



DOST-ITDI opens first MiC Laboratory in PH



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Left to right: DOST Secretary De La Peña; DTI Secretary Lopez. Lower left: ITDI Deputy Director for Administrative and Technical Services Dr. Zorayda V. Ang. DD Ang supervises three administrative and three S&T Divisions. The latter three include the National Metrology Division (NMD), Standards and Testing Division (STD), and Technological Services Division (TSD). The MiC Laboratory is one of several metrology service units of NMD.

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After a simple Opening Ceremony and facility tour, a virtual presser gathered some 30 representatives of blog/vlog sites, cyber media, national newspapers, and radio-TV networks where guests and other DOST officials served as panel. These included: Secretary Lopez; Secretary De La Peña; Undersecretary Guevara; Dr. Briones; ITDI Deputy Directors for Administrative and Technical Services, and Research and Development, Dr. Zorayda V. Ang and Dr. Christine Marie C. Montesa, respectively; NMD Chief, Engr. Manuel M. Ruiz; and MiC Laboratory Project Leader, Dr. Benilda S. Ebarvia.

Other guests were the Assistant Secretaries for Finance and Strategic Planning, Ms. Maridon O. Sahagun; International Cooperation, Dr. Leah J. Buendia; and Human Resources Management, Management Services, and Special Concerns, Dr. Diana L. Ignacio.

Earlier, Undersecretary for Scientific and Technical Services, Dr. Renato U. Solidum, Jr. closed the programme. (AMGuevarra\TSD-ITDI)

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