



DOST-ITDI, PIA jointly promote govt programs



ITDI Director Dr. Annabelle V. Briones during the PIA-DOST ITDI PressCon Series 1 held on April 4, 2025 at the PIA Auditorium accompanied by MSD Chief Dr. Marianito T. Margarito (seated to the left of Dr. Briones), (in no particular order) PNR General Manager Deovanni S. Miranda, and Usec. Reynaldo B. Mapagu of PVAO.

DOST-ITDI, through its Information and Documentation Section (IDS), is collaborating with the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) to explore a new venue for promoting its programs, technologies, and services through a press conference series with the first held on April 4, 2025 at the PIA Auditorium in Quezon City.

PIA, a line agency of the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) which presents the work of the Philippine presidency, convened two other national government agencies in Series 1, namely the Philippine National Railways (PNR) and Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO).

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During the brief proper, Director Annabelle V. Briones presented ITDI's agency history, and current services and facilities. With her was MSD Chief Dr. Marianito T. Margarito who brought with him samples of two new products, the nanocomposite filament for 3D printed prosthetics and Carbon Quantum Dots (CQDs).

For PNR, General Manager Deovanni S. Miranda shared updates on the North-South Commuter Railway and South Long Haul (SLH). He was followed by Usec. Reynaldo B. Mapagu, PVAO Administrator, who discussed the activities for their 83rd *Araw ng Kagitingan* Celebration and 2025 Philippine Veterans Week.

Some 15 media practitioners joined the Question and Answer Session for Series 1. Several others joined through the live-stream. The proceedings of Series 1 were broadcasted in the social media website of ITDI, and 16 regional and 78 provincial information centers of PIA.

Meanwhile, newly sworn in IDS Head, Jose Ramon Cuevas, added that "We are preparing for Series 2 to 7 of the press conference which are booked every first Friday of the month."

Further, he said that the Section has drafted a topical rundown of the Series to include the following:

- 1. April 4, 2025 – Some Facts About Us
 - a. About DOST-ITDI
 - b. Nanocomposite Filaments for 3D Printed Prosthetics
 - c. Carbon Quantum Dots (CQDs)
- 2. June 6, 2025 – Drinking Healthy: Pulutang Pinoy
 - a. Chevon or Goat Meat (Jerky and Traditional Chinese Sausage)
 - b. RTE Pulutan Variants (Bangus Sisig, Chicken Adobo, Beef Curry, and Chicken Afritada)
 - c. Wine Kit
- 3. July 4, 2025 – AI-driven Systems
 - a. Intelligent Data Analysis System (IDAS) ver. 1.0
 - b. Verifiable Certificates using Block Chain Technology
- 4. August 1, 2025 – Water Collection and Treatment Systems
 - a. Modular Rainwater Collection System
 - b. SAFEWATRS (Emergency Water Disinfection System)
 - c. Compact Wastewater Treatment System



- 5. September 5, 2025 – Bidding for Global Halal Industry Champion Part 1
 - a. Halal Bakery Products (Loaf Bread, Pan de Sal)
 - b. Halal Emulsified Chicken Meat Products (Sausages, Nuggets, and Burgers)

- 6. October 3, 2025 – Bidding for Global Halal Industry Champion Part 2

Halal Personal Care Everyday Essentials (Lip Balm, Moisturizing Lipstick, Bar Shampoo, Clay Shampoo, Liquid Shampoo, Bar Soap for Dry Skin, Herbal and Fluoride-Free Toothpaste)

- 7. November 7, 2025 – Ready-to-Drink (RTD) Beverages from the Philippine Tablea for a Healthy You
 - a. RTD Dairy-Based Tablea
 - b. RTD Lactose-Free Tablea
 - c. RTD Vegan Tablea
 - d. RTD Vegan/Sugar-free Tablea

With this collaboration, ITDI aims to improve its media visibility, build credibility, and foster mutually beneficial interactions among PIA, ITDI, and the media. (AMGuevarra\ TSD- IDS)

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