

## Director Briones: Among DOST's Outstanding Women Scientists



ITDI Director Dr. Briones (2<sup>nd</sup> left) is flanked by Ms. Elizabeth Fontanilla, Director of GAD and Regional Support Service (GRSS) and DOST-wide GAD Focal Person, DOST Secretary Fortunato T. dela Peña, and Undersecretary for Scientific and Technical Services Dr. Carol M. Yorobe. (Photo: RRUdelaCruz)

The DOST System recently held its National Women's Month celebrations at Hotel Jen along Roxas Boulevard in Manila last March 19, attended by its focal persons for gender and development (GAD). And in celebration of women empowerment and gender equality, the Department recognized the R&D contributions of eight outstanding women scientists within the DOST System. Among them is the newly appointed director of the Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI), Dr. Annabelle V. Briones!

Officially the third woman director of ITDI, Dr. Briones have shown for the past three decades, utmost dedication and expertise in R&D on carrageenan, pharmaceuticals, ovi-larvicidal mosquito trap, dietary fiber from calamansi wastes, biofuels and alternative energy, among others.

Congratulations again, Doc Annabelle! The women and men of ITDI are truly proud of you!

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