

## DOST-ITDI develops pet care product from waste



There is an old saying that goes like this, “Curiosity kills a cat.”

But, did you know that this saying is the literal inspiration of an entrepreneur in crossing over entrepreneurship and scientific innovation?

Out of curiosity and fondness for his pet, Juaquin Tamano embarked on a visionary project to transform waste into valuable pet care products. Recently, Tamano, a passionate startup entrepreneur, joined hands with the Chemicals and Energy Division (CED- ITDI).

On January 15, 2024, Tamano signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with DOST-ITDI Director Annabelle V. Briones;

Deputy Director for R&D, Dr. Christine Marie C. Montesa; and CED OIC, Dr. Kim Christopher C. Aganda.

Through this collaboration, CED commits to assist Tamano in creating a simple but very effective pet care product made from materials that are frequently thrown away as waste.

Tamano’s frugality and commitment to making use of materials that are locally available is what makes this venture inspiring. It not only promotes sustainability but also helps local industry. This partnership demonstrates ITDI’s commitment as the leading organization supporting Filipino entrepreneurship by being inline with its objective of boosting local manufacturers through science, technology, and innovation.

In a meeting, Tamano emphasized the significance of empowering local industries and expressed his vision for expanding the product line beyond the current venture. With

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ITDI's steadfast support, Tamano aims to pave the way for development of series of novel and innovative products thus further enriching the entrepreneurial landscape.

This partnership not only promises to transform the pet care industry, it also underscores the potential of synergizing entrepreneurship with innovation. As Tamano and ITDI embark on this transformative journey, their collaboration stands as a testament to the power of innovation in driving economic growth and fostering sustainability. (CABilbao\ CED; AMPallaya\TSD)

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