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**2025 SCHOLARLY PITCHES FOR ADVANCING RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE
TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY (SPARKS) COMPETITION**

Attached herewith the invitation letter from Batangas State University,
The National Engineering University.

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Subject: Invitation to Participate in the 2025 SPARKS Competition

Dear Ms. Ibañez,

In commemoration of Batangas State University's 122nd Founding Anniversary, we are excited to invite you to participate in the **2025 Scholarly Pitches for Advancing Research and Knowledge towards Sustainability (SPARKS) Competition**. This competition, which builds upon the success of last year's event, now welcomes Junior and Senior High School students from across Batangas Province.

2025 SPARKS Competition serves as a platform for students to showcase their innovative research proposals that address critical sustainability challenges aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By participating, students will have the opportunity to contribute to meaningful discussions that promote sustainability, creativity, and intellectual growth.

We encourage your participation in this prestigious event, where research ideas can spark real-world change.

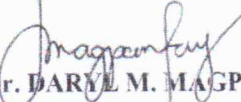
For full competition guidelines and to register, please see attached mechanics and guidelines. We highly encourage you to submit your research abstract and be a part of this exciting initiative.

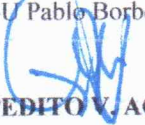
Should you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact **Dr. Gemar G. Perez** at +63908-238-0345 or via email at research.pb@g.batstate-u.edu.ph.

We look forward to your participation and to the innovative ideas that will ignite at the 2025 SPARKS Competition.

Respectfully,


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MECHANICS AND GUIDELINES

2025 SPARKS Competition: Student Research Proposal Elevator Pitch

1. Eligibility

- The competition is open to all currently enrolled **Junior and Senior High School students in Batangas Province**.
- Participants may enter individually or as a team, with a maximum of **three (3) members per team** (pure junior, pure senior, or mixed).
- If a team has more than three members, all names may be included during registration; however, only three members will be allowed to participate in the competition proper.
- Schools may submit a maximum of **five (5) research entries per theme**.
- One coach is allowed to handle multiple research entries.

2. Themes and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The competition is structured around five themes, each aligned with specific SDGs:

- **Theme 1: Basic Human Needs and Well-being**
SDGs: No poverty, zero hunger, good health and well-being, clean water and sanitation (SDGs 1, 2, 3, 6).
- **Theme 2: Quality Education and Lifelong Learning**
SDGs: Quality education, Gender equality, Reduced inequalities (SDGs 4, 5, 10).
- **Theme 3: Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action**
SDGs: Affordable and clean energy, Climate action, Life below water, Life on land (SDGs 7, 13, 14, 15).
- **Theme 4: Economic Growth and Prosperity**
SDGs: Decent work and economic growth, Industry, innovation and infrastructure, Responsible consumption and production (SDGs 8, 9, 12).
- **Theme 5: Inclusive and Resilient Communities**
SDGs: Reduced inequalities, Sustainable cities and communities, Peace, justice and strong institutions (SDGs 10, 11, 16).

Each theme will have **two (2) research categories**:

1. **Experimental and Developmental Research** – for prototypes, applied technologies, product development, and experimental innovations.
2. **Descriptive and Exploratory Research** – for survey-based studies, case analyses, correlational, and qualitative inquiries.

3. Abstract of Research Proposal Preparation

- Participants must prepare an abstract of a research proposal (either a proposal or ongoing project) aligned with one of the five themes and its corresponding SDGs.
- Abstract format:
 - Title
 - Problem Statement
 - Objectives
 - Methodology
 - Expected Outcomes
 - Alignment with relevant SDGs
- Proposals must not exceed **500 words**.
- File naming format: **theme_title_category**

4. Registration and Submission of Abstract of Research Proposal

- Participants must complete their registration online through the official SPARKS Competition link: <https://bit.ly/2025SPARKS>
- A research entry is qualified for only one theme and one category.
- During registration, participants must provide:
 - Names of members (with asterisk * next to those who will present)
 - School name
 - Chosen theme and category
 - Contact details (including email addresses)
 - Abstract of the research proposal in PDF or Word format



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5. Abstract Shortlisting

- A panel of judges will evaluate the submitted abstracts and select the **top 7 proposals per theme per category**.
- Evaluation criteria:
 - Clarity and articulation of the research idea (30%)
 - Relevance to the theme and SDGs (30%)
 - Creativity and innovation (10%)
 - Overall impact and feasibility (30%)

6. Deadline of Abstract Submission and Announcement of Finalists

- **Deadline of abstract submission: October 28, 2025 (11:59 PM)**
- **Announcement of finalists: October 31, 2025**

7. Elevator Pitch (Main Event: November 8, 2025)

- Shortlisted participants will be invited to a **face-to-face pitch presentation** at Batangas State University.
- Participants must arrive **30 minutes before** their scheduled pitch time.
- Each pitch must be **clear, well-rehearsed, and engaging**.
- Presentation rules:
 - Maximum of **3 minutes**
 - One static PowerPoint slide (no animations/sound)
 - School uniform is required
 - Prototypes may be brought during the pitching session
 - If multiple entries per team, each student may only present once
 - Substitution of presenters is allowed in case of emergencies, provided eligibility rules are followed

8. Evaluation and Scoring

- External judges will evaluate the elevator pitch presentations.
- Criteria:
 - Clarity and articulation of the research idea (30%)
 - Relevance to the theme and SDGs (25%)
 - Creativity and innovation (20%)
 - Presentation skills and engagement (15%)
 - Overall impact and feasibility (10%)
- A **10-point deduction** applies for exceeding the 3-minute time limit.

9. Prizes and Recognition

- Cash prizes will be awarded to the **top performers in each theme per category**:
 - First Place: **PhP5,000.00**
 - Second Place: **PhP3,000.00**
 - Third Place: **PhP2,000.00**

10. Announcement of Winners

- Winners will be announced during the **SPARKS 2025 Awards Ceremony** on **November 8, 2025**.
- In case of a tie, winners will be determined based on abstract submission scores; if still tied, the **chairman of the board of judges** will decide.

11. Intellectual Property

- All ideas and proposals remain the **intellectual property of the participants**.

12. Further Details

- For more information, submission instructions, and updates, participants may contact:

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