



PHILIPPINE PACKAGING, F&B INDUSTRIES VISIT ITDI'S SPTL/GPL

"This facility is for you."

So said DOST-ITDI Director Dr. Annabelle V. Briones as she welcomed delegates from the Philippine Industry Association (PIA) into the Simulation Packaging Testing Laboratory (SPTL) and Green Packaging Laboratory (GPL) during their tour in the morning of July 28, 2022.

Following Dr. Briones' Welcome Remarks and a quick overview of the Packaging Technology Division by Packaging Technology Division (PTD) OIC Ms. Floridel V. Loberiano, the visitors were accompanied by Dr. Briones, Deputy Director for R&D Dr. Christine Marie C. Montesa, and PTD staff around the facility. Aside from the guests and industry visitors, TSD and PMISD staff were also present at the tour, as was a team from PCIEERD led by Deputy Executive Director Engr. Niñaliza H. Escorial. Following an open forum led by Dr. Briones and consultant and former PTD Chief Ms. Daisy E. Tañanfra, Deputy Director for R&D Dr. Christine Marie C. Montesa closed the event with her Closing Remarks.

The companies present were from the Philippine Alliance for Recycling and Material Sustainability (PARMS), led by its President Mr. Crispian Lao, with members from Nestle Philippines, National Solid Waste Management Commission, Unilever, Pepsi, JG Summit, and Monde Nissin. Also present were members of the Philippine Chamber of Food Manufacturers, Inc., such as Coca Cola Far East, PETValue, San Miguel Foods, Ajinomoto Phils. Corp., Alaska Milk Corp., and Del Monte Phils.

The packaging industry was also represented by the Philippine Plastics Industry Association (PPIA) led by President Mr. Aaron Lao, and the Packaging Institute of the Philippines (PIP) headed by its President and United Polyresin Sales Manager Mr. John David Soon, along with San Miguel Yamamura Packaging Corp. and Connell Philippines.

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During the event, representatives from the industry showed interest by asking questions about ongoing researches and possible joint collaboration on smart and retort packaging technologies, current PTD testing services being offered, and enumerating concerns on sustainable alternatives to single use plastics (SUPs), costs from importation and testing, and food safety among others.

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