

Aristotle Carandang, chief of Communication Resources and Production Division, said, "Through the years, STII's dedication for work had established a globally-recognized center for S&T information, dedicated to the empowerment of the nation's key sectors that contributes to the improvement of Philippine society."

The anniversary shall be highlighted with the formal launch of science.ph, the STII-developed search engine and web portal for Philippine S&T, and awarding science communicators and amateur photographers.

A web portal that provides access to a great variety of science-related news, articles, blogs, photos, and videos, science.ph is poised to deliver accurate S&T information for Filipinos, thus the tagline "Science for every Juan."

Meanwhile, STII will also give recognition to the country's top science journalists and media advocates through the conferment of the Gawad Jose L. Guerrero. Named in honor of the longtime director of DOST-STII (1990-2004), the Award aims to recognize science communicators and agencies from print, television, radio, and online media who have dedicated their lives in helping create a culture science in the Philippines through S&T information.

DOST Secretary Mario Montejo will keynote the event with singer Zyrene Parsad as host.

"The event will be a memorable night not only for the presence of science and technology workers but also to all Filipinos who have embraced science in their lives," Carandang added.