech4ED PMO on or before June 1, 2018 (Friday).
16. By participating in the contest, the nominees grant the competition organizers the non-exclusive right to use, copy, adapt, transmit, distribute, publish and display submitted entries and other materials, applicable worldwide and in perpetuity.
17. Winners of National Tech4ED Awards 2017 may no longer submit a nomination for this contest until 2 years after the award was given.
18. The decision of the judges is final.

CRITERIA

Criteria for Evaluation	Weight
Socio-economic impact of the Tech4ED Center - <i>refers to the felt changes in the lives of community members as a result of Tech4ED Center use</i>	35%
Innovativeness - <i>refers to the ability of the Tech4ED Center to successfully introduce pioneering products and services targeting the needs of the community</i>	30%
Productivity - <i>refers to the continuous improvements in the Tech4ED Center outputs of the Tech4ED Center over the last two years</i>	20%
Partnerships and Networking - <i>refers to the ability of the Tech4ED Center to network and forge partnerships and mobilize resources to sustain Tech4ED Center operations</i>	15%
	100 %





CONTEST SCHEDULE

Nomination period:	April 17, 2018 – June 30, 2018
Nomination deadline:	June 30, 2018
Preliminary evaluation period:	July 2-6, 2018
Final Evaluation period:	July 9 – 27, 2018
Online voting period for special award:	July 16-27, 2018
Awarding of winners:	During Tech4ED Center Managers Regional Conference

PRIZES

Top Three (3) winners will be proclaimed as Outstanding Tech4ED Centers and another top three (3) winners for the Emerging Tech4ED Center category for the Year 2018. All winners will receive a Plaque of Recognition and an ICT equipment.

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION

All nominations must be submitted thru email to the Tech4ED Center PMO at info.tech4ed@dict.gov.ph with subject caption **2018 NTA_<insert Tech4ED Center name>** on or before June 1, 2018.

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