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It is with great pride that I present the 2002 DOST Annual Report.

This Report chronicles the DOST's accomplishments for the year that was. In 2002, the Nation saw the Department carve deep, significant inroads on both the breadth and depth of our contributions in support of the Administration's priority thrusts in poverty alleviation and economic modernization. DOST's lead programs and projects in improving productivity and competitiveness, promoting S&T development, and monitoring of meteorological and seismic phenomena have been successful in improving the lives of Filipinos through scientific discovery and technological innovation.

Hence, let me take this opportunity to congratulate all the men and women of DOST for their dedication and drive in delivering exceptional service and performance to our constituents that directly lead to a stronger, more vibrant Republic. Let us leave no stone unturned in focusing our efforts to the development of a forward-looking, knowledge-intensive economy through innovation and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

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