

Breaking Ground for ITDI-PTD's 2 New Labs



In the morning of March 5, 2019, the Packaging Technology Division (PTD) held the Groundbreaking Ceremonies for the repair of its building to accommodate its new Simulation Packaging Testing Laboratory (SPTL) and Green Packaging Laboratory (GPL).

Emceed by PTD's Jet Abary, the ceremonies began with the Opening Remarks by ITDI Director Annabelle V. Briones followed by messages of support from DOST Undersecretary for R&D Dr. Rowena Cristina L. Guevara, Packaging Institute of the Philippines President Paulo Buñag, and lastly DOST Secretary Fortunato T. dela Peña. Also present were Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD) Director Enrico C. Paringit and other representatives from the packaging industry, media, and ITDI Execom and staff.

After the messages, Secretary dela Peña led the lowering of the time capsule at the site, with USec. Guevara, ITDI Director Briones, ITDI Deputy Director for Administrative and Technical Services Diane L. Ignacio, Director Paringit, PTD Chief Daisy E. Tañafranca, PIP President Mr. Buñag, and PIP Director Donnie Ray Burgos, among other guests from the packaging industry.

The repair of the PTD buildings is under the PCIEERD project entitled, "Upgrading and Enhancing the Capacity of the Packaging Technology Division in Packaging Research and Innovation," which aims to upgrade and enhance the capacity of PTD in developing new packaging technology and innovations, performance evaluation of packaging in the supply chain, packaging testing to assure food safety, and world class packaging design addressing the packaging needs of MSMEs in the country. The SPTL aims to be the country's first facility to offer centralized simulation testing services for the packaging industry, while through GPL, the PTD aims to utilize green engineering in its packaging R&D.

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