



PIA-DOST ITDI PressCon runs Pulutang Pinoy, MREs in Series 3



DOST-ITDI in Series 3 of its joint PressCon Series with the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) is introducing Pulutang Pinoy and Meals Ready-to-Eat (MREs) on July 17, 2025.

The PressCon Series explores a new venue for promoting ITDI programs, technologies, and services with the first and second series held on April 4 and July 3, 2025, respectively at the PIA Auditorium in Quezon City.

During the briefer proper, Food Processing Division OIC Rommel M. Belandres together with Food Safety Section Head Michelle E. Evaristo will talk about Drinking Healthy with wines developed using the ITDI Wine kit and two new variants (jerky and traditional Chinese sausage) of chevon or goat meat.

The DOST-ITDI Wine Kit was created to make local wine production easier and more efficient especially for small-scale wine producers. Its 180-liter plastic

fermenting tank can turn fruit juices and other suitable materials into wine. Made of food-grade HDPE (high-density polyethylene), the tank can safely handle natural acids and alcohol produced during fermentation.

Meanwhile, as *pulutan* or alternative cooking ingredient, ITDI developed a tasty way to process chevon or goat meat. It created two variants, namely jerky and traditional Chinese sausage.





The former is dried, seasoned, and ready-to-eat snack. It is a flavorful and protein-rich alternative to conventional jerky made from beef or pork. For the adventurous palate, one can try it in its original variant, sweet, and sweet and spicy.

The latter, Chinese-style chevon sausage, combines traditional flavors with modern food processing techniques. Infused with a unique blend of spices, it carries the distinctive taste of Chinese cured meat.

On the other hand, Packaging Technology Division Chief Floridel V. Loberiano will present Meals Ready-to-Eat or the Pack of Duty Food Series for our men in uniform. Variants include Bangus Sisig, Chicken Adobo, Chicken Afritada, Beef Curry, Mixed Vegetable, and White Rice.

These were developed in partnership with the Philippine Army and the Philippine National Police for use during combat and high-risk operations. The Pack of Duty Food Series meals are no-cook, no-preservative meals. Its stand-up packaging is made of multi-layer aluminum retort pouches. (AMGuevarra\ ITDI S&T Media Service)

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