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PRRD appoints Ignacio as DOST assistant secretary Ignacio, first woman top appointee from ITDI

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte appointed Dr. Diana L. Ignacio, Deputy Director for Administrative and Technical Services of DOST-ITDI, as DOST's new Assistant Secretary on January 8, 2020 at the Rizal Hall in Malacañan Palace.

Sworn to oath by the President Duterte together with hundreds of other government officials, Dr. Ignacio is the fifth officer and first woman-appointee from ITDI to take one of the top posts in the Science Department in exactly a decade.

From 1982-1986, DOST, then known as the National Science and Technology Authority, appointed ITDI's (formerly the National Institute of Science and Technology) Deputy Director for R&D, Dr. Quintin L. Kintanar, as Deputy Director General of DOST. Dr. Filemon A. Uriarte and Dr. Rufino C. Lirag, both former directors, followed as the fifth Science Secretary and Undersecretary for R&D, respectively, from 1991 to 2001; Dr. Rogelio A. Panlasigui followed next as Undersecretary for R&D from 2001 to 2010.

Dr. Ignacio was sworn to office by DOST Secretary Fortunato T. Dela Peña on January 15, 2020, two years after serving as Deputy Director for ATS from January 23, 2018 to January 31, 2020. With an educational background rooted in Chemistry, she honed her administrative skills with Master's and Doctorate degrees in Public Administration. As the new Assistant Secretary, Dr. Ignacio will be indirectly serving the Philippine Cabinet as she performs advisory tasks to the Department Secretary on different science affairs of the state. (AMGuevarra\TSD-ITDI)

