



ANNOUNCEMENT

2017 REGIONAL INVENTION CONTEST RULES AND CRITERIA

Region: _____
Venue : _____
Date : _____

1. Rationale

The **Regional Invention Contest and Exhibits** is a nationwide activity conducted in different regions to recognize the indispensability of the Filipino inventors in the Philippine society and in the landscape of national economic development. The invention contest shall give encouragement to inventors to use their inventive capability by competing for cash rewards. The Regional Invention Contest serves as the qualifying round for the National Invention Contest, pursuant to Section 4 of the Republic Act No. 7459 also known as "***Inventors and Invention Incentives Act of the Philippines***".

2. Regional Invention Contest Categories

The Regional Invention Contest is a competition open for both the public and private sector inventors and researchers within the Region. There are six (6) categories where talented Filipinos can compete in the Invention Contest: ***Outstanding Invention (Tuklas Award), Outstanding Utility Model, Outstanding Industrial Design, Outstanding Creative Research (Likha Award) and Outstanding Student Creative Research (Sibol Award) for High School and College students.*** Following are the details of each category:

- 2.1 **Invention Category:** *Invention* refers to any technical solution of a problem in any field of human activity which is new, involves an inventive step and is industrially applicable. It may be, or may relate to a product, or process, and their improvements, (Sec. 21, RA 8293). It shall be covered by invention patent still in force granted by the Intellectual Property Office – Philippines (IPOPIL).
- 2.2 **Utility Model Category:** *Utility Model* refers to any technical solution of a problem in any field of human activity which is new and industrially applicable, within contemplation of the above statute (Sec. 109, RA 8293). It shall be covered by utility model registration with a valid registrability report still in force granted by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPO- PHIL).

2.3 Industrial Design Category: *Industrial Design* refers to any composition of lines or colors or any three-dimensional form whether or not associated with lines or colors: *Provided*, that such composition or form gives a special appearance to and can serve as pattern for an industrial product or handicraft within the contemplation of the above statute (Sec. 112, RA 8293). It shall be covered by industrial design registration with valid registrability report still in force granted by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPIL).

2.4 Creative Research Category: *Creative Research* refers to patent pending inventions, registration pending utility models and industrial designs and research results not yet applied for patent, utility model and industrial design registration. Eligible under this category are new and useful machines/ devices/ gadgets, products or processes or an improvement of any of the foregoing; and non-biological/microbiological processes not contrary to public order, morals, public health and welfare. These are research results with demonstrable qualities and potential for improvement and/ or widespread commercialization/ dissemination.

2.5 Student Creative Research for College and High School – refers to new and innovative projects/models developed by college and high school students. These projects/models should possess features and characteristics that may have significant contribution to the promotion of S&T innovations that are not contrary to public order, morals, public health, and welfare.

3. Regional Invention Contest Eligibility

3.1 The contest is open to all inventors, makers, designers, creative researchers and student researchers who are Filipino citizens residing in the Regions. They are eligible to join in any of the six contest categories (as applicable) of the invention contest as stated above and compete for awards and represent the Region in the National Invention Contest. However, an entry in any of the categories may be entered in only one (1) regional invention contest during the year.

3.2 For the purpose of eligibility, a contestant is considered a resident of the region, if:

- a) he/she is actually residing and has six months residency in the region/area; and
- b) he/she has principal office address within the said region.

3.3. The **Outstanding Student Creative Research Category or Sibol Award** is open to high school and college students. Entries should be duly endorsed by the school wherein the contestants are students and where the creative research was done. The endorser can either be the principal, the school head, and the dean of the college or the president of the school or university.