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Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. **0129**, s. 2026

To: Assistant Regional Director
Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026 PRESIDENTIAL
FILIPINNOVATION AWARDS (PFA)**

1. Attached is a Memorandum issued by Dr. Dexter A. Galban, Assistant Secretary for Strategic Management, regarding the **Call for Applications for the 2026 Presidential Filipinnovation Awards (PFA)**.
2. Interested applicants may register and submit their complete application form and documentary requirements through the official portal at <https://filipinnovation.depdev.gov.ph/> by March 15, 2026.
3. For details, visit the official *Filipinnovation* Facebook Page and the official DEPDev website.
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

MARIA INES C. ASUNCION
Director IV
Regional Director

Encl.: As stated
Reference: As stated
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Republic of the Philippines
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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT

MEMORANDUM

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TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

FROM : DR. DEXTER A. GALBAN

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Assistant Secretary for Strategic Management

**SUBJECT : CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026 PRESIDENTIAL
FILIPINNOVATION AWARDS (PFA)**

DATE : 22 January 2026

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 99, series of 2025, the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev) has officially opened the call for applications for the **2026 Presidential Filipinno Innovation Awards (PFA)**. This prestigious award recognizes Filipino innovators, startups, and enterprises that demonstrate strong potential for national impact.

The 2026 cycle adopts a two-level competition format:

- **Sub-national Rounds:** To be held in the National Capital Region, Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.
- **National Round:** Five (5) outstanding finalists will be conferred the award by the President of the Philippines.

Open to industry leaders, investors, innovation enablers, and Filipino-owned enterprises. All applications must be submitted through the official portal (<https://filipinnovation.depdev.gov.ph/>) by March 15, 2026.

All DepEd Regional Directors are hereby directed to disseminate this call of applications within their jurisdictions, encourage local innovators and startups to register early to ensure document compliance

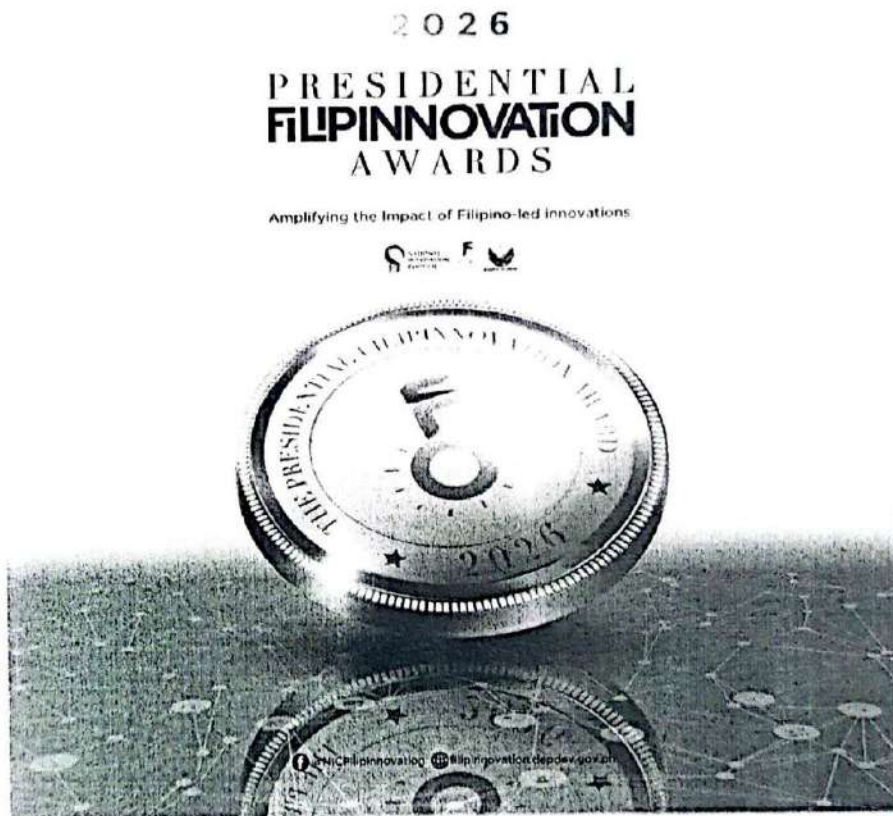
Applicants may send their inquiries and access additional information through the official Filipinno Innovation Facebook Page and the official DEPDev website.

For your compliance.

MEDIA RELEASE

01/15/2026

DEPDev OPENS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2026 PRESIDENTIAL FILPINNOVATION AWARDS,
INVITES FILIPINO INNOVATORS NATIONWIDE



MANILA – The Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev), as Vice Chair of the National Innovation Council (NIC), is inviting *Filipinnovators* across the country to showcase solutions that can help shape the country's future, as it has officially opened the call for applications for the second cycle of the Presidential *FilipInnovation* Awards (PFA).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 99, series of 2025, the Presidential *Filipinnovation* Awards is the country's highest recognition for outstanding Filipino innovation, honoring individuals, startups, and enterprises with innovations at early-stage commercialization and with strong potential for national impact.

Beyond national recognition, finalists and awardees will be supported with cash grants, structured mentoring and coaching from leading experts, and opportunities to participate in international innovation-related events. The PFA also strengthens connections between innovators and industry stakeholders, potential partners, and investors, providing a national platform that accelerates the development, validation, and commercialization of promising innovations.

The 2026 edition places greater emphasis on scalable solutions, market readiness, and meaningful linkages to industry, investors, and innovation enablers. This year's competition adopts an open category and welcomes applications from all Filipino individuals and Filipino-owned enterprises. It will follow a two-level competition structure, beginning with sub-national rounds in the National Capital Region, Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, and culminating in a final national round, where five (5) outstanding finalists will be formally conferred the Presidential *Filipinnovation* Award by the President of the Philippines.

"The successful first cycle of the Presidential *Filipinnovation* Awards demonstrated not only strong participation and quality of innovations but also the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of Filipinos nationwide. As we open the second cycle, we aim to amplify the impact of Filipino-led innovations. We encourage more innovators to join us in building a smarter and more innovative Philippines," said DEPDev Secretary and NIC Vice Chairperson Arsenio M. Balisacan.

Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to register early and submit their complete Application Form and documentary requirements through the official portal at <https://filipinnovation.depdev.gov.ph/> from January 15 to March 15, 2026.

The DEPDev Innovation Staff, as Secretariat of the NIC, will continue to manage the conduct of the 2026 PFA. Applicants may send inquiries and access additional information through the official [Filipinnovation Facebook Page](#) and the official [DEPDev website](#).

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