

## DOST-PH marks 2019 World Metrology Day

The Philippines through the National Metrology Laboratory of the Industrial Technology Development Institute of the Department of Science and Technology (NML-ITDI) joins in the celebration of the 2019 World Metrology Day on May 20 with the theme “The International Systems of Units – Fundamentally Better.”

World Metrology Day is an annual event during which more than 80 countries celebrate the impact of measurement on our daily lives.

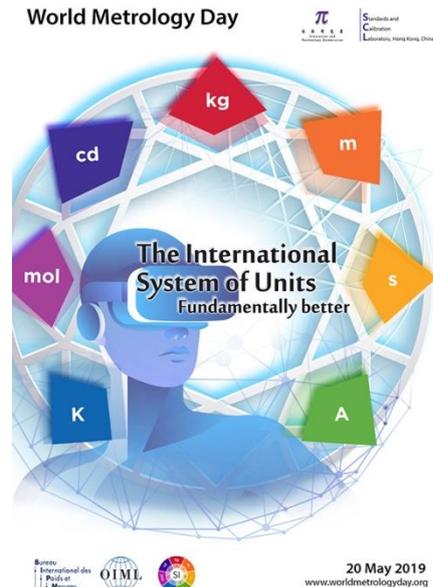
The date was chosen in recognition of the signing of the Metre Convention in 1875 – 144 years after the international community formally collaborated on metrology. Consequently, World Metrology Day is jointly organized and celebrated annually by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) and the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) with the participation of the national organizations responsible for metrology.

The theme was chosen because on November 16, 2018, the General Conference on Weights and Measures agreed on one of the most significant revisions to the International System of Units (the SI) since its inception.

Research results on new measurement methods, including those using quantum phenomena, underpin the change. The International Systems of Units or SI is now based on a set of definitions each linked to the laws of physics and has the advantage of being able to embrace further improvements in measurement science and technology to meet the needs of future users for many years to come.

Coinciding with the celebration is the inauguration of the NML-ITDI mass standards laboratory where DOST Secretary Fortunato T. de la Peña is keynote speaker. He will be joined by Undersecretaries Dr. Rowena Cristina L. Guevara and Dr. Carol M. Yorobe.

Today at DOST-PH, awareness campaign on Metrology and the SI redefinition is on over Radio/TV programs, cyber, social and print media. This enables everyone to better understand and appreciate the importance of metrology in enhancing business performance and daily living. (DDGotis\ ITDI S&T Media Services)



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