



DOST-ITDI Showcases Ready-to-Eat Chicken *Arroz Caldo* on DSWD Launching of Science-based Ready-to-Eat Food



The Department of Science and Technology-Industrial Technology Development Institute (DOST-ITDI) proudly presented its Pack of Hope Ready-to-Eat (RTE) Chicken *Arroz Caldo* at the Department of Social Welfare and Development's (DSWD) launch of science-based Ready-to-Eat Food (RTEF) initiatives. The event, which also unveiled Project LAWA (Local Adaptation to Water Access) and Project BINHI (Breaking Insufficiency through Nutritious Harvest for the Impoverished), was held on December 2, 2024 at the SMX Convention Center.

These initiatives aim to address food insecurity and strengthen communities' resilience to climate change and natural disasters. The DOST-ITDI's RTE Chicken *Arroz Caldo* is included in DSWD's RTEF box and is supplied by Bestfriend Goodies, a licensed technology adopter of DOST-ITDI.

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With the theme, "*Strengthening Risk Resiliency: Addressing Food Insecurity and Climate Change Impact through Project LAWA and BINHI, RTEF*", the event highlighted the significance of integrating science and innovation into disaster preparedness and sustainable development.

Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., DOST Secretary, also expressed his support for this initiative which exemplifies a whole-of-government approach with various agencies working together to uplift the lives of Filipinos. He encouraged the continued collaboration between DOST and DSWD in developing science-based food products and working toward the shared mission of serving the nation.

DSWD's Project LAWA focuses on improving water access for local communities, ensuring that even in times of scarcity, essential resources remain available. Meanwhile, Project BINHI targets enhancing agricultural output and nutrition for impoverished sectors through innovative and sustainable farming practices.

The event was attended by key government officials, stakeholders, and representatives from partner organizations, underscoring a unified commitment to building climate-resilient and food-secure communities across the nation. *(MVAtienza//TSD)*

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