

The 1st Philippine CeC EXCELLENCE Awards



Background

In the past years, the Philippine Community eCenter (CeC) Program has steadily gained ground in its pursuit of providing every municipality with its own Community eCenter.

At the helm of this initiative is the Commission of Information and Communications Technology (CICT), the lead agency in the implementation of the Philippine CeC Program. Together with its multi-sectoral partner, the Philippine CeC Network (PhilCeCNet), the program continues to influence municipalities and government institutions alike to join the growing network of Community eCenters in empowering communities with accessible information and communication services.

It is towards this end that the people behind the CeC movement – managers, local leaders, constituents and project heads – have constantly needed to evolve and innovate to keep up with the challenge of establishing and keeping the CeC initiative alive.

And it is for these tireless efforts, sheer hard work and countless contributions that the CICT's Program Management Office (PMO) of the Philippine CeC Program is organizing the **1ST PHILIPPINE CEC EXCELLENCE AWARDS**, as envisioned by the PhilCeC Roadmap proposal to "give beneficiaries the needed recognition for their efforts as a valuable knowledge center in their area." The awards seek to recognize the best and the finest amongst the country's CeCs.

Objective

The main objective of this competition is to identify and recognize outstanding and exemplary performances by CeCs and CeC Knowledge Workers all over the country.

Mechanism

The competition will be divided into the following:

- Community eCenter category

This category is open to all CeC initiatives in the Philippines. The CeCs will be competing for the **eCenter of Excellence Award**, an award which seeks to recognize the CeC with the most outstanding performance in CeC 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 communications technology.

A Community eCenter, or CeC, is a self-sustaining shared facility providing affordable access to ICT-enabled services and relevant content. It serves as a conduit for efficient delivery of government and other services, and a potent tool for empowerment and participation of unserved and underserved communities in development.

CeCs, generally known as telecenters, go by different names in different parts of the world. In the Philippines, the various CeC initiatives include: eLGU Community eCenter Project, Farmers Information and Technology Services (FITS) initiative under the Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCARRD), eSkwela Project (CICT Human Capital Development Group), Local Government Unit (LGU) Community eCenter Project (DOTC), Multipurpose Community Telecenter Project (DOST), Last Mile Initiative in the Philippines (LMIP) Community eCenter Project, Telecommunications Office Community eCenter Project, and DOLE-OWWA-Microsoft Tulay Project.

- CeC Knowledge Worker

This category is open to all CeC Knowledge Workers in the Philippines, where they will be competing for the **Most Outstanding CeC Knowledge Worker** award. The award seeks to honor exemplary leadership exercised by CeC Knowledge Workers in directing and guiding their CeCs towards innovative solutions and practices to maintain an above-par standard in CeC operations.

A CeC Knowledge Worker is defined as a staff of the CeC whose work necessitates specific degrees of expertise that contribute towards the CeC becoming a genuine tool for development, especially in the sourcing of information or knowledge needed by CeC clients through the Internet, among others.

Competition guidelines

1. The competition is open to all types of CeC initiatives and CeC Knowledge Workers active in the Philippines.
2. Only those CeCs that have been operational for one year and above at the time of nomination will be eligible to join the competition. For CeC Knowledge Workers, a minimum of one year service experience at the time of the nomination is also required. *(The one-year operational/experience status cut-off is to ensure a more effective evaluation of the entries, in terms of operations, practices, leadership and outputs. A newly-established CeC cannot satisfy the evaluation criteria with their limited experience).*
3. Entries for the competition will be based on nominations by an individual or an organization with sufficient knowledge to endorse the CeC and CeC Knowledge Worker.
4. Self-nominations will be accepted.
5. Nominations for the CeC and CeC Knowledge Workers must be done separately.

6. Nominees for the CeC Knowledge Worker category must be current PhilCeCNet members in good standing.
7. A CeC and a CeC Knowledge Worker may only be nominated once. In cases of multiple nominations, only the first nomination entry will be accepted.
8. For submissions, interested participants must submit a duly accomplished nomination form, with the necessary attachments, pictures and other supporting materials – AVP, brochures, news clippings, and testimonials (electronic and hard copies shall be accepted).
9. All entries will be subject to validation by the organizers.
10. All validated entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges to be appointed by the CICT CeC PMO.
11. Entries must be received by the PMO on or before **January 31, 2010**.
12. 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
13. The decision of the judges is final.

Criteria

For CeCs:

- Socio-economic impact of the CeC
- Innovativeness
- Sustainability
- Productivity
- Partnerships forged

For CeC Knowledge Workers:

- Noteworthiness of outstanding performance or contribution
- Innovations introduced
- Impact of performance or achievement
- Reliability and effectiveness
- Demonstrated teamwork, cooperation, camaraderie and cohesiveness

Prizes

:: CeC Category ::

1 GRAND WINNER

- Cash grant for CeC project (maximum of Php 100,000.00)
- Equipment grant (4 computers and 1 printer)
- Plaque of Recognition from the CICT Chair

4 FINALISTS

- Equipment grant (finalists may choose between 1 computer or 1 LCD projector)
- Plaque of Recognition from the CICT Chair

:: CeC Knowledge Worker Category ::

1 GRAND WINNER

- 1 laptop and connectivity device
- Plaque of Recognition from the CICT Chair
- Scholarship to CeC Academy Courses, including travel and allowances

4 FINALISTS

- 1 digital camera and a Plaque of Recognition
- Scholarship to CeC Academy Courses, including travel and allowances

Contest Schedule

Nomination period:	October 15 to January 2010
Preliminary evaluation:	February to March 2010
Evaluation of finalists:	April to May 2010
Announcement of finalists:	May 2010
Awarding of winners:	June 2010/6 th Knowledge Exchange Conference for CeCs

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