

## DOST-ITDI, IAC renews commitment to strengthen industry collaboration



DOST-ITDI, IAC signatories showing inked MOA for renewed commitment, seated starting from right: Dr. Janet F. Quizon, ITDI Dep. Director for ATS; Ma. Josephine B. Gonzales, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs Manager- Nestle Phils.; Dr. Danilo C. Lachica, President - SEIPI Phil. and Dr. Annabelle V. Briones, ITDI Director.

The Department of Science and Technology-Industrial Technology Development Institute's (DOST-ITDI) Industry Advisory Council (IAC) renewed and sealed its partnership with the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) during the 18th committee meeting held on March 26, 2025, at Schneider Electric Philippines Inc., Bonifacio Global City in Taguig City.

Six industry representatives renewed their commitment composed of Dr. Danilo C. Lachica, President - SEIPI Philippines (representing the Semiconductor and Electronics); Ms. Ma. Josephine B. Gonzales, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs Manager- Nestle Phils. (for Sustainability); Mr. Danny C. Ngo, Honorary President of Philippine Plastics Industry Association Inc (for Plastics); Dr. Virginia M. Robledo,

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Innovation and Production Development Manager - San Miguel Yamamura Packaging Corp. (for Packaging); Atty. Jose Maria A. Ochave, President of Unilab Education, Inc. and President of RiteMed (for Pharmaceuticals and Academe); and representing the Government, Ms. Corazon H. Dichosa, Exec. Director – Department of Trade and Industry-Board of Investment (DTI-BOI).



Signing the MOA were Atty. Jose Maria A. Ochave, President of Unilab Education, Inc. and President of RiteMed and Dr. Annabelle V. Briones, ITDI Director, while Engr. Roland Andrew Zruz, Chief PMISD-ITDI served as a witness.

The IAC is a vital partner in ensuring that ITDI's research and development initiatives are directly aligned with industry demands. This collaboration is essential for shaping programs that drive innovation and sustainability across various sectors.

Led by ITDI officials Director Dr. Annabelle V. Briones and Deputy Director for ATS Dr. Janet F. Quizon, with the support and expertise of industry partners, the institute is well-equipped to tackle industry challenges and propel economic growth head-on. (DDGotis, TSD; Photo credits: DOST-ITDI Updates)

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