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I. Registration Procedures & Eligibility

(I) Eligibility and Team Formation

1. Are graduates of this year eligible to participate in the contest?

A: Yes, **from now until June 25, 2026**, individuals who are undergraduate or graduate students and can provide **proof of student status or enrollment** are eligible to participate in the contest.

2. Does the contest accept individual registration? Must a team have an advisor?

A: Open to undergraduate and graduate students worldwide, including Taiwan.

- Each team must consist of **at least 3 students and 1 advisor**.
- Participants can be from different departments or universities.
- Individual participation **is limited to one team** only (advisors exempt).

The advisor is responsible only for guiding and assisting the team and may not serve as a team member or leader. Team members and the team leader must be enrolled students.

3. Does the nationality of participants or the location of their institution affect the selection of contest class?

A: No. The 2026 contest is divided into two classes: **Energy and Sustainability**, based on technical fields.

All eligible participants (**Faculty and students, including master's and doctoral students, from universities worldwide, including Taiwan**) are welcome to register. Please confirm your contest class and register based on the technical attributes of your project.

4. Can works that have already been publicly sold or commercialized participate?

A: **No**.

5. Can works that have previously been finalists participate again?

A: Yes, but the **technical differences and innovation compared to the previous work must be clearly explained** in the Project Proposal, Summary Table of Project Descriptions, and Project Introduction Video.

(II) Language Requirements and Document Specifications

1. Must all registration and contest materials be in English?

A: Yes. All registration data, Summary Table of Project Descriptions, Project Introduction Videos, Project Proposals and related attachments, final presentations briefing, on-site demonstration and Q&A sessions **must be completed and presented in English.**

This requirement applies to **all teams, whether from Taiwan or overseas.** Teams that do not comply with this regulation will be **disqualified from the preliminary review.**

(III) Registration System & Data Upload

1. What is the registration method for this contest?

A: The contest only accepts **online registration.** Teams must complete their data and upload relevant documents through the official registration system during the registration period. To ensure data consistency and judging efficiency, paper-based or other non-system registration methods will not be accepted.

2. What should be done if the number of team members exceeds the limit in the registration system?

A: If the number of team members exceeds the system limit, please **contact the organizer through the contest's Intelligent System** and provide the **project name, applicant's name, contact number, and email address.** The organizer will explain the follow-up process via phone and email during business hours.

3. How can I confirm if the registration process is complete?

A: After filling out all registration data and uploading files, teams must check the **"Confirmed Uploaded" box** in the registration system and submit it to complete the process. Upon successful submission, the system will **display a registration completion screen.** After reviewing the completeness of the submission, the organizer will send a **notification email stating "Registration materials complete, entering the preliminary review stage."** If you have not received this email by June 27, please contact yaling.lau@teco.com.tw.

4. Can registration data be filled out and updated in multiple sessions?

A: Yes. **Before the June 25 deadline**, teams may repeatedly log into the registration system to fill out, modify, and upload data, including the project name, team roster, Project Proposal, and related attachments.

*Note: **After the deadline**, changes to the team roster, project name, Project Proposal, or attachments are generally **not permitted**. In special cases, the team advisor must submit a request to the TECO Technology Foundation for consideration.

5. What should I do if the Project Proposal or attachments cannot be successfully uploaded?

A: Please first check the following:

- a. Ensure the **file size** meets the regulations (single file must not exceed 10MB).
- b. Ensure the **file name** does not contain characters not supported by the system (such as \ / : * ? " < > |). If files still cannot be uploaded, please contact the organizer through the Intelligent System with screenshots or error messages for assistance.

II. Review Criteria & Selection Process

(I) Announcement of Finalists

1. When and how will the list of finalists be announced?

A: The finalists is expected to be announced on July 10. The organizer will post the list on the **official website, Facebook, Instagram, and Threads** and notify the finalist teams via **email**.

(II) Judging Committee & Evaluation Criteria

1. How will the judging panel be formed?

A: The contest is divided into **Energy and Sustainability** groups, each with its own judging committee. The Chairperson of the Judging Panel is Dr. Wen-Chang Chen, President of National Taiwan University, who oversees the entire judging process.

The judging panel members are all scholars and experts in relevant fields from both domestic and international backgrounds

2. What are the evaluation criteria?

A: Evaluation is based on **Problem Solving and Technical Value(40%), Creativity(25%), Technical Content and Feasibility(25%), and Completeness of the Project(10%).**

III. Final Round

(I) Final Round Protocol & Attendance

1. What are the rules for the Final Round?

A: All finalists are eligible to participate in the Final Round, where they will conduct **Presentation Briefing and Work Demonstrations**, followed by a **Q&A session** by the judges, all in **English**. Detailed rules and regulations will be announced on the official website and through the Intelligent System in July.

2. Will it affect the team's eligibility or results if the advisor cannot attend the finals?

A: The advisor **must attend the entire Final Round**.

3. Is full attendance of all team members required for the Final Round and Award Ceremony?

A: **Domestic finalists** (including advisors) must attend the **Final Round, Award Ceremony, and Networking Dinner in person**. **Overseas teams** must be represented by **at least 1 advisor and 2 students**. Failure to comply will result in **disqualification from the contest and all awards**.

(II) Overseas Team Regulations & Subsidies

1. Are there subsidies for overseas teams participating in the finals in Taiwan?

A: For overseas teams coming to Taiwan for the Final Round, the organizer will provide a **travel subsidy of 50,000 TWD (approximately 1,500-1,700 USD) per team**. Additionally, the **minimum prize money for finalists is 50,000 TWD (approximately 1,500-1,700 USD)**. Travel subsidies and prize amounts are stated in TWD; for international teams, the USD equivalent is calculated at the exchange rate on the remittance date. Subsidy distribution methods and regulations will be announced after the finalist list is released. The organizer will also provide administrative support and service information (please refer to "IV. Networking & Field Trip" for details).

(III) Final Round Rights, Obligations & Notices

1. What must teams cooperate with after becoming finalists?

A: Final round procedures and cooperation items will be announced on the website in late July. Notification will also be sent to finalists via their registered email to complete **the submission of final round documents and preparations within the specified deadline**.

2. What should teams participating in the Final Round take note of?

A: To uphold the quality of the contest, **the organizer reserves the right to withhold awards if deemed necessary**. In accordance with Article 14 of the ROC Income Tax Act, prize money is subject to a **10% tax deduction for nationals and 20% for non-nationals**. The organizer will provide official participant badges; failure to wear badges or comply with the dress code may lead to disqualification.

3. Will the organizer publicly display the content of the finalists' project content?

A: **Yes**. To promote technical exchange and the contest, the organizer reserves the right to publicly display and use content from finalists' projects, including abstracts, photos, and videos. These materials may be used on the official website, social media platforms, or at the Final Round for promotional purposes.

IV. Networking & Field Trip

(I) Pre- & Post-Contest Networking Activities

1. Are there networking activities scheduled before or after the contest?

A: To strengthen interaction between teams, judges, and sponsors, the following activities are planned:

- (1) **Welcome Gathering on August 18** (the day before the finals).
- (2) **Industrial Technology Showcase on August 19** during the finals, followed by the **Awards Ceremony and Networking Dinner**.
- (3) **Net Zero Tech Workshop on August 20**.

(II) Workshop and Field Trip Itinerary

1. Whom can participate in the Net Zero Tech Workshop on August 20?

A: **All participating teams** are eligible to register for Net Zero Tech Workshop. Detailed arrangements and registration information will be announced in April.

2. Whom can participate in the field trip on August 20–21?

A: **All finalist teams** are eligible to register for the field trip on August 20–21. The organizer will arrange **visits to net-zero enterprises or institutions**; the itinerary will be announced in July.

3. Is there a fee for the field trip?

A: The field trip is supported by the organizer, covering **transportation, insurance, and some meals**.

V. Other Administrative Matters

1. Is a Certification of Participation provided? How can I apply?

A: The organizer will provide a "Certification of Participation" to team members who **completed the registration and actually participated in the contest after the event** concludes. The distribution method and schedule will be announced later; individual requests can be made via the Intelligent System.