

## DOST-ITDI webcasts MMIC to 12 TASK-assisted firms

The Industrial Technology Development Institute is reclaiming its post in the Food and Beverage (F&B) industry. It will webcast a forum on its newest facility, Modular Multi-Industry Innovation Center (MMIC) or InnoHub sa Pinas, on June 25, 2021 via the Zoom Meeting platform.

The firms which served as TASK (Technology Advice and Solutions from Korea for the Food Processing Sector Program) partners since 2018 will be joining the forum in an effort to apprise themselves of the ways by which they may innovate on their products or develop new ones.

The exclusive webcast will orient the firms on an opportunity to transform conventional food processing models using InnoHub sa Pinas. The aim is to engage the firms to modify or transform their products, such as food ingredients and nutritional supplements for personal care, among others.

InnoHub sa Pinas, as a research and development innovation center, houses advanced food and nutraceutical processing equipment. Participant-firms will thus be able to do research, develop product prototypes, and improve processes using raw materials that are by-products of their own commercial operations.

Firms included in the forum were selected from 40 entrants to TASK and narrowed down to 12.

Participating firms include those that are into fresh foods, such as Green Thumb Farm for oyster mushrooms; and PNK Aquaculture Fish Pond for eel cutlets.

Fondre Flavour Dynamics, Inc. and Sochie Cucina Foods, Inc. are into dumplings production and meat processing, respectively, while Binalot Fiesta Foods, Inc. produces frozen Pinoy meals that are 'binalot sa dahon ng saging.' Mama Rossa Distributing Co. is into sauces and condiments.



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Four selected firms are into beverages, namely, Mapagmahal Foods and NuBlends Corp. for calamansi juice; Dielles Apiary and Meadery, Inc. for mead or honey; and CBVORE for coffee.

For dairy products and snack foods, JUDEA Enterprises produces ice cream, while Primefruits International, Inc. is into banana chips processing. (AMGuevarra\ITDI S&T Media Service)

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