

School Industry Entrepreneurship National Programme
Island-wide School Competition
to Select the Most Emerging Industrial Products/Services
People's Biz Teens Challenge – 2026

Guidelines

Competition Description (School Students)

This competition is designed to inspire and engage school students in understanding the evolving dynamics of the global market and its implications for local development. The main objective is to encourage participants to identify future trends in global industries, explore emerging opportunities, and analyze how these trends can be adapted to strengthen local manufacturing and value addition.

Through this initiative, students will be challenged to think critically and creatively about how global innovations, technologies, and market shifts can be translated into practical solutions within their own country. Participants will also examine the potential for developing locally manufactured products that are competitive, sustainable, and aligned with international demand.

The competition aims to nurture innovation, entrepreneurial thinking, and problem-solving skills among students, while fostering awareness of industrial development, economic transformation, and the importance of value-added production in strengthening the national economy.

Ultimately, this program serves as a platform to develop future-ready thinkers who can contribute to building a more resilient and competitive local manufacturing sector integrated with global market opportunities.

Instructions for Completing the Application Form

The School Industrial Entrepreneurship Circle National Programme is jointly implemented by the Ministry of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development, the Industrial Development Board and the Ministry of Education. In parallel with this programme, the Industrial Development Board and the People's Bank jointly organize the People's Biz Teens Challenge - 2026 competition.

Awards and certificates will be presented for the competitive market product or service.

Note: Please read the following instructions carefully before completing the application form.

1. Eligibility Criteria

(a) Applicants may apply under the following two age categories:

Junior Category: Ages 11–15

Senior Category: Ages 16–19

(b) Applicants may participate individually or as a group.

(Maximum group size is 03 members, and all members must belong to the same age category.)

(c) Applicants must currently be studying in a government or private school.

2. Application Procedure

(a) **First Step:** Application forms can be obtained through your school,

The teacher in charge of the School Entrepreneurship Circle (if available),

The official website of People's Bank (<https://www.peoplesbank.lk/>)

District offices of the Industrial Development Board,

The official website of the Industrial Development Board (<https://idb.gov.lk>)

(b) **Second Step:** Answer all sections of the application form clearly and legibly.

(c) **Third Step:** Submit the completed application through the teacher in charge of the School Entrepreneurship Circle to the nearest IDB District Office. Alternatively, send it directly by post to:

Director
Entrepreneurship Development Division
Industrial Development Board
No. 615, Galle Road,
Katubedda, Moratuwa.

(d) Only one application may be submitted per student or group.

(e) If you won the People's Biz Teens Competition – 2025, the same business idea cannot be resubmitted.

(f) Your physical presentation must directly relate to the competitive market product or service submitted in the application.

3. Application Period

Applications will be called from 01.07.2026, and the closing date for submissions is 31.07.2026.

4. Guidelines for Completing the Application Form

4.1 Recorded video/voice instructions for completing the application form can be obtained through the websites of People's Bank and Industrial Development Board. For further information, contact: The teacher in charge of the School Entrepreneurship Circle, or the nearest IDB District Office.

4.2 Before submitting the application, applicant/ applicants must sign the declaration and obtain the recommendation of the principal.

5. Evaluation Procedure, Awards and Certificates

(a) The evaluation process consists of three stages. Incomplete applications will be rejected at the first stage. The second and third stages will be evaluated by a National Evaluation Committee. Finalists will be selected based on marks obtained.

(b) The third stage of the evaluation process will be conducted among applicants who qualify based on the standardized scoring criteria of the second stage. Eligible applicants will be required to deliver a PowerPoint presentation relevant to their competitive market product or service as part of the evaluation process. In addition, the competitive market product or service presented must also be physically demonstrated during the evaluation.

(c) Online presentations via Zoom will not be permitted for the final round.

(d) The final product/service may either be a physical product or a service. If it is a service, a practical demonstration must be presented during the award ceremony.

(e) District-level winners will receive valuable certificates, while national-level winners will receive awards and cash prizes as follows:

1st Place – Rs. 250,000/-

2nd Place – Rs. 150,000/-

3rd Place – Rs. 100,000/-

10 Merit Awards – Rs. 25,000/- each

6. Important Notes

(a) Only original competitive market products or services should be submitted. Ideas copied from the internet will result in disqualification.

(b)The decision of the judging panel shall be final.

7. For Further Information

For further information and submission of applications, please contact the District Offices of the Industrial Development Board

Contact Details of IDB Officers

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