



Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



MEMORANDUM

FOR: STATE UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES, AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

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SUBJECT: Call for Nominations for ASEAN Prize 2022

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We are pleased to announce that ASEAN has officially launched the call for nominations for the ASEAN Prize 2022.

The ASEAN Prize recognizes inspiring achievements and exemplary contributions of an individual or organization in fostering the ASEAN identity, promoting the ASEAN spirit and championing the ASEAN way. For this year, in its 5th edition, the ASEAN Prize will once more recognize an outstanding individual and/ or organisation that has risen to the challenge of empowering lives and connecting communities across the region amid the challenging journey towards pandemic recovery. A Judging Committee, consisting of eminent high-level members, including ASEAN Secretary-General Dato' Lim Jock Hoi, will select a recipient who will be awarded the ASEAN Prize Trophy and a monetary prize of US\$20,000.

To qualify as the Philippines' candidate, the nominee must either be a Filipino citizen or an organisation created or led by the Philippines. The nominee must show their verifiable achievements in promoting intra-ASEAN collaboration and the impact on ASEAN. The nominee should also share their plans for continuing their work after winning the Prize. In addition, the submission must be supported by one character reference attesting to the nominee's suitability to receive the ASEAN Prize. The ASEAN Prize will not consider self-nominations and posthumous submissions.

Since its inception, the ASEAN Prize has been awarded to four recipients, namely: Filipina autism advocate Erlinda Uy-Koe, for her dedication to enhance autism awareness which impacted the lives of thousands of autistic children and adults in the region; Dr. Jemilah Mahmood of Malaysia, for her contributions in championing humanitarian responses across the region and the world; the ASEAN Studies Centre from the ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute of Singapore, for its dedication in promoting ASEAN awareness and regional integration; and most recently, the Mekong Institute, an intergovernmental organization in Thailand, for its human resource development and capacity-building programmes for the Greater Mekong Sub-Region (GMS).

Attached is the ASEAN Prize 2022 promotional kit, with the following materials:

1. Press Release on the Call for Nominations for ASEAN Prize 2022
2. The ASEAN Prize 2022 e-poster and web-banner
3. ASEAN Prize 2022 Nomination Form (also available via the ASEAN Secretariat's website at <https://asean.org/asean-prize/>)
4. ASEAN Prize 2022 social media advisory (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)

For more information and clarifications on the criteria and selection process of the Prize, kindly refer to the official website at <https://asean.org/asean-prize/> or contact the International Technology Cooperation Unit of the Department of Science and Technology, through Mr. Marco Antonio R. Bautista (marbautista@dost.gov.ph) and Mr. Zymar P. Bandola (zpbandola@dost.gov.ph). The Office will be accepting submissions until **15 April 2022** only.

The Department kindly requests for the publicity materials to be disseminated and posted in relevant social media platforms to raise the public's awareness about the ASEAN Prize 2021. Alternatively, videos and other supporting graphics for social media may also be found at <https://bit.ly/2022ASEANPrizeSocialMedia>.