

## **DOST website among PH's most popular gov't sites**

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The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) website, [dost.gov.ph](http://dost.gov.ph), is among the most popular government websites in the country, claiming the number two spot in terms of number of hits as of February 13, 2013.

This data was revealed by [alexa.com](http://alexa.com), a leading provider of free global metrics for websites and which ranks 30 million sites all over the world.

The site's overall ranking in the country as of February 13 is 288. Traffic rank per country is calculated by combining the number of average daily visitors to [dost.gov.ph](http://dost.gov.ph) and number of page views on the site from Internet users in the country over a certain month.

Based on statistics summary in [alexa.com](http://alexa.com), visitors to the site spend approximately more than one minute per page view and a total of three minutes per site visit. The site is especially popular among Internet users in Cagayan de Oro City where it ranks number 20 and in Sucat.

Among the leading search queries for the DOST site in the past month are PAGASA, weather forecast, PAGASA weather forecast, Philippine weather, and Project NOAH, which refers to Nationwide Operational Assessment of Hazards or NOAH. Project NOAH is one of DOST's big-ticket projects for timely and accurate disaster prevention and mitigation.

Project Noah's web portal, [noah.dost.gov.ph](http://noah.dost.gov.ph), is among the DOST site's most visited subdomains which also include [phivolcs.dost.gov.ph](http://phivolcs.dost.gov.ph), [pagasa.dost.gov.ph](http://pagasa.dost.gov.ph), and [pcaarrd.dost.gov.ph](http://pcaarrd.dost.gov.ph) by the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development, one of DOST's sectoral councils.

DOST is the country's main hub of science and technology activities including research, policy formulation, and program formulation to support national development via technological self-reliance and greater private sector participation in research and development. Aside from Project NOAH, the agency's other flagship projects include TeWS or "Establishment of a Cost-effective Local Tsunami Early Warning System for Selected High-risk Coastal Communities of the Philippines", Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP), Automated Guideway Transit, and the Balik Scientist Program.