



DOST-ITDI leads talk on AM technology

DOST-ITDI conducted on March 25, 2021 the AMCent-MATDEV (Additive Manufacturing Center Materials Development) Stakeholders' Forum via the Google Meeting Platform.

ITDI Director Dr. Annabelle V. Briones welcomed guests and participants. She was followed by DOST Undersecretary for Research and Development Dr. Rowena Cristina L. Guevara and DOST Secretary Prof. Fortunato T. De La Peña who delivered their messages.

In his keynote, the Secretary enjoined the manufacturing industry to adopt advanced manufacturing technologies such as 3D printing. He invited stakeholders to avail of the services and facilities of ITDI explaining that additive manufacturing is a great alternative for companies that are into manufacturing goods on demand.

Adding that, "Additive manufacturing is here to stay and in this time of the pandemic, brought about by the COVID-19 disease, additive manufacturing has played and continues to play a great role in providing 3D printed devices and personal protective equipment to our medical care and hospital frontliners."

The Secretary was followed by Technological Services Division Chief Nelisa Elisa C. Florendo who discussed the event rationale and by MSD Officer-In-Charge Josefina R. Celorico who introduced participants to the innings of ITDI and its service units.

Dr. Blessie A. Basilia, former Chief of MSD, gave an overview of the AMCent MATDEV Project where she said that in other countries like Europe and the Americas, the principles of 3D printing real human organs to replace ailing human parts is an ongoing research while here in the Philippines it is in its infancy stage. Engr. Marianito T. Margarito then discussed additive manufacturing and its applications. He was followed by Engr. Jo-Ann C. Sy who talked about MATDEV's facilities. Participants were also treated by Carlos S. Emolaga to a virtual tour of the MATDEV Laboratory.

A Question and Answer Session completed the activity, which was joined by some 275 participant's from industry, DOST agencies, academe, media, and government.

The OIC Deputy Director for R&D and Packaging Technology Division Chief Daisy E. Tanafranca formally closed the forum. (AMGuevarra\ TSD)