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In celebration of Pride Month (June), the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI) Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System (FPS) organized the “Webinar on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics (SOGIESC)” on 28 June 2024 via Zoom. Dr. Annabelle V. Briones, Director and Chairperson of the GFPS, delivered her welcome remarks and emphasized the misconceptions about SOGIESC and the Institute's commitment to serve its stakeholders with utmost respect and gratitude regardless of their SOGIESC.

Mr. Admer Rey C. Dablio, Senior SRS of the Standards and Testing Division and Chairperson of the ITDI GFPS Technical Working Group (TWG), hosted the GAD activity. Mx. Ronalyn “Lynx” Hufancia, a former Supervising GAD Specialist from PCW and currently an independent GAD specialist, served as the keynote speaker of the webinar.

Mx. Lynx expounded on the context of SOGIESC and discussed various terminologies pertaining to SOGIESC. She emphasized the use of gender-fair language in communicating with people of diverse SOGIESC. She also played inspiring and eye-opening videos that provided a coherent explanation of the topic. Mx. Lynx mentioned various ways to support the LGBTQ+ community to foster an LGBTQ+ inclusive workplace.

At the open forum, questions from Mr. Dablio and the participants were raised and brilliantly addressed by the resource speaker.

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