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[noun] • tagalog

upstream; toward the interior
toward the source

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REIMAGINING
CIVIC CENTERS
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THE PEOPLE

COMPETITION

THEME

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CHALLENGE

The design challenge invites participants to place the city or municipal hall at the center of civic life. Aspiring architects may revitalize an existing local town hall or propose a new civic site. The objective is to transform these institutional hubs into welcoming civic centers that support efficient governance while fostering cultural expression, everyday social interaction, and local economic vitality.

The civic center should become a place where citizens can transact, gather, learn, celebrate, and rest—where everyday life and civic responsibility naturally converge around the hall as the community's source.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to 3rd and 4th-year Architecture students nationwide. Only one entry per student is allowed (either individual or group of up to 3).

SUBMISSION

Submit soft copies online.

DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION

December 31, 2026

TIMELINE DESIGN PERIOD

September 1 - December 31, 2026

MAJOR PRIZES

Grand Winner - **₱120,000**
2nd Place - **₱ 60,000**
3rd Place - **₱ 40,000**

SCHOLARSHIP

₱30,000 educational fund will be awarded to 10 applicants who qualify in the top 50% during the Pre-screening round.

INTERNSHIP

TOP 10 finalists will be endorsed and have the opportunity to intern at one of our partner firms.



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