

LIVE at ExperTalk Online

Briones, a Woman of Science

Know of her story



Yesterday, March 23, 2022 DOST-ITDI Director Annabelle V. Briones was featured as a “Woman in Science” and told her story and experiences about being a mother, a scientist and a public servant live on air via the segment of DOSTv Science for the People, “ExperTalk Online.”

During her interview with the program host, Ms. Liberty “Gel” Miranda, Dr. Briones said that working with ITDI has given her the opportunity to enhance her capability, pursue higher studies (PhD in Japan), travel abroad (trainings/conferences), serve the people, and pursue her dreams, of which are being a scientist and a successful parent.

When asked how she managed to wear different kinds of hats, that of being a mother and a career woman at the same time. She said that the most difficult was to bring her children to her workplace, this when no one was available to take care of them.

As a researcher, she made great strides in research and development, including Integrated Calamansi and Carageenan Seaweed processing, i-Salt project, and the Ovicidal Larvicidal Trap (OL Trap). The latter led to her enlistment to the 2016 Asian 100 Scientists.

On relating how she felt about being successful, she said it gave her mixed emotions of being happy and thankful. She shared the success to the research team for their commitment and hard work and to the management for the resources and funding support.

Ultimately, our goal as researchers is to publish, get patented and commercialized, and at the end - to transfer all of our knowledge. Get these technologies, innovations, and facilities to good use by the people and the industry, said Dr. Briones.

Inspired by Technology, Driven by Innovation

When asked what her thoughts are about the United Nations quote “The World needs science and Science needs women” Dr. Briones replied, “kailangan talaga ng babae sa science para ma-iba naman, para maka develop ng innovations following women’s perspective. Kasi men scientists have different traits.”



Dr. Briones (left) with Ms. Miranda (right)



Dr. Briones in her early 20's at ITDI

Concluding the talk was her message to all women, saying “Be yourself, be confident, love yourself, and pursue your dreams”. (DDGotis, ITDI S&T Media Service)