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First Lady, Nat'l Scientists, UP Officials grace KatHABI

'BANDALA' renamed Dioscoro 1 at IPB' Golden Anniv

26 June 2025, Centennial Hall, The Manila Hotel, Manila City



KatHABI: Textile Innovation Fashion Show took center stage on June 26 at The Manila Hotel, with First Lady Liza Araneta-Marcos in attendance in celebration of the University of the Philippines' Institute of Plant Breeding's 50th Anniversary.

Three national scientists, agency heads, and academicians graced the runway in apparel made from the Institute of Plant Breeding's (IPB) Abaca Hybrid—an innovative textile fiber source. DOST–PTRI champions this material, blended with other natural textile fibers and transformed by top Filipino designers. The showcase marked a bold step forward in sustainable, homegrown textile and fashion, grounded on solid S&T data and taking the Filipino farmers at its core.



DOST–PTRI convenes Textile Producers anew

26 June 2025, DOST–PTRI Bldg., Bicutan, Taguig City

The Institute led another Innovation Dialogue on June 26, 2025, uniting DTI Philippines, National Innovation Council – Department of Economic Planning and Development, and key Philippine Tropical Fabric (PTF) producers to push forward the implementation of the PTF Law (RA 9242). The discussion addressed production capacities, policy and procurement gaps, and stakeholder coordination, with companies such as Asia Tex, Weavertex, Medtecs, and CK Diaz Worldwide Enterprise representing Sritex in attendance. Concrete action points and shared strategies were laid out to strengthen alignment between government programs and industry needs, reaffirming DOST–PTRI's commitment to inclusive and innovation-driven support for the local textile sector.



Sen. Legarda wears Antique's Naturally dyed Patadyong at DFA's Cultural Diplomacy

25 June 2025, Centro de Turismo, Intramuros Manila

At the June 25, 2025 launch of From the Philippines to the World in Intramuros, Senator Loren Legarda delivered her keynote address wearing a handwoven, naturally dyed patadyong made by the Bagtason Loomweavers Association—highlighting her advocacy for sustainability and cultural heritage. The DOST-Philippine Textile Research Institute (DOST-PTRI) was also present, with its natural dye innovations and support for local weaving reflected in the senator's attire, underscoring science and tradition's role in cultural diplomacy.



28 female PDLs in Handloom Weaving under CREATTEEVs

23-27 June 2025, Correctional Institution for Women, Mandaluyong City



As part of its CREATTEEVs program, the Institute successfully trained 28 Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) from the Correctional Institution for Women (CIW) in Basic Handloom Weaving. This initiative supports DOST's commitment to inclusive innovation by equipping marginalized communities with livelihood skills through science and technology. A ceremonial turnover of handloom weaving technologies, in partnership with the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor), is set for June 30, 2025—reinforcing efforts to build productive futures and economic opportunities for PDLs through creative and skills-based rehabilitation.

DOST-PTRI, DTI join forces to combat fake Handloom Textiles

25 June 2025, DTI Philippines Bldg., Makati City



To address the rising spread of counterfeit Philippine handloom woven textiles, the Institute convened a strategic meeting with the Department of Trade and Industry's Fair Trade Enforcement Bureau (DTI-FTEB) and Bureau of Philippine Standards (DTI-BPS). The collaboration aims to protect local weavers, uphold cultural heritage, and strengthen consumer protection through improved enforcement, standardization, certification, and education. DOST-PTRI also presented its DigiTELazation and Covert Security Yarns programs to support product authenticity and traceability, with immediate steps including legal reviews, a joint administrative order, and public awareness campaigns.



18 June 2025 (1:30) Cagaya, Cagaya, Davao Oriental

DOST-PTRI brings Silk Innovation closer to Tourism Frontliners

27 June 2025, DOST-PTRI TCMO, Villanueva, Misamis Oriental

The DOST-PTRI Technology Center in Misamis Oriental welcomed DOT-10 tour guides as part of their Continuing Education Program, offering a hands-on learning experience through the Philippine Silk Road Program. The visit highlighted silk production's role in sustainable livelihood and regional growth, while strengthening linkages between tourism and local industries. By immersing tour guides in textile innovation and heritage, the initiative supports deeper storytelling and cultural appreciation in Northern Mindanao's tourism offerings.



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