

ITDI takes pride in the DOST OneLab winning GovMedia Governance Project of the Year - Science and Technology Awards 2024

ITDI's Mr. Admer Rey C. Dablio, RCh, CCPQM, DOST OneLab Project Coordinator and Senior Science Research Specialist of Standards and Testing Division of DOST-ITDI together with Ms. Rosemarie S. Salazar, MSc, DOST OneLab Project Leader and Chief Administrative Officer of DOST Regional Office No. IX attended and represented the institute in the 2024 GovMedia Conference and Awards held on 13 June 2024 at the Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Center, Singapore.

During the panel discussion, Mr. Simon Hyett, Contributing Editor of Gov Media, asked Mr. Dablio "How does OneLab enhance business sustainability and employment generation in the Philippines?"

He replied comprehensively that through the DOST OneLab, the testing and calibration services are made available locally so that



business enterprises can readily comply with regulations, giving them licenses to operate, especially for the food sector, a major industry in the Philippines. Also, all member laboratories in the network have laboratory accreditations from various accreditation bodies (Philippine Accreditation Bureau in the case of the Philippines) based on the international standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017, the standard for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories worldwide.

Further, he said that with this accreditation, laboratories help enterprises penetrate various economies through compliance with technical barriers to trade since test and calibration results are acknowledged worldwide because of the mutual recognition arrangements. The immediate responses to the needs of the industry make their operations sustainable, helping them comply with local regulations, satisfy demanding

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customer requirements, and penetrate various economies since technical trade barriers are complied.

OneLab also initiated the shop-floor R&D helping MSMEs in their product development and improvements. With these, more business opportunities are enjoyed leading to additional employment generations.

GovMedia Conference and Awards 2024 is a pinnacle event where innovation meets recognition. It recognizes outstanding government projects and initiatives in the Asia Pacific, highlighting trends and best practices transforming the public sector.

ITDI takes pride in the DOST OneLab's recognition highlighting its role in enhancing testing, calibration, and technical services to support the country's economic evolution. (//DDGotis, ITDI S&T Media Service with reports from STD)

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