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Official E-Newsletter of DOST-Philippine Textile Research Institute



1 Hanunuo Mangyan's Ramit Meets Innovation

May 29-31, 2024, DOST-Philippine Textile Research Institute

The Institute welcomed the Hanunuo Mangyan Weavers, and Collaborators from Mindoro State University and the LGUs of Mansalay and Roxas, Oriental Mindoro, as part of their Learning Visit, showcasing the intersection of tradition and technology. In addition to the visit, the Institute also organized a Weavers' Bazaar and conducted a tour of the National Museum for them.



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A highlight of the closing ceremony was the ceremonial marking of the Philippine Textiles Map at the DOST-PTRI TELA Gallery. During this symbolic act, the weavers affixed their traditional woven Ramit fabric onto the map of Oriental Mindoro with DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum, Jr.



The weavers shared their struggles, emphasizing the challenges posed by their remote mountainous location. They were overjoyed upon learning that they would receive interventions related to handloom weaving and natural dyes, among others. The Institute will provide them with handloom weaving machines and implements/materials and training.



2 Regional Textile Stakeholders in SOCCSKSARGEN Meets

May 27, 2024, Koronadal City, South Cotabato

the Regional Textile Stakeholders In SOCCSKSARGEN were convened to lay the backdrop for the launch and operationalization of the Natural Textile Fiber Innovation Hub in Sultan Kudarat and the Regional Yarn Production and Innovation Center (RYPIC) in Cotabato - the first-ever facilities for yarn production in Mindanao, the Institute in partnership with DOST XII, Sultan Kudarat State University - Tacurong, and University of Southern Mindanao. The Conference was convened in Koronadal City, South Cotabato.



Representatives from various sectors including government agencies, academic institutions, local government units, and local communities, deliberated on the operationalization and sustainability of these textile facilities.

3 DOST-PTRI Expands in Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat with 15 New Staff

May 28, 2024, Koronadal City, South Cotabato



The Institute hired 15 new staff to operationalize the NTFIH - Sultan Kudarat and RYPIC Cotabato. The DOST-PTRI Mindanao team attended the RYPIC Cotabato Operational Planning Workshop to align with the goals of the upcoming facilities.

A series of capability-building activities will develop the textile workforce in the region, including training on natural fiber treatment, textile technology, yarn manufacturing, machine maintenance, troubleshooting, and occupational safety. The seminar will be held from June 17-24, 2024.

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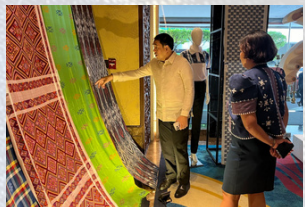
"Ramit" is a creation of women in the community using indigenous cotton materials on a backstrap loom, a process called "habilan.". The fabric often features geometric patterns that showcase the talent of the Mangyan people. Women wear the Ramit as a skirt with a blouse called *balukas*, while men wear a traditional *lino* cloth or *ba-ag*.

4 Textile Innovations at the 1st DOST Development Partners Forum

30 May 2024, Dusit Thani Manila, Makati City

The Institute presented textile technology and innovations through an exhibition at the DOST 1st Development Partners Forum, themed "Development Cooperation in Science, Technology, and Innovation for a Smart and Sustainable Philippines."

The forum comprises a series of plenary sessions, emphasizing the importance of multilateral, multi-agency, and multi-stakeholder partnerships to support the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, the DOST Strategic Plan 2023-2028, and partners' strategic plans aligned with the 2030 Global Agenda for Sustainable Development.



5 Miss Earth 2014 Jamie Herrell visits DOST-PTRI

29 May 2024, DOST-Philippine Textile Research Institute



Former Miss Earth 2014, Jamie Herrell, visited DOST-PTRI to explore collaborations aligned with her advocacies on sustainability, education, and community work.

During her visit, she toured the DOST-PTRI's Innovation Center for Yarns & Textiles (ICYT), which houses the yarn-spinning and weaving facilities. She also familiarized herself with the digiTELazation program and had the opportunity to visit the institute's testing laboratories for specific textile applications.



6 Davao Fashion Designers to Showcase Philippine Tropical Fabrics in Samal Island Show

29 May 2024



In preparation for the Stellar Fashion Gala in September, which focuses on Philippine Tropical Fabrics (PTFs), Davao Fashion Design Council Foundation, Inc. (DFDCFI) President Emi-Alexander Englis and BD Dodjie Batu visited the Institute to explore textile innovations and swatches of various PTFs for the upcoming October event.

DFDCFI, in partnership with DOST-PTRI and Discovery Samal, will showcase a 100-piece luxe resort wear collection from eight designers. The collection will feature eco-friendly fabrics made from banana, pineapple, abaca, bandala, and bamboo, emphasizing sustainable fashion.

7 Kawayarn Pushing Boundaries for Furniture and Home Decor

27 May 2024



The Institute and Apexotel Designs discussed a potential collaboration on bamboo yarns and fabrics for furniture and home decoration. Apexotel Designs aims to integrate Natural Textile Fiber (NTF) blended fabrics, particularly bamboo and water hyacinth, into their curated furniture pieces and home designs. They recognized the potential market for incorporating high-quality yarns and fabrics derived from these fibers into furnishings and home decorations.

8 SEDA Pilipinas goes Full Circle with New Engagement in Tuba, Benguet & OISCA

26-30 May 2024, Cordillera Administrative Region



The MOA signing between DOST-PTRI, OISCA & Municipality of Tuba, Benguet commits to boosting mulberry cultivation and silk cocoon production in Tuba. Silk production advances in Apayao and Kalinga. These efforts prepare the Cordillera for hosting the 6th Philippine Silk Summit in Benguet in February 2025.



Sixteen Seri-Farmers from Rizal, Kalinga, underwent a 4-day cocoon processing training at the Silk Innovation Center in Kalinga, funded by KSU Future Thinkers. They processed 14.95 kg of dried cocoons, yielding 1.90 kg of 60 Denier yarn.

9 DOST-PTRI, UNESCO for Transdisciplinary Engagement

31 May 2024



UNESCO-Jakarta, Indonesia, is eyeing a collaboration with PTRI to better engage stakeholders across diverse regions. The partnership aims to boost regional cooperation and explore interdisciplinary approaches. Discussions in their upcoming meeting will focus on brainstorming collaborative initiatives, given UNESCO's social science focus. Additionally, UNESCO proposes hosting seminars, workshops, or participating in special occasions at PTRI to strengthen their partnership.

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