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Before the National Women's Month 2023 had ended, DOST-ITDI culminated the women's month through an open mic karaoke concert. Organized by the ITDI GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) Technical Working Group (TWG). Deputy Director for ATS and ITDI GFPS TWG Chair, Dr. Zorayda V. Ang gave details on how the ITDI GAD Secretariat came up with the idea of conducting the event. Present also in the culminating activity was Director Annabelle V. Briones. Dr. Briones gave a short message in which she gave appreciation to all ITDI staff for the continuous support to the gender mainstreaming of the Institute.

In line with the Women's Month 2023 theme: Gender Equality and Inclusive Society, representatives from various ITDI division regardless of their job position gracefully sang the song of their choice as they performed in an Open Mic Karaoke Concert in front of the ITDI personnel. To make the activity more competitive, Dir. Briones, DD Ang, and Mr. Rey Esguerra, EBD Chief, provided prizes whoever gets the highest score in the karaoke. Administrative Division, hailed the first placer. Technological Services and Financial Management Division as the 2nd placer, National Metrology Division-Metrology in Chemistry and Food Processing Division as the 3rd placer, while the ADMATEL as the 4th placer.

Capping the event were fun, exciting, and gender-inclusive activities. The 2023 celebration marks a juncture in the advancement of women's rights as it launched a new recurring theme from this year to 2028: WE for gender equality and inclusive society. It has sparked a renewed commitment to the advocacy and banks on the gains achieved during the 2016-2022 theme, WE Make CHANGE Work for Women, which emphasized the need for compassionate and harmonized networks towards gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE).

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