

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Cagayan  
**TUGUEGARAO CITY**

**NINTH CITY COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

January 24, 2024

**Submitted by:**

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**PRESENT:**

<b>HON. ARNEL T. ARUGAY</b>	- Chairman
<b>HON. IMOGEN CLAIRE M. CALLANGAN</b>	- Member (via zoom)
<b>HON. GRACE B. ARAGO</b>	- Member
<b>HON. CERENE PEARL T. QUILANG</b>	- Member (via zoom)

**RESOURCE PERSONS:**

<b>MR. SANDER SEDANO</b>	- USLT Representative (via zoom)
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**FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER:**

The committee met and deliberated on the referral:

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 29-2024**

**SUBJECT:**

Draft Resolution Commending “Team Clarity” of the University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao for being the Champion in the recently held Philippine Startup Challenge conducted by the Department of Information and Communications Technology at Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu on December 06, 2023 - sponsored by Hon. Cerene Pearl T. Quilang.

**FINDINGS:**

1. In recognition to the top performance of University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao, Hon. Cerene Pearl T. Quilang sponsored a Resolution Commending “*Team Clarity*” of the University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao for being the Champion in the recently held Philippine Startup Challenge conducted by the Department of Information and Communications Technology at Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu on December 06, 2023.
2. Republic Act 11337 or the “Innovative Startup Act of 2019” was created to enable and enrich the Philippine Startup Ecosystem.
3. The Department of Information and Communications Technology through its ICT Industry Development Bureau conducted the Philippine Startup Challenge which is the

DICT's annual flagship pitching competition that aims to encourage Filipino startup founders to create innovative ICT-enabled solutions.

4. Out of the 629 students start-up entries, University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao was one of the top 10 teams selected by the ICT Industry Development Bureau to proceed to the competition's final leg.
5. "Team Clarity" of the University of Saint Louis was declared champion of the Philippine Startup Challenge.
6. The Tuguegarao City Government commends the noteworthy accomplishment of "Team Clarity" of University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao for bringing pride and honor to the city.
7. Documents as proof of such achievement of "Team Clarity" of University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao were furnished to the committee.
8. The members of the committee shall be sponsors to the herein resolutions.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Finding the subject indorsement to be in order and meritorious, the committee favorably recommends the passage of a Draft Resolution Commending "Team Clarity" of the University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao for being the Champion in the recently held Philippine Startup Challenge conducted by the Department of Information and Communications Technology at Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu on December 06, 2023.

**Respectfully submitted:**



**HON. ARNEL T. ARUGAY**  
Chairman



**HON. IMOGEN CLAIRE M. CALLANGAN**  
Member



**HON. GRACE B. ARAGO**  
Member



**HON. CERENE PEARL T. QUILANG**  
Member

**DRAFT RESOLUTION COMMENDING “TEAM CLARITY” OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SAINT LOUIS TUGUEGARAO FOR BEING THE CHAMPION IN THE RECENTLY HELD PHILIPPINE STARTUP CHALLENGE CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY HELD AT LAPU-LAPU CITY, CEBU ON DECEMBER 06, 2023**

**Sponsors: Hon. Cerene Pearl T. Quilang  
Hon. Arnel T. Arugay  
Hon. Maria Rosario B. Soriano  
Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan  
Hon. Grace B. Arago**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act 11337 or the “Innovative Startup Act of 2019” was created to enable and enrich the Philippine Startup Ecosystem;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) No. 11337 provides that the State shall provide incentives and remove constraints aimed at encouraging the establishment and operation of innovative new businesses, businesses crucial to their growth and expansion, and to strengthen, promote, and develop an ecosystem of businesses and government and nongovernment institutions that foster an innovative entrepreneurial culture in the Philippines.

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of Republic Act (RA) No. 11337 provides that the DOST, DICT, and DTI shall be the lead agencies that shall assess, monitor, develop and expand the Program consistent with, the objectives of this Act. To this end, the DOST, DICT, and DTI, in consultation with government and NGOs, shall set key metrics to track the impact and development of the Program.

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Information and Communications Technology through its ICT Industry Development Bureau conducted the Philippine Startup Challenge, which is the DICT’s annual flagship pitching competition, which aims to encourage Filipino startup founders to create innovative ICT-enabled solutions.

**WHEREAS**, University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao was one of the top 10 teams, from the initial 629 student startup entries, selected by the ICT Industry Development Bureau to proceed to the competition’s final leg which was held at Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sander T. Sedano, as mentor, Emmalaine S. Llamas, Rodrigo G. Barien III and Richmond D. Lavadia are members of Team Clarity.

**WHEREAS**, The University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao through their Startup Team, Team Clarity, were declared the champions of the Philippine Startup Challenge.

**NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVE** as it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the 9<sup>th</sup> City Council, to commend and congratulate the University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao for being the champion of the Philippine Startup Challenge held at Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu on December 06, 2023.

**RESOLVE FURTHER**, to furnish a copy of this resolution to the University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao for their information.