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## 1 DOST-PTRI shines in 2024 RSTW Bicol and Abacanobasyon 2.0

22-24 May 2024, Catanduanes State University, Virac, Catanduanes

The Institute participated in the 2024 Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW), and Abacanobasyon 2.0 in Bicol Region by conducting several activities such as an exposition, dialogue, forum, and fashion show. The exposition entitled **"Abaca Textile Innovation Exposition"** showcased the latest innovations of the Institute on Abaca Technologies.



abaca ptf for streetwear



The **KathABI Fashion Innovation Show**, co-staged by DOST-PTRI and DOST-V, showcased Philippine Tropical Fabrics (PTF) and its partner brands and designers. One of the highlights KathABI was the streetwear collection made by the CatsU Garments, Fashion, and Design students, featuring innovative designs using polyabaca and polypiña abaca developed by DOST-PTRI.

The Kathabi was graced by DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum, DOST Usec. Sancho A. Maborang, DOST V Regional Director Rommel Serrano, and DOST-PTRI Director Dr. Julius L. Leaño, Jr..

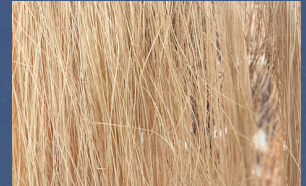
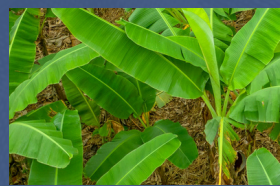


The **Textile Innovation Dialogue** became a platform to present the latest textile innovations utilizing the Abaca fibers. It was a venue to present the Institute's Fostering the Revitalization of Nascent Textile Innovation Ecosystems in the Regions (FRONTIER) Program and programs and initiatives currently implemented by the DOST-V that will complement and support the strides of the DOST-PTRI in the region and all over the country.



The **Textile Stakeholder Forum** convened students, experts, researchers, and industry professionals. In-depth conversations about research, technology advancements, and sustainable practices in the realm of textile innovations were facilitated by this platform.

### DID YOU KNOW?



In 2023, the **Bicol Region remains the top abaca producer** with 5.99K MT or 33.9% share to the total national abaca production, followed by Eastern Visayas and Davao Region with 17.5 % and 12.5% respectively. (Source: Philippine Statistics Authority).



## 2 DOST-PTRI on Miss Universe Philippines

23 May 2024  
Live on Empire Ph's YouTube Account

During the Coronation Night of Miss Universe Philippines (MUPH) on May 23, 2024, the broadcast highlighted the recent visit of six MUPH candidates to the Institute.

The visit provided the MUPH candidates with an opportunity to learn about how their outfits are made, especially for pageants, from raw fibers, yarns, and fabrics to wearable pieces, and how technologies are incorporated into these creations.

## 3 Antique's Patadyong for the 2024 DOST-PTRI Corporate Polo Shirt

22 May 2024



The Institute officially launched its 2024 Corporate Polo Shirt. This year's design proudly incorporates the traditional Patadyong fabric, featuring a beautiful Sampaguita flower motif woven by the skilled weavers of the Bagtason Loom Weavers Association from Bugasong, Antique.

This polo shirt is more than just a piece of clothing; it is a tribute to the Filipino spirit, embodying the rich history and craftsmanship of the Patadyong.

## 4 DOST ManCom wears Patadyong Polo Shirt and Lakat Shoes

22 May 2024



Members of the DOST ManCom were provided with DOST Lakat Shoes and Corporate Polo Shirt. Crafted by talented local weavers in Negros Occidental, the fabric of LAKAT shoes is woven using DOST-PTRI's patented technology.

## 5 Silk in Laguna!

19 May 2024, Pangil, Laguna



Regional SEDA Pilipinas Stakeholder's Meeting in Pangil, Laguna, aimed to development sustainable silk production, livelihoods, and market access. A MOA Signing Ceremony was held between DOST-PTRI and Magra Nutri-Foods Corporation's Hills & Berries for the establishment of a Silkworm Rearing Facility. Hills & Berries boasts over 10 hectares of active mulberry (*Morus nigra*) plantation. Trial rearing has already yielded class A cocoons, while mulberry production has reached up to 4 kilograms of leaves per hill and pruning, which is 100% more than other locations.

### PTRInTheNews



On May 24, 2024, the Institute's bamboo textiles, "Kawayarn," was highlighted on GMA News' "24 Oras" in the "Game Changer" segment with Martin Javier. The feature explored the impact of bamboo textiles on the local industry and the opportunities they create for farmers through putting up Bamboo Textile Fiber Innovation Hubs (BTFIH) across the regions.

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