Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is The Bright Ideas Challenge (TBIC)?

The Bright Ideas Challenge is an exciting school competition for Philippine high school students, currently enrolled in Grades 7 to 12 aged 12 to 18. Students are challenged to imagine creative ideas for how cities of the future might be powered to be vibrant, healthy and clean places to live. Students could win up to Php1,000,000 in prize package to super-size science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) teaching at their school, and a chance to visit Make the Future Live in Singapore in March 2018.

2. Why is Shell running this competition?

At Shell, we're committed to inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers. The competition shows students how STEM can tackle real world problems and make a positive difference in the world.

3. Do I need to register to take part?

No, all of the cross-curricular resources, competition Terms and Conditions and other information can be found at http://www.shell.com.ph/energy-and-innovation/the-bright-ideas-challenge-2018.html

4. What age group can enter?

Philippine high school students currently enrolled in Grades 7 to 12, ages 12 to 18.

5. What skills will the competition help my students to develop?

This cross-curricular competition will support students to develop a range of skills including creativity, problem-solving, teamwork, and innovative-thinking.

The competition has been designed to be flexible enough for entries to come from students studying a particular subject e.g. Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Design and Technology, Geography, Math or Computing, although it would also work well as a cross-curricular project.

6. How many entries can I submit on behalf of my students?

You may submit one Bright Ideas Entry Form per team. Please note each student can only be a member of one team.

7. How many students are allowed on each team?

Each team must consist of a minimum of two students and a maximum of five.

8. Is there a limit to the amount of teams I can enter from my school?

Schools are invited to up to 5 teams.

9. Where can I find curriculum-linked resources to support entering the Challenge?

You will find all the resources you need to guide your students through each step of the Challenge including Teacher Toolkit, Classroom Presentation, a Student Workbook and four mini videos at http://www.shell.com.ph/energy-and-innovation/the-bright-ideas-challenge-2018.html

10. Can I deliver the competition within any subject lesson?

You are free to deliver the competition within whatever lessons you see as appropriate. See FAQ 5 for more information.

11. Can I use the Challenge in different clubs or classes outside my timetabled subject teaching?

Yes, you are free to deliver the competition in a number of ways, not just within a scheduled class. For example, The Bright Ideas Challenge is perfect for:

- A dropped timetable day
- A Science Week project
- Science and Technology Club activities

13. What materials can I use to help support my students' research as part of their preparation?

You'll find a list of suggestions to support your students' research in our Teacher Toolkit, which you can download at http://www.shell.com.ph/energy-and-innovation/the-bright-ideas-challenge-2018.html

14. What is the deadline for submission?

Entries must be received by Pilipinas Shell on or before 31 January 2018.

15. Which costs/expenses will the school shoulder?

The school will shoulder the cost and expenses of producing the entry prototype. If the school is shortlisted to join the final event, the school will shoulder the transportation cost going to the Mind Museum.

15. What are the prizes?

- 1st Prize wins a Php100,000 prize package for the school to spend on improving science, technology, engineering and math offering to students. In addition, the team also wins Php100,000 and a fully-funded trip to attend Make the Future in Singapore in March 2018.
- 2nd Prize and 3rd Prize winners will receive Php70,000 and Php50,000 prize packages respectively.
- Merit Winners: Merit Winners will receive Php10,000 prize package each.

16. What can my school do with the prize package?

The prize package must be spent by the awarded school on improving its science, technology, engineering and math offering to students. See the full Terms and Conditions.

17. When will judging take place?

All submissions will be evaluated and the top 10 entries will be invited to The Bright Ideas Challenge Fair on February 24-25, 2018 at The Mind Museum where shortlisted entries and prototypes will be exhibited and presented by the students to a judging panel and the general public. The awarding ceremonies take place after the exhibit and presentations.

18. When will the winners be announced?

If your team is chosen for the final event, you will be contacted on or before February 1. The winners will be announced on the final event on February 24-25, 2018 at The Mind Museum.

19. Who can I contact if I have questions?

If you have any more questions about The Bright Ideas Challenge, you may contact Christine Guison through c.guison@shell.com.