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In support of the Department of Science and Technology's pursuits in science, technology, and innovation, the Congressional Committee on Science and Technology, led by committee chair and Aklan 1st District Cong. Carlito S. Marquez, with members of the committee and staff, visited some of the facilities of DOST agencies namely Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI), Metals Industry Research and Development Center (MIRDC), Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI), and Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI) on March 8, 2023.

The tour opened with a program held at PTRI, as the committee was welcomed by DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum, Jr., with Undersecretary for R&D Dr. Leah J. Buendia and Undersecretary for Regional Operations Engr. Sancho A. Maborrang, PTRI OIC Dir. Julius L. Leaño, Jr., MIRDC Executive Director Engr. Robert O. Dizon, FNRI Director Dr. Imelda Angeles-Agdeppa, and ITDI Director Annabelle V. Briones, along with Department Legislative Liaison Office (DLLO) Director Lita S. Suerte-Felipe.

Visited were PTRI's TELA Gallery, Textile Design, and Innovation Hub and its Innovation Center for Yarns and Textiles, MIRDC's Advanced Manufacturing Center (AMGen), and FNRI's Service Lab, Sensory Evaluation Lab, Nutrigenomics Lab, Human Physiology Lab.

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Their fourth and last location is ITDI, where Dr. Briones and National Metrology Division (NMD) Division Chief Engr. Manuel M. Ruiz and staff guided the visitors along its mass, pressure and force, and volume and flow standards labs, as well as a mini exhibit on Metrology in Chemistry. The tour ended with a luncheon at NMD's Almanzor Hall and Closing Remarks from Dr. Briones, who thanked the committee for the visit and for its continuous support of DOST's R&D and policy recommendations, particularly on the proposed Modernized National Measurement System Act that DOST through ITDI-NMD is currently lobbying in both houses of Congress.

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