



## DOST-ITDI Cosmetics R&D Laboratory secures Halal Certification

The Industrial Technology Development Institute's (DOST-ITDI) Halal Cosmetics Research and Development Laboratory under the Standards and Testing Division (STD) acquired its Halal Certification from the International Halal Integrity (IHI) Alliance Ltd., Malaysia on August 9, 2024.

This certification is a testament to the laboratory's compliance with international standards, meeting the requirements of Malaysian Standard, MS 2634:2019 Halal Cosmetics – General Requirements and the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry – International Halal Integrity (ICCI-IHI) Alliance Halal Standards, Cosmetics and Personal Care, IHIAS 0800:2011.

The audit took place on August 8-9, 2024, and was conducted by Professor Dr. Abdul Rafek Saleh, Executive Director of IHI Alliance and Principal Halal Consultant of the Malaysia Halal Consultation and Training (MHCT) Agency. He was assisted by Dr. Jane Tranquilan, Professor at the Mindanao State University - Marawi and Halal Lead Auditor of the MHCT Agency.

The awarding ceremony was headed by Dr. Annabelle V. Briones, DOST-ITDI Director, along with Dr. Janet F. Quizon, DOST-ITDI OIC Deputy Director for Administrative and Technical Services. Together with them is Ms. Ma. Rachel V. Parcon, RCh, MSc, the Division's Chief Science Research Specialist and Project Leader, and the halal cosmetics R&D team.

Completed in 2023, the Halal Cosmetics R&D Lab is DOST-ITDI's second halal-certified laboratory, following the Halal Food R&D Laboratory inaugurated in 2019. Both facilities aim to address the demand for halal products in both local and international markets. (MVAtienza\TSD)

