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Inabel, Philippine Textile Innovation stand out in Ilocos

3-5 July 2024, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte



KathABI- Ilocos: Textile Innovation Exhibition

04-05 July 2024, Plaza Del Norte Hotel and Convention Center, Laoag City



With the theme "Siyensya, Teknolohiya, at Inobasyon: Kabalik at sa Matatag, Maginhawa, at Panatag na Kinabukasan. Providing Solutions and Opening Opportunities in the Green economy," the DOST-PTRI mounted a KathABI Exhibition in the recently concluded RSTW in Ilocos Region (Region 1) showcasing its textile technologies such as the Institute's DigITELAZation program. Furthermore, the exhibition gives visitors a chance to understand the use of security yarns for handloom weaving and try Indigo tie-dyeing and handloom weaving using the Therapeutic Handloom Machine V2 developed by the Institute.

KathABI-Ilocos: Fashion Innovation Show

04 July 2024, Malacañang of the North, Paoyay, Ilocos Norte

The Institute, in collaboration with the DOST-I, recently held a remarkable KathABI Fashion Show at the Malacañang of the North in Paoyay, Ilocos Norte. It showcased the collection of Ilocano fashion designer Amor Albano, who skillfully integrated Philippine Tropical Fabrics (PTFs) made from abaca, pineapple leaf, and bamboo fibers, developed by DOST-PTRI. Additionally, Albano showcased the famous Ilocano Inabel fabrics, woven by artisans from the Gawad sa Manlilikha ng Bayan (GAMABA) Cultural Center. Adding a special touch to the event was the presence of Miss Earth 2014 Jaimie Harrel. During her talk, Harrel emphasized the importance of combining sustainability, culture, and technology in the textile and fashion industries, highlighting how responsible use of local resources can honor cultural heritage while protecting the environment.



Ilocos Stakeholders sit in Reg'l Textile Innovation Dialogue

04 July 2024, Mariano Marcos State University, Batac City, Ilocos Norte

In a bold move to transform the textile landscape in Ilocos Norte, the Institute hosted the Region 1 Textile Stakeholders Innovation Dialogue. This Dialogue aims to bring together textile stakeholders from the region to explore potential partnerships, share best practices, identify immediate collaboration opportunities, and encourage active community participation. The ultimate goal was to foster the development and innovation of the textile industry in the Region I.

MOA Signings Propel Science, Technology, and Livelihood Initiatives in Pangasinan and Vintar, I. Norte

During the 2024 RSTW Region 1, a ceremonial signing took place for the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) involving Pangasinan State University, DOST-Region 1, and the Provincial Science and Technology Office - Pangasinan. This collaboration aims to offer guidance and support in scientific, economic, and community livelihood aspects across Pangasinan through the Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO). Simultaneously, the Institute partnered with the Local Government Unit of Vintar, Ilocos Norte, signing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to implement training and seminars for weavers as part of the DigITELAZation Program.

Handa Pilipinas-Luzon leg

3 July 2024, Plaza del Norte, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte



With the theme "Alertong Luzon, Solidong Nasyon!", the Institute showcased its latest innovations in Geotextiles, and Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) technologies at the opening ceremony of the Handa Pilipinas Luzon Leg: Innovations in Climate and Disaster Resilience. The event sought to highlight innovations that strengthen the nation's preparedness and response capabilities. The Institute featured the BDU made from bamboo fabric, specifically from *Bambusa blumeana* or Kawayang Tinik textile fibers sourced from DOST-PTRI bamboo partner farmers in La Union.

Meanwhile, the Panagsagana: Technology Forum on Disaster Preparedness focused on geotextile testing, emphasizing its significance in various infrastructure projects such as buildings, roads, and bridges. The Technology Forum on Sustainability and Wealth Creation addressed machines for regional weavers to preserve traditional techniques and integrate modern innovations for sustainable and economically viable textile practices. Lastly, the TechAdvantage: Providing Solutions Opening Opportunities for Agri-Aqua featured bamboo textile technologies. These forums are part of the Handa Pilipinas Luzon Leg.

Official Mission visits George Washington University Textile Museum

3 July 2024, George Washington University Textile Museum, Washington DC

The visit commenced with Curator Lee Talbot leading a tour of the current exhibition on global ikat textiles, featuring several pieces from Southeast Asia, including two from the Philippines.



Following this, Karthika Audinet guided a tour of the Cotsen Textile Traces Research Center, showcasing textile fragments and the museum's research resources. Afterwards, DOST-PTRI presented its projects, impressing the GWU Textile Museum Staff with the breadth of their R&D initiatives.

Rendezvous with over century-old Philippine Textiles at Field Museum in Chicago

1-2 July 2024, Museum in Chicago, USA



This initiative forms part of the DOST-PTRI's "DigiTELazation" program, a digitalization effort dedicated to preserving, conserving, and protecting Philippine handloom woven textiles. The program leverages digital technology to record and document the technical weave specifications of these valuable cultural artifacts, ensuring their longevity and accessibility for future generations.



Regional Weaver's Forum in Ilocos held

5 July 2024, Paay Lake JLP Resort and Hotel, Paay, Ilocos Norte

The Institute organized the 3rd Philippine Handloom Weaving Conference (PHWC) - Regional Weaver's Forum in Ilocos Region as part of the 2024 RSTW Region 1. This forum served as a platform to celebrate and promote the rich tradition of Inabel handloom weaving in the Ilocos Region, bringing together weavers, artisans, researchers, and enthusiasts to share knowledge, exchange ideas, and showcase the beauty and craftsmanship of the Ilocandia handwoven textiles. During the forum, various topics related to the handloom weaving ecosystem were discussed, including textile sustainability, counterfeiting, best practices, and trade & business perspectives, to foster a deeper understanding of industry challenges and opportunities while empowering weavers and textile industry in the region.



The Institute, representatives from The Hinabi Project, the Philippine Consulate in Chicago, and the Philippine Senate - Department of Budget Monitoring and Research staff conducted a research visit to the Field Museum in Chicago, USA. The primary focus of the visit was to examine and study Philippine textiles collected from 1904 to 1912.



Courtesy Visit to the Philippine Embassy in Washington DC

3 July 2024, Philippine Embassy, Washington DC

The Institute visits the Philippine Embassy in Washington DC and meets with Consul General Donna Rodriguez, Consul Mark Lim and Ambassador Romualdez. During the visit, the Team discussed the potential partnership between the DOST-PTRI and Philippine posts in different nations with regard to science communication for the Filipino diaspora. This initiative shall promote scientific literacy while fostering an appreciation for and understanding of Filipino culture and tradition.

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