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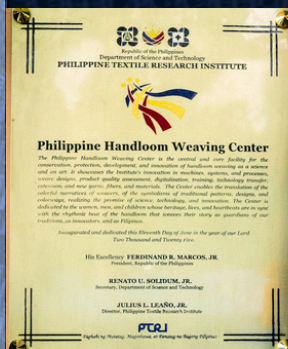
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PH Handloom Weaving Center launched

Sen. Legarda, Sec. Solidum, Taguig Mayor Cayetano renew commitment to push handloom weaving

07 July 2025, DOST-PTRI, Bicutan, Taguig City



As part of her lifelong commitment to preserve Philippine culture through local fabrics, Senator Loren Legarda together with DOST Sec Renato U. Solidum, Taguig City Mayor Lani Cayetano and other officials led the inauguration of the Philippine Handloom Weaving Center (PHWC) on July 7 at the DOST-Philippine Textile Research Institute in Taguig City.

The PHWC serves as a national convergence hub for the preservation and development of handloom weaving, featuring innovations in machinery, weaving systems, designs, and product quality assessment.

Senator Legarda highlighted that the facility not only strengthens the weaving industry but also supports the livelihoods of weavers and farmers. She also emphasized the value of collaboration across sectors—from raw material production to textile development and product promotion—to uplift communities and local industries.

Mayor Lani Cayetano likewise renewed the city's commitment to local textiles, pledging to uphold the Philippine Tropical Fabrics Law by producing government uniforms using homegrown fabrics. She hopes thousands of city employees will join in promoting this advocacy.



25-Year Usufruct Pact with NHA for SEDA Pilipinas in MisOr

Makati Mayor Nancy Binay continue to backs Silk innovation

07 July 2025, TELA Gallery, DOST-PTRI, Bicutan, Taguig City

The Institute has secured an 8-hectare site in Villanueva, Misamis Oriental, for its future Silk Research and Innovation Center through a 25-year usufruct agreement with the National Housing Authority, effective January 2026 and renewable thereafter. Located within the Andam Mouswag Project in Barangay Imelda, the site will house a flagship facility dedicated to silk research, cocoon production, and technical services under the SEDA Pilipinas Program. Present at the ceremonial signing was Makati Mayor Nancy Binay, who reaffirmed her support for strengthening local textile industries and advancing sustainable silk innovation across regions.



DOST-PTRI Takes on Samar's Tikog Mats in SanFo ConGen, Governor's visit

07 July 2025, DOST-PTRI, Bicutan, Taguig City

The Institute laid out its plans to strengthen Samar's tikog weaving industry during the courtesy visit of San Francisco Consul General Neil Frank R. Ferrer, part of the VIP Tour 2025.

DOST-PTRI Director Dr. Julius L. Leaño, Jr. shared proposed initiatives under the BANIG project, including the continued upgrading of looms, design innovation, training programs, and enhanced production support for weavers in Basey, Samar. These efforts aim to preserve traditional tikog weaving while transforming it into a competitive and sustainable local enterprise.

Backed by DOST Region VIII, the project also aims to link communities to wider markets and promote local innovation rooted in cultural identity. Consul General Ferrer welcomed the plans, noting their potential to inspire overseas Filipinos and strengthen ties through science, culture, and inclusive development.



DOST-PTRI, DFA-OCD Team Up to Boost PH Textile Cultural Diplomacy

10 July 2025, DOST-PTRI, Bicutan, Taguig City

The Institute and the DFA-Office of Cultural Diplomacy (DFA-OCD) engaged to align efforts in promoting Philippine textiles through cultural diplomacy. Central to the discussion was DOST-PTRI's Textile Cultural Diplomacy Program, which aims to position local fabrics as symbols of national identity and innovation. Plans include a "Textile 101" workshop for DFA staff, international exhibitions, and collaborative events. Both agencies committed to drafting an MOU to guide joint activities, aiming to elevate Philippine textiles on the global stage.



Museo Pambata Partners for Textile Advocacy

08 July 2025, Museo Pambata, Ermita, Manila

The Institute with Museo Pambata President Wilma Santos-Huang to explore partnerships in promoting textile education and advocacy for children and families.

Key initiatives include a potential KatHABI exhibition in October 2025 featuring handloom fabrics by Master Weavers and "Kid Weavers," along with interactive elements like the Theraloom. Both parties also discussed future collaborations through the Textile Academy to highlight the cultural and scientific value of Philippine textiles.



Midsayap Eyes Silk Innovation Hub

10 July 2025
DOST-PTRI TCMO, Villanueva, Misamis Oriental

Mayor Rolly Sacdalan and the Midsayap LGU visited the Institute's Technology Center in Misamis Oriental to pursue sericulture opportunities. With support from DOST-PTRI's SEDA Pilipinas Team, the delegation explored using mulberry leaves for silk farming and expressed interest in setting up a Silk Innovation Hub. A guided tour of the silk facilities deepened their appreciation for the industry's potential in local livelihood development.



Yale U, DOST-PTRI Explore Collab on PH Textile Advocacy

11 July 2025, DOST-PTRI, Bicutan, Taguig City



The Institute and Yale University are exploring a collaboration to promote Philippine textile education and cultural diplomacy. In a recent discussion with Yale's Southeast Asia Studies Senior Lecturer Dinny Aletheiani, proposed initiatives included joint workshops, student exchanges, and co-offered courses under the Textile Academy Program. A Philippine textile exhibit at Yale's MacMillan Center is also being considered. The partnership aims to highlight the richness of Filipino weaving traditions and strengthen global cultural engagement.

Tarlac to Become Regional Hub for Sustainable Textile & Innovation

09 July 2025, Tarlac City



The Institute held an Innovation Dialogue in Tarlac to strengthen partnerships for sustainable textile development. Key initiatives include a Bamboo Textile Fiber Innovation Hub, Natural Dye Hub, and Handloom Weaving Center.

First Lady Mellisa Yeung-Yap expressed full support, offering space at the Tarlac Museum for the proposed weaving center. With Tarlac Agricultural University and Tarlac State University backing the Textile Academy, plans are underway for training, internships, and certification programs—positioning Tarlac as a regional hub for inclusive textile innovation.

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