

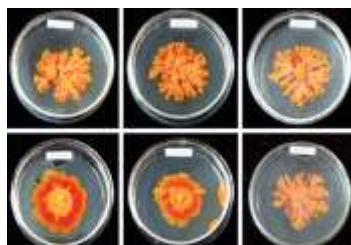
PHOTO NEWS

New TV season of TRIBE Features Food Colorant From Rice

Upper left frame:
The TRIBE Logo.

Right frame: Nicole S. Facal,
director/ producer of TRIBE,
NET25's youth-oriented TV
magazine show, going over
the script with Dr. Ursela P.
Guce-Bigol, project team
leader.

Lower left frame: Rice
fermented with *Monascus*
purpureus.



TRIBE, NET25's youth-oriented TV magazine show on people/places; food, culture and arts; science and technology; and sports/fun activities recently featured DOST-ITDI's food colorant from rice.

Dr. Ursela P. Guce-Bigol, project team leader and Supervising Science Research Specialist of the Industrial Fermentation Section, Environment and Biotechnology Division (DOST-ITDI), talked about molds and the food colorant from rice fermented with *Monascus purpureus*, a strain of mold.

Known as ang-khak rice mold, corn silage mold, and rice kernel discoloration, it is a good and safe source of food-grade pigment/dye with potential application in food, beverage, and the cosmetics industries.

TRIBE's Nicole S. Facal directed and produced the first episode of the May 2018 Season, which featured the food colorant in the segments iNourish and [HiTech](#). The program airs every Sunday at 5:00-5:30 PM over at NET25, the flagship television network of the Eagle Broadcasting Corporation. It is hosted by Nathan Manzo, Genive Tuban, Jam Talania, and Marco Docena. (AMGuevarra\ TSD-ITDI)