

DOST-ITDI National Metrology Lab plays a vital role in the Philippine Government project “Timbangan ng Bayan”



A ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Understanding took place on August 1, 2024, with the key players from the Philippine government, the private sector, and the Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) inked the agreement to work on the newly launched government project “Timbangan ng Bayan”.

Playing vital roles were the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Science and Technology (DOST Philippines), and the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC).

The project aims to install weighing scales in public wet markets, particularly in fourth to sixth-class municipalities, to allow consumers to verify the weight of their purchases.

ITDI-National Metrology Laboratory (NML) plays an essential role in ensuring the reliability of the weighing scales through verification and re-verification. This process involves comparing the scales' measurement results to established measurement standards, known as measurement traceability. By guaranteeing the accuracy of these scales, the NML contributes significantly to the project's goal of fair trade.

Dr. Janet F. Quizon, Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Deputy Director for Administrative and Technical Services emphasized the NML's commitment to supporting the "Timbangan ng

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Bayan" initiative. She highlighted the importance of accurate measurements in protecting consumer rights and building trust in the market. Dr. Quizon also underscored the collaboration among the different government agencies and the private sector as a key factor in the project's success.

The "Timbangan ng Bayan" initiative will protect consumers from unfair trade practices and aims to install standardized weighing scales in public wet markets, particularly in underserved areas, to allow consumers to verify the weight of their purchases.

The "Timbangan ng Bayan" project is a significant step towards protecting consumers and promoting fair trade in the Philippines resonating the message "Ano mang sukat ay 'di sapat, Kung and panukat ay 'di tapat". (//DDGotis, ITDI S&T Media Service; MJASolis, NMD-ITDI)