

The Secretary's visit was part of his regional trips to visit and inspect SETUP project sites in Regions 1 to 3 and CAR. SET-UP, or Small Enterprises Technology Upgrading Program, is a DOST-wide campaign to encourage and assist small and medium entrepreneurs to adopt technological innovations to improve their operations and boost their productivity and competitiveness.

Firms that apply for SETUP assistance are able to address their technical problems through DOST's technology transfer and other related interventions. Businesses thus improve their productivity through better product quality, human resources development, cost minimization and waste management, and other operation related activities. *(Alan C. Taule, S&T Media Service)*

*Secretary Montejo and party with the DOST Region 3 staff*

