

S&T good news up at DOSTkusyon

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What's S&T good news? Simply put, it is about what science and technology, or S&T, can do to improve the lives of Filipinos. And the better news: technologies locally developed by our own scientists and researchers are available to help do this.

Now we can get our regular dose of S&T good news from our own scientists and experts through the Department of Science and Technology's (DOST) "DOSTkusyon," a bi-monthly press conference organized by DOST's Science and Technology Information Institute. Launched this February at the La Breza Hotel in Quezon City, this year's first "DOSTkusyon" had DOST Secretary Mario Montejo introducing the "Smarter Philippines", DOST's latest umbrella program that focuses on using information technology to develop or innovate products or processes for particular sectors.

"DOSTkusyon is an important step for DOST [because] there are a lot of developments going on inside [the system] that we would like to share to people in the country," said DOST spokesperson Raymund Liboro, also director of DOST-STII.

"DOSTkusyon" provides venue for the media to get new and important S&T information from DOST's various offices and agencies. Aside from information materials, DOST-STII also provides online streaming for journalists who cannot attend the conference.

"DOSTkusyon" also featured the newly installed Advanced Device and Materials Testing Laboratory or ADMATEL at the DOST's Industrial Technology Development Institute, DOST's oldest research and development agency. The ADMATEL houses state-of-the-art facilities for failure analysis to provide services to the local electronics and semiconductors industry. Undersecretary for Research and Development Amelia Guevara said that failure analysis, previously done abroad, is expensive and takes much time.

"DOSTkusyon", through DOST-NCR Director Tess Fortuna, also gave an update on DOST's Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program, or SETUP, that provides a package of technology support to the country's micro, small, and medium enterprises.

"I commend DOST-STII for organizing 'DOSTkusyon'," said Dr. Alejandro P. Melchor III, Smarter Philippines program leader and deputy director of DOST's Information and Communications Technology Office. "This is a winsome and useful avenue to for us to present our projects to the media, and to also help us engage and communicate with the public, for whom our services are intended."

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