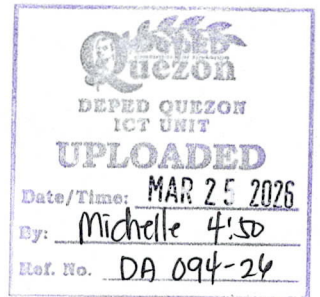




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The objectives of the Competition are as follows:

- Promote a culture of innovation in addressing the sustainable development goals (SDGs) of the Swiss Cultural Fund member companies and industry clusters, and co-create innovations and solutions that cater to the goals;
Industry clusters:
 - Information Technology-Business Process Management,
 - Life Sciences and Digital Health, and
 - Manufacturing and Construction.
- Provide a platform for young innovators to develop and present innovative solutions tailored to the priority SDGs of Swiss companies operating in the Philippines; and
- Encourage collaboration between industry, academe, and young Filipino thinkers to co-develop research-driven innovations and nurture globally competitive talent.

The Competition is open to undergraduate and graduate students, early researchers, entrepreneurs, and start-ups based in the Philippines with innovative ideas or projects that contribute to economic development and societal improvement. Individuals and teams may participate, with teams limited to three members, and all participants must be between 18 and 30 years old.

Further details about the 2026 Swiss Innovation Prize Competition, including the application kit, are available at this link. The deadline for submission of entries is April 1, 2026.

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