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REGION IV-A CALABARZON



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2026 PRODUCTIVITY CHALLENGE

To : **Schools Division Superintendents**
School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. This is in reference to the attached invitation from the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) dated January 26, 2026, regarding the **2026 Productivity Challenge** with the theme **“Moneywise: Saving Resources, Better Public Services”**, this Office, through the Human Resource Development – National Educators’ Academy of the Philippines (HRDD-NEAP R), invites all Schools Division Offices and schools to present initiatives implemented between January 2025 and August 2026 that have generated cost savings or cost avoidance and improved value for money.
2. The Productivity Challenge Program (PCP), spearheaded by DAP as the focal organization for Asian productivity, continues to recognize innovative and results-driven initiatives that advance efficient, accountable, and transparent governance.
3. Public sector organizations are invited to present initiatives that may include enhancements in internal processes, prudent expenditure management, and strengthened financial oversight, demonstrating innovation and efficiency in public service delivery.
4. For reference and guidance, the 2026 Moneywise Briefer and 2026 MSEF are attached.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is directed.


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Dear **Secretary Angara**:

Greetings from the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP)!

The DAP, as the country's focal organization for the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) Center of Excellence on Public-Sector Productivity (COE-PSP), is excited to invite the **Department of Education** to join the 2026 Productivity Challenge with theme **Moneywise: Saving Resources, Better Public Services**.

The 2026 Productivity Challenge invites organizations to showcase and strengthen their resource-saving initiatives by promoting operational efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and innovation through smarter systems, technology, and reforms, while reinforcing accountability in public resource management. We welcome participation from government agencies that have started or sustained moneywise initiatives since 2025.

To join, simply submit a completed Moneywise Solution Entry Form (MSEF) along with supporting information to this Google Form: **bit.ly/2026-Moneywise-Submit**. For your reference, we have attached a detailed briefer on the 2026 Productivity Challenge, including easy-to-follow guidelines.

For any inquiries or concerns, your office may reach Ms. Samantha Denise R. Ocaña of the DAP Center for Governance - COE-PSP Program Management Office via email at productivitychallenge@dap.edu.ph, through phone (02) 8631-0921 to 30 loc. 152, or mobile +63 936 911 2188.

Let us turn savings into better public services by making every peso count. We look forward to your participation and to recognizing contributions that demonstrate a more efficient, innovative, and accountable government.

Very truly yours,

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Acting President and CEO

Enclosures: 1. 2026 Moneywise Briefer
2. 2026 MSEF



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2026 Moneywise Briefer

Introduction

The Philippine Development Plan 2023–2028 underscores good governance and efficient resource management as essential foundations for building a resilient, inclusive, and prosperous society. To achieve this, every government office is called not only to **do more with less**, but to critically **examine internal processes, spending patterns, and operational practices** to ensure that public resources are used **efficiently** for their intended purpose.

The Productivity Challenge Program (PCP), led by the Development Academy of the Philippines as the focal organization of the Asian Productivity Organization's (APO) Center of Excellence on Public-Sector Productivity, continues to champion innovative, results-driven initiatives that promote smarter and more accountable governance. After generating innovative ideas (2023 Productivity Spark, saving time (2024 *Fastbreak: 100K Transaction Hours Reduced*) and paper (2025 *Paper-less: 1 Million Sheets Saved*), we now turn our attention to its next strategic focus: **2026 Moneywise: Saving Resources, Better Public Services**.

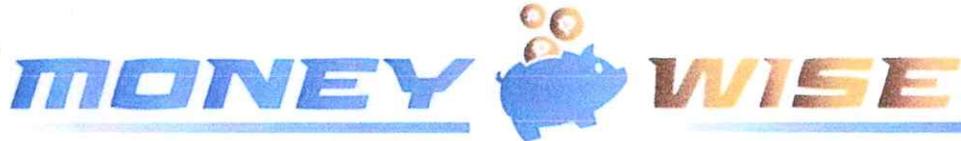
The challenge invites all public sector organizations to showcase initiatives implemented between **January 2025** and **August 2026** that have generated **cost savings, cost avoidance, or improved value for money** through enhanced review of internal processes, prudent expenditure management, and strengthened financial oversight.

Savings may be realized in key areas such as transportation, warehousing, Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOEs), electricity, personnel or consultants, and other operational costs. Additional savings may be generated through cost-efficient and resource-rationalizing measures, including reduced paper and printing through digital processes, judicious use of office supplies, centralized procurement, and strengthened inventory control.

By collectively aiming for significant savings, government offices demonstrate adherence to the principles of economy, efficiency, and effectiveness, ensuring that public funds are utilized prudently and redirected toward priority, citizen-centered programs and services.

Challenge Objectives

- Promote operational efficiency and cost-effectiveness
- Reduce leakages and unnecessary expenditures
- Encourage innovation and accountability in managing public resources



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Key Areas of Savings

Savings can come from:

- Transportation and logistics
- Utilities (e.g., electricity, water, fuel)
- Maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE)
- Personnel and consultancy costs
- Warehousing and storage
- Other operational expenditures

MECHANICS

Who Can Join

- National Government Agencies (including regional and attached offices)
- Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs)
- State Universities and Colleges (SUCs)
- Local Government Units (LGUs)

How to Join

Participating agencies must submit the accomplished **Moneywise Solution Entry Form (MSEF)** through the official **Google Form link**: bit.ly/2026-Moneywise-Submit, with supporting documentation showing measurable savings. Agencies may submit entries on implemented and ongoing initiatives between **January 2025 – August 2026**.

Each entry should include:

1. A brief description of the savings initiative, the problem it addressed, steps taken to implement a moneywise solution, and its qualitative benefits.
2. Detailed breakdown of data in the computation that should reflect the **actual realized savings** or **expected annual savings**. The computation should cover a 12-month period within the timeframe.
3. Action photos, client testimonies, user feedback forms, and/or client satisfaction measurement that demonstrate other quantifiable benefits of your initiative.

Deadline: 15 August 2026



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Awards

- **2026 Moneywise Champion Award:** Awarded to the agency with the highest verified savings.
 - 1st Prize: Gift cards + Trophy
 - 2nd Prize: Gift cards + Trophy
 - 3rd Prize: Gift cards + Trophy
- **Creative Moneywise Solutions Award:** Given to the agency with the most creative and impactful savings initiative/s
 - 1 Winner: Gift cards + Trophy
- **Special Citations:** For agencies that showed significant effort and measurable impact, even if not the top savers.
 - 10 winners: Gift cards + Plaque of Recognition

Call to Action

Every peso saved is a peso earned for the Filipino people. Join the **2026 Moneywise Challenge** and show that the government can be efficient, innovative, and accountable.

Let's turn **savings into better public services**, ensuring that every fund is used wisely.

Attachment: [Moneywise Solution Entry Form](#)



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Guidelines in filling out the Moneywise Solution Entry Form (MSEF)

General Instructions:

1. Download the Moneywise Solution Entry Form (MSEF): Go to File > Download > Microsoft Word
2. Complete the MSEF: Fill in all sections. Mark non-applicable sections as 'N/A.'
3. Convert to PDF: Once completed, save the MSEF in PDF format.
4. Submit via Google Form: Use the provided [link](#) to upload the PDF, along with required supporting documents (Means of Verification)

Objective: The 2026 Moneywise Challenge encourages agencies to promote operational efficiency and cost-effectiveness through smarter systems, technology, and reforms. It highlights fostering innovation and accountability in the management of public resources.

Eligibility: The challenge is open to the following public sector organizations

- National Government Agencies (NGAs), including their attached and regional offices
- Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs)
- State Universities and Colleges (SUCs)
- Local Government Units (LGUs), including their offices or departments

Eligible Submissions:

- Initiatives that have resulted in **measurable cost savings** in operations, utilities, resource use, or service delivery. Ideally related to transportation, MOOEs, warehousing, personnel/consultants, electricity, and other costs that are considered extra expenditures.
- Savings initiatives implemented between **January 2025** and **August 2026** that are currently active.
- Multiple entries are allowed. Submit one Moneywise solution per entry.

Completing the Moneywise Solution Entry Form (MSEF)

Title: Provide a concise and clear title for the initiative

Description: Describe the previous practice that led to higher costs, the identified problem, steps taken, and achieved improvements in terms of cost savings, efficiency, transparency, and productivity

Computation: Present and explain the calculations for a **12-month period** (i.e. January 2025 to January 2026) providing the **actual realized or expected savings in pesos**. Include here a detailed breakdown of data used, along with relevant description.

Means of Verification (MOV) / Documentary Evidence

- Proof of implementation (e.g., memoranda, special orders, system installation records, announcements, etc.)
- Testimonials from clients, user feedback form, or client satisfaction measurement results to demonstrate other quantifiable benefits of the initiative.
- Additional documents supporting the savings claimed (i.e. transactions, receipts, etc.)



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Moneywise Solution Entry Form

Name of Agency	
Implementing Office	
Focal Person	
Contact Number (Mobile & Office Direct Line)	
Office Email Address	
Name of Immediate Supervisor	
Signature of Immediate Supervisor / Date	

I. DETAILS OF THE MONEYWISE SOLUTION

Title of the Moneywise Solution

[Sample: Scalable Capacity for the Water and Sewerage Services]

Start Date of Implementation

[Sample: Since 1st January 2025]

Description

Detail the previous spending practice, the identified problem, the steps taken, and the achieved improvements in terms of savings, efficiency, transparency, and productivity. Also include the qualitative benefits of this initiative, with a short explanation for each.

[Sample: Previously, the agency reported an increasing trend of significant expenses for water utilities services and the associated challenges.

The agency shifted to a more efficient and cost-effective virtual work formats and digital governance operations. This strategy resulted in a 20% reduction in operational expenses by P1.5 million annually while enabling faster service delivery and improved customer satisfaction. The initiative also improved internal control systems and enhanced the overall productivity of the agency.

Qualitative Benefits

- **Wider Reach and Inclusion** - The initiative expanded the agency's reach and enabled it to serve a wider range of stakeholders, ensuring that all groups were included in the process.
- **Transparency and Accountability** - The digital work formats and governance operations provided a clear and transparent view of the agency's operations, ensuring that all activities were accounted for and reported.
- **Scalability and Replicability** - The digital work formats and governance operations were designed to be scalable and replicable, allowing the agency to expand its services and reach to other areas.



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II. COMPUTATION OF MONEY SAVED

Specify and explain the calculations for **actual realized or expected savings in a 12-month period**. Include here a detailed breakdown of data used along with relevant description. Additional quantifiable information like percentage reduction may be added, as necessary.

[Sample]

Cost before the initiative:

- Travel (e.g. for work) = 1000 trips x 1000 pesos = P1,000,000
- Meal/caterer (e.g. P500) for persons in a party meeting = 1000 persons x P500 x 10 = P500,000
- Travel reimbursement (e.g. for a school activity) = P100 x 1000 participants x 40 activities = P40,000,000
- Total Baseline Annual Cost = P12,200,000

Cost after the initiative:

- Online platform (e.g. P200,000) used for gathering data
- Meal & caterer using the online resources (e.g. P100) = 1000 persons x P100 x 10 = P100,000
- Grouped travel reimbursement (e.g. online) = P100 x 1000 participants x 40 activities = P4,000,000
- Total New Annual Cost = P4,300,000

Savings realized (PIP):
 P12,200,000 - P4,300,000 = **P7,900,000 saved annually**

% Reduction in Cost:
 (P12,200,000 - P4,300,000) x 100 = **64% cost reduction**

III. ACTION PHOTOS

Please upload here a **clickable link** of your collated action photos and/or videos of your initiative. Ensure that the link is shared for viewing with the email: productivitychallenge@dap.edu.ph. This may include a screen capture of the initiative homepage, stakeholders making use of the initiative, office meetings discussing the moneywise solution initiative.

[Sample]

Link: bit.ly/abc123456