

On the third day on July 12, the forums on technology and invention, and technology and industry will run simultaneously. Among the technologies to be presented will be on disaster mitigation; health and food processing; information and communication technology for delivery of government and social services; nanotechnology; genomics; and biotechnology. These technologies will provide long term solutions to pressing national problems and contribute to socio-economic development.

Also slated during the day are the ON3 National Finals, the Science Education Institute-led "Talk and Play," and the awarding of outstanding DOST scholars.

Other events lined up for the NSTW are the SETUP forum for businessmen, and role-playing sessions at the Science Explorer bus for elementary students. Capping the fully-packed week on July 14 is the National Invention Contest and Exhibits, and awarding of outstanding inventors and researchers from the finalists of last year's regional invention contests.

The National Science and Technology Week is an annual celebration that highlights significant contributions of science and technology to national development. It has also served as venue to interface scientists and researchers with entrepreneurs and businessmen. NSTW takes its roots in the 1950s when it was still called the Philippine National Science Week, and instituted in 1982 as NSTW.

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