



### **Bounty Harvest Farm inks MOA to adopt DOST-ITDI's Vacuum-Fried *Langka***

The DOST-Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI) has developed its technology on vacuum-fried *langka* (jackfruit), for which it has found an adopter, Bounty Fresh Farm.

ITDI Director Dr. Annabelle V. Briones signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Amihan E. Crooc, owner of Bounty Harvest Farm. The MOA signing was witnessed by ITDI-Food Processing Division (FPD) Chief Dr. Norberto G. Ambagan, Technological Services Division (TSD) Chief Nelia Elisa C. Florendo, and Bounty Harvest Farm's Balgamel C. Crooc.

The agreement includes a training course on making vacuum-fried *langka* with ITDI tasked to oversee the activity's overall implementation. Meanwhile, Bounty Harvest Farm

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will be coordinating with ITDI for other support activities like commercialization efforts. Furthermore, the said company will acknowledge ITDI in its product packaging.

Bounty Harvest Farm, also known as Crooc Agri-Tourism, is an orchard farm based in Indang, Cavite growing various fruits such as *langka*, avocado, *lanzones*, and dragonfruit. The farm is known for its practical yet eco-friendly approaches to developing and increasing productivity. It employs natural post-harvesting methods, such as drying fruits, root crops, and herbs, as well as naturally fermenting coconut water into vinegar.

It has also become a venue for rest and recreation, camps and retreats, training, workshops, seminars, team building, and special events, among other activities. It has been accredited as a learning site for agriculture by the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) and as a farm tourism site by the Department of Tourism (DOT). (*RRUDelaCruz\ DOST-ITDI S&T Media Service*)

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