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## STITCH-OFF caps 2024 NYSTIF with a bang

### FIP, SOFA, ISAT U bag top awards

21 September 2024, Phil. International Convention Center Forum Tent, Pasay City, Metro Manila

The 2024 Stitch-Off Urban Vibe capped the 2024 National Youth Science, Technology and Innovation Festival with its eighteen (18) finalists showcased their innovative urban wear collections at the highly anticipated Stitch-Off Urban Vibe Fashion Innovation Show, held on 21 September 2024, at the PICC Forum Tent in Pasay City.



The competition concluded with the announcement of the winners: **"Kayo-d"** from the Fashion Institute of the Philippines emerged as the Champions, while **"Telakpak"** from SoFA Design Institute was 1st Runner-Up position while the 2nd Runner-Up award went to **"Duyan"** from Iloilo Science and Technology University.



The event featured judges from the creative and fashion industries, including Ica Villanueva, John Lozano, Marj Ramos-Clemente, Alvin Degamo, Cedia Lopez-Vargas, Thian Rodriguez, Nina Amoncio, Minnie Fransisco-Francia, and DOST-PTRI's Dr. Julius L. Leaño, Jr. It was attended by DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr. and DOST Undersecretary Maridon O. Sahagun.



Stitch Off was elevated through partnerships with GMA Pinoy TV, Preview and Megaworld. Attendees were also treated to live performances by GMA artist Michael Sager, along with Jeremy G and A-Team, adding to the vibrant atmosphere of the fashion show.



GMA Sparkle artist Fil-Canadian Michael Sager performs live during 2nd Stitch-Off Competition wearing a Philippine Textile ensemble featuring handwoven insukit Inabel jacket designed by Nina Inabel.



## PTF plays the Stitch Off stage

21 September 2024, PICC Forum Tent, Pasay City, Metro Manila

Hosted by the Institute as part of the 2024 National Youth Science, Technology, and Innovation Week, this year's competition highlights inclusivity, versatility, and sustainability by featuring Philippine Tropical Fabrics (PTF) such as pineapple-blended and cotton-bamboo fabrics. The competition encourages young designers to push the boundaries of traditional fashion norms and explore new possibilities in urban wear. Finalists created collections that spanned various styles, including masculine, feminine, children's, curvy, and androgynous designs.



## Behind the Seams: Bessie Besana and Puey Quiñones Mentor 2024 Stitch-Off Finalists

19 September 2024, DOST-PTRI Building, Bicutan, Taguig City

In preparation for the 2024 Stitch-Off Competition, 18 finalists participated in mentoring sessions with renowned Filipino fashion designers on September 19, 2024. They explored the intricacies of fashion as a business through an insightful discussion led by Bessie Besana, a New York-based designer. The finalists also benefited from one-on-one interactions with Puey Quiñones, who offered valuable advice on refining their collections.



## Maragondon Gains 17 more weavers thru DOST-PTRI's Textile Academy

16-20 September 2024, Maragondon, Cavite



The Institute, with the support of the Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO) - Cavite, conducted a Basic Handloom Weaving textile skills training for the communities within the Local Government Unit of Maragondon. This program is designed to support the newly acquired handloom weaving equipment, thereby enhancing weaving and livelihood activities. By equipping local residents with essential technical skills, the program aims to promote sustainable income generation. Seventeen (17) participants from diverse organizations and barangays attended the training, including members from Lihang Maragondon, the Kabalikat Sustainable Livelihood Program Association, and the Gawang Bucal Sustainable Livelihood Program Association.

## Empowering Future Innovators: Textile Exhibit Engages Young Minds at NYSTIF

18-21 September 2024, PICC Forum Tent, Pasay City, Metro Manila



As part of the 2024 National Youth Science, Technology, and Innovation Festival, the Institute mounted an exhibition highlight its textile research and development initiatives at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City.

Students from various schools, colleges, and universities visited the booth and explore various products made from natural textile fibers such as abaca, banana, bamboo, pineapple, and silk. They also learned about the Institute's DigITELAZation program, Shoes and Footwear Accessories R&D on Textile-based Omnibus Solutions (SAFATOS) for the Philippine Shoe Industry Program, and other technologies, including dyeing of fabrics using natural dye sources. Quality assurance was emphasized in the exhibit with a demonstration of textile fiber analysis through microscopy, allowing visitors to understand the quality assessment processes for natural fibers. Attendees also had the opportunity to experience the DOST-PTRI's therapeutic handloom firsthand.

## Tarlac's 1st TarlaKauayan Features Kawayarn

19-20 September 2024, Tarlac Agricultural University Amphitheater, Camiling, Tarlac



With the theme "The Bamboo: Rooting Its Way to a More Sustainable Tarlac Province," the Institute participated in the first-ever TarlaKauayan Festival, held at the Tarlac Agricultural University Amphitheater in Camiling, Tarlac, from 19-20 September 2024.

The festival highlighted DOST-PTRI's innovative bamboo textile technology, featuring bamboo fabrics and products developed in collaboration with various partner brands and designers. Furthermore, a DOST-PTRI Expert presented the Bamboo Textile Fiber Technology, detailing its importance in promoting sustainability, craftsmanship, and enhancing local industries in the region.

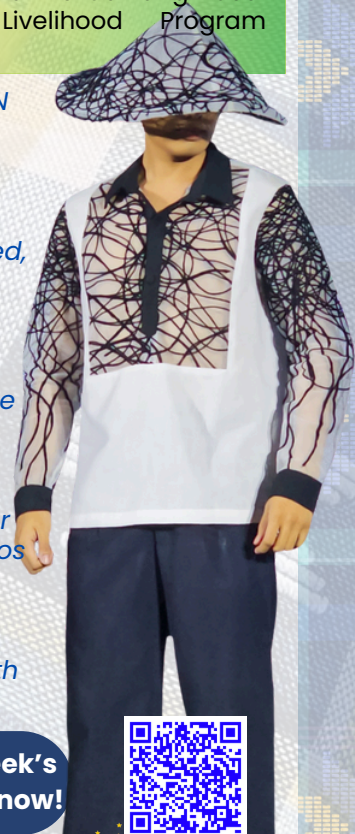
## KatHABI graces PAPI's Golden Anniv

20 September 2024, PICC Complex, Pasay City, Metro Manila

As part of the 50th anniversary of the Publishers Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PAPI), the Institute showcased its innovative collections through a fashion show. A highlight of the event included PTFs Reimagined, designed by Avel Bacudio, featuring Philippine Tropical Fabrics made from abaca, banana, pineapple, and bamboo.



*The KAWAYARN Collection designed by Anthony Cruz Legarda were also showcased, as well as the GAMAYO 100 designed by Amor Albano, highlighting the handwoven fabrics from GAMABA Cultural Center from Pinili, Ilocos Norte, in celebration of Magdalena Gamayo's 100th birthday.*



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