

2022 WITSA Global ICT Excellence Awards Nomination Form

The 2022 WITSA Global ICT Excellence Awards will be presented to select individuals, academic institutions, corporations, NGOs or governments whose use and applications of digital technologies exhibit exceptional achievement within the following broad categories:

Private Sector/NGO	Public Sector
Digital Opportunity/Inclusion Award	Digital Opportunity/Inclusion Award
Smart Cities Award	Smart Cities Award
Sustainable Growth/Circular Economy Award	Sustainable Growth/Circular Economy Award
Innovative eHealth Solutions Award	Innovative eHealth Solutions Award
Public/Private Partnership Award	Public/Private Partnership Award
E-Education & Learning Award	E-Education & Learning Award
Emerging Digital Solutions Award	Startup Ecosystem Award

In addition, a *Chairman's Award* will be presented to a nominee selected from the entire pool of candidates from all award categories.

Candidates for these Awards are nominated by ICT experts from around the world who span over 80 countries/economies. The 2022 WITSA Global ICT Excellence Awards will take place in conjunction with the September 13-15, 2022 World Congress on IT in Penang, Malaysia (<https://wcit2022.com/>).

E-Education & Learning Award

Award #1: Individuals, academic institutions, corporations, or NGOs

Award #2: Government authorities

Award Criteria: The Digital Age is requiring new sets of skills, and adoption of new models of public education that emphasize coding, programming and computer science must be adopted. Contrary to popular belief, the digital gap is widening, putting pressure on countries to catch up. Public education must adopt new approaches to lifelong learning. This award will be given to the best electronic learning project. We seek any innovative new technological tool, or any project that uses existing electronic learning tools in an innovative way. Such projects should facilitate and support learning through the use of information and communications technology.

YOUR NOMINEES (limit three nominations per award category). *Please specify whether the nominee(s) are for the private or public sector category.*

Lenovo EdVision Program for the private sector category

REASONS FOR NOMINATION (NOTE: It is important that you make a detailed description of the nominee and why you think the nomination is justified. The absence of a detailed summary of

qualifications as they *relate* to the above-mentioned award description will make it difficult for the awards committee to make an appropriate assessment of the candidate):

With the country continuing to transition to digitized learning, Lenovo established the EdVision program to help teachers and students navigate and adapt to the accelerated shift to more digital mediums.

Launched in 2020, the Lenovo EdVision program aimed to hone technological literacy and digital skills among students while providing resources and support for teachers to prepare them for a more digital educational landscape. In 2021, Lenovo stayed true to its commitment to ensure learning and connection beyond the classroom with the expansion of its initiatives to the Edvision Learning Series, a webinar entitled “Smarter Way to Learn and Collaborate - The New Trend”, and the EdVision Summit 2.0.

The following are the program’s key objectives:

- Position Lenovo as a responsible corporate leader in the Philippines that provides the best solutions and services for education technology
- Continue to drive thought leadership across the academe by anticipating and helping address the sector’s most pressing issues

The EdVision Learning Series held August 28, 2021, were webinars designed to help both learners and their teachers navigate the new normal. Among the topics that were covered were mental wellness in the digital age and conducting effective e-learning. Each incorporated how Lenovo devices, built for the virtual classrooms, truly enhance learning experiences for all.

The brand also hosted a webinar themed “Smarter Way to Learn and Collaborate – The New Trend” on November 25, 2021. This digital execution discussed how end-to-end education solutions from Lenovo and Microsoft, such as Lenovo Smart Fleet, Microsoft Teams and CSP M365 Education, can deliver more engaging and personalized learning experiences for students.

Lastly, EdVision Summit 2.0 held on March 24, 2022 was an update from the first summit in March 23, 2021 With the theme “Learning Pedagogies and Technologies to Embrace Change”, the event aimed cultivate a deeper understanding for e-learning and provide a more holistic approaches toward seamless hybrid classroom experiences. The EdVision Summit 2.0 featured a plenary about learning pedagogies that will help educators embrace technology in their classrooms. Participants and speakers were also able to interact at a panel discussion about furthering digital technologies and literacy, workshops that combine play and pedagogy, and how to cultivate positive learner attributes in online distance learning.

Driven by its vision of smarter technology for all, Lenovo delivers innovative education solutions with the needs of its stakeholders at the center. The company, in its commitment to empowering educational institutions, equips teachers with both tools and skills needed to maximize smart technology and distance learning. Alongside industry peers and software developers, Lenovo hopes to create smarter end-to-end solutions that drive next level educational transformation. The brand envisions that in this new era of digital learning, students need the right tools that are designed for convenience of use, ease of understanding, flexibility, and collaboration as well as a program that would provide teachers and students with the means necessary to attain quality education and ensure that the pains and challenges of the academe are mitigated.

Educators who complete the EdVision program are given access to Lenovo’s hardware and software products optimized for digitized learning as well as training programs, workshops, and

conferences. Alongside its deep understanding of the market, Lenovo continuously works directly with educators to design products that meet the rigors of e-learning and orchestrate a collaborative learning ecosystem to match the expectations of today's digital native learners.

By utilizing the benefits of the program, teachers will be able to help their students deepen their knowledge through effective, innovative, and technology forward pedagogies that will stimulate their students' curiosity, challenge their thinking, and ultimately hone them into key contributors of growth and development for their community

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: Please send any supporting information to the address above, including information from the candidate (i.e. excerpt from program description, website print-out, press release, etc.)

Excerpt from an article by [Manila Standard](#):

“Lenovo makes sure that the learning experiences of students are prioritized even as learning has moved to digital. We address the struggles of the teachers as we believe that they play a crucial role in maintaining quality education through the online platform. It may be tough, but with the right tech and support from education institutions, both teachers and students can achieve the optimal distance learning experience even amid the pandemic,” said Michael Ngan, Lenovo Philippines President and General Manager.

Lenovo worked closely with Microsoft to create education software solutions that power the successful implementation of e-learning by enabling innovation and transformation that is centered on ease of understanding, flexibility, productivity, and collaboration of users.

“Our nation-building agenda for the Philippines, which we call Microsoft Para sa Bayan, aims to create positive impact for 25 million Filipinos over the next three years by accelerating digital transformation, building coalitions for responsible innovation, and closing critical digital skills gaps with increased digital literacy and improve employability. Collaborating with Lenovo, we are able to scale up our efforts and through this particular initiative, provide training and development resources to help educators and students develop future-ready skills. Microsoft and Lenovo have the shared belief that technology has the power to transform education and achieve better learning outcomes,” said Joanna Rodriguez, Public Sector Director, Microsoft Philippines.

Lenovo and Microsoft collaborated with educators to fully understand from an institutional perspective the challenges of this significant step in the education sector's digital transformation journey. EdVision enriches smarter education by offering not only tangible solutions to the demands of online education, but also knowledge to effectively deliver learning in the new normal.

Excerpt from web site:

Empower students to learn, connect, and collaborate better in the new era of digital learning

In the new normal, education needs to equip students with the right technologies and skills to ride the waves of rapid changes and succeed.

Lenovo and Microsoft are committed to addressing the struggles that teachers face in online lesson delivery through smarter, end-to-end education solutions. Join us at our second **EdVision Summit** on **24 March 2022**, themed "**Learning Pedagogies and Technologies to Embrace Change**" and gain insights from subject matter experts on the latest technologies that are enabling a whole new era of digital learning.

source: [Lenovo EdVision Summit](#)

Excerpts from the [press release](#):

"Evolving approaches to teaching and learning are critical to ensuring that our students are ready for the rapidly changing world they will graduate into," said Delia DeCourcy, Senior Global Education Solutions Manager, Lenovo United States.

Micheal Ngan, General Manager, Lenovo Philippines stressed the importance of the collaboration between hardware and software in addressing the challenges of online learning. "We work with Microsoft to certify our educators in the Philippines to raise their digital skills. So far, we've trained and certified almost 500 educators and that's something we plan to carry on," Ngan said.

"We are committed to being a trusted partner for educational institutions as they continue on their digital transformation journey, especially with the demand and necessity for online learning. We've learned a lot from two years of distance learning and we're applying what we've learned into the solutions and services we offer in order to better serve our partners in delivering quality education," Ngan adds.

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