

“ICHHC- 2026”

“Invention Competition For Housing and Construction -2026” Terms and Conditions and Instructions and Guidelines for Completing the Application-

The Central Provincial Housing Department, in collaboration with the Central Provincial Road Development Ministry, the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Peradeniya, the Provincial Education Department, and the Provincial Engineering Services Department, invites applications in the Central Province for the “Innovation Competition for Housing Construction-2026”.

• Special privileges for the winners

- Valuable certificates/medals/memorial prizes will be awarded to the winners.
- Students who enter the competition will have the opportunity to obtain the necessary guidance from the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission to obtain patents and improve their products for the first, second and third place winners in each category.
- Each applicant who enters the competition will receive a certificate.
- The School of Each winning student/team will be awarded a certificate of appreciation.

Eligible Categories

You can enter the competition in the following categories.

1. School Category
2. Open Category

• School Category -

Students up to Grade 13 can apply. Students representing schools in that age group cannot apply in any category other than the school category. They should not be school dropouts at the time of submitting their applications. These applicants should submit their applications with the recommendation of the school principal.

• Open Category-

School leavers between the ages of 16-25 can apply for this. Applicants should not submit applications in any other category than the relevant categories as defined by the Central Provincial Housing Department and applications not submitted in the correct competition category will be rejected by the Housing Department.

It is mandatory to submit one application for each innovation you submit. Listing more than one innovation in one application will be a reason for rejection of your application.

- In the case of a team innovation in both the School/Open categories, the maximum number of members in the team is 03. In cases where team innovations are submitted, the student whose name is mentioned first in the application will be considered as the team leader. Changes made later regarding the team members will not be accepted by the departments.

• **Method of submitting the innovation for the competition**

(A) Complete the application in Sinhala or English in a language that is convenient for you. Under No. 12 of the application, attach a complete description of your invention and its working model in a language that is easy for you (Sinhala/Tamil/English) along with the necessary drawings. Name all drawings/notes.

(B) Based on the complete information submitted with your application in the first round, qualified contestants will be called for the final round. The invention must be physically presented there. Only in cases where the invention cannot be physically presented for the judging of the competition, applicants should ensure that they provide sufficient information to the judging panel to explain the invention and its functioning.

Applications not completed as per the instructions contained in this guide will be rejected by the Department of Housing.

Duly completed applications should be sent by your school/ institute via post/registered post or hand delivered to the following address of the Central Provincial Housing Department on or before **31.07.2026**.

For Open category who do not follow any Course in an institution please send application directly to below address.

The envelope should be superseded with the words “Invention Competition for Housing and Construction -2026” on the top left corner and addressed to the **Commissioner of Housing, Central Provincial Housing Department, No. 109, Yatinuwara Veedaya, Kandy**.

Furthermore, once the application submitted by registered post or hand delivered is completed and submitted to the Department, the Department will not accept any changes to the application.

Also,

- New applications received on the day of assessment will not be considered.
- Registered inventors are required to attend the relevant selection on the specified date and at the specified location as per the schedule communicated to your school/vocational training institute to the applicant and it should be noted that the department will not send a reminder letter. Only if there are any amendments to the relevant dates will they be notified.

Intellectual Property Rights

Inventions submitted for the competition must be your own creations. An invention created by another person should not be reproduced and submitted to the competition. In the event that such an invention is submitted and won, if it is confirmed with proper evidence that the intellectual property rights of the original owner of the invention have been violated, the Housing Department will take action to recover the prizes and all certificates awarded and you are obligated to return them.

• **Conducting the competition and judging the competition**

1. The decision of the judge board's approved by the department is the final decision regarding the judging.

2. The department reserves the full right to make decisions on all other matters, including changing the dates and locations of awareness programs and preliminary competitions for the selection of new products.

Your invention should belong to one of the following fields, as appropriate.

• **Construction-related fields that can be submitted for the competition**

Your invention should belong to one of the following fields, as appropriate.

- i. A substitute for construction material
- ii. Construction technology
- iii. Construction field and safety equipment/devices
- iv. New construction configuration (model prototypes)

For more information, contact the Department of Housing (Ishari/Nishamani/) on 081-2222457.

Visit our website www.housingdept.cp.gov.lk

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Please complete all relevant sections of the application. Application that are not filled out properly will be rejected. Ensure you read the pre information guidelines and conditions before submitting your application.

The category you are competing in

Open Sector ☐

- The field where your creations will be created

C. Construction field and safety equipment/device ☐

• Is invention you are presenting a new team product? Yes ☐ No ☐

If your invention is a team invention, information 1-8 below should be filled out separately for each team member and attached to the application.

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Principal's recommendation

The student named above is studying in grade at this school.

Name.....

Position.....

Signature.....(seal)

(b) For Open category only

Are you currently studying at any university or vocational training institute? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please provide the following

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number: Email address:

WhatsApp Number :

(c) Recommendation from the head of the institute

The student named above is studying the course at in the institute.

Name.....

signature.....(seal)

- If you are currently not following any course in an institute, please fill part (b) only

9. Name of the Invention:

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10. Have you applied for or received a patent for your invention? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes please provide the patent registration number:

11. If the invention you are submitting is a team invention, please include your name, along with the initials of the team members, in English for the certificate.

1.(Your Name)

2.....(Names of members)

3.

12. Function of the invention (Briefly explain here)

(Please attach a complete description of your invention and its working model, along with the necessary drawings, you may use a convenient language: Sinhala, Tamil, or English in a Name all drawings/notes.)

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13. I hereby certify by my signature below that all the information I have provided is true and correct. I confirm that the rights to the invention described by me or the group mentioned in No. 12 belong to me. I agree to the terms and conditions set by the Central Provincial Housing Department regarding the selections process. Furthermore, I acknowledge that the Housing Department reserves the right to reject my application if it is submitted in violations of the department's rules and regulations. I understand that the decision of the adjudicator is final of the Housing Department, and that the decision of the Adjudicator is final.

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Date

Signature of Applicant