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## DFA-TCCP seeks to bring DOST-ITDI technologies to Timor Leste



Third from left: ITDI Director Dr Annabelle V. Briones with DFA-TCCP Chair Alternate Mary Anne Padua and staff. End of the row (left and right): Rose Ann H. Bonto and OIC of RCTS Cristina B. Candelaria, both of TSD-ITDI; and the DFA-TCCP team (from left to right) Manuel Zosimo Almira, Milagros Autencio, Dawn Reyes-Sasot, and Helen Grace Opaon.

As part of identifying training and capacity building programs for Timor Leste, the Department of Foreign Affairs – Technical Cooperation Council of the Philippines (DFA-TCCP) visited select facilities of the Industrial Technology Development Institute (DOST-ITDI) on July 19, 2023.

DOST-ITDI Director Dr. Annabelle V. Briones led the tour of DFA-TCCP Chair Alternate Mary Anne Padua and her staff. They visited the facilities of the Food Processing and Materials Science Divisions with the assistance of Food Engineering Section Head





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Rommel M. Belandres and OIC of the Office of the Chief of the Materials Science Division Dr. Marianito T. Margarito.

The visit fronted DFA-TCCP's objective to provide livelihood training on fruits and vegetables processing, root crops processing, emergency food reserve, and coconut processing to Timor Leste. Further, DFA-TCCP is eyeing to bring other DOST-ITDI technologies such as the Orvicidal-Larvicidal Trap System, candle-type ceramic water filter, collapsible toilet bowl for emergency/disaster operations, and the dual drum composter.

Since 2013, TCCP-DFA has tapped DOST-ITDI to provide technology-based training geared towards building goodwill for future partnership with developing countries. These courses aim to reach out to poor and vulnerable communities to enhance their capacity to produce goods for the improvement of their livelihood using their own local resources. It promotes and hones the competitive edge of the Philippines in socio-economic development by offering non-degree training courses in specialized areas relevant to the development efforts of recipient countries under the foreign policy on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC) under the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). (MVAtienza\TSD)