

THE AWARDS ASIA 2021

Technological Innovation of the Year

Institution name	Mabalacat City College
Submission title or project name	Mabalacat City College (MCC) and its DIGIHUBS
Nominee/key personnel	Mabalacat City College
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Submission	<p>The COVID-19 pandemic forced most, if not all, higher education institutions to suddenly shift to flexible learning which heavily depends on digital connection and tools.</p> <p>With this, the majority of the Mabalacat City College (MCC) students are put at a disadvantage as most of them come from poor families. In fact, most of the students' parents and guardians were laid off due to the pandemic as a lot of businesses closed, and some establishments were forced to cut down resources.</p> <p>A survey of our students showed that only 30% of the student population have internet at home, and half come from families that have income below the poverty line. This showed us that there was a need for MCC to provide a venue for flexible learning as its students are not equipped in their households for this change. This led to the installation of digital common areas (DIGIHUBS).</p>