

DOST VII 2011 Annual Report

In 2011, 216 existing Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) received 354 S&T interventions. These interventions generated 6,532 person-months' employment, P 130.362 M in total gross sales of assisted firms, and 25% average improvement in productivity per firm. The technology interventions extended by DOST 7 include technologies on nut roasting, food & lumber drying, fiber sewing & twining, vegetable based noodle & bread production, dyeing, aquaculture, rootcrop processing, roasting, furniture production, vinegar acetator, packaging, among others.

DOST VII Regional Standards and Testing Laboratory (RSTL) served 1,433 clients and assisted 964 firms in maintaining high quality product standards through the provision of 4,787 testing and calibration services. Income generated was P 2.715 M.

DOST VII assisted 53 firms with the provision of 75 S&T interventions such as package label designs and nutrition information assistance. These interventions resulted to 20 new markets opened by the firms and increase in sales amounting to P 3.609 M.

Also in 2011, MPEX assisted 20 firms; CAPE program worked with 17 firms; the Energy Audit Program assessed 25 firms; and Food Safety Program improved 13 firms in the region.

The STEVPP deployed 96 experts who provided service to 428 clients while DOST VII conducted 133 technology training programs to assist SMEs in human resource development on key production and other related areas, with 3,133 participants from 649 firms.

Scholarship programs continuously supported 883 ongoing scholars. In 2011, 162 graduated as S&T scholars in the region.

Aiming to nurture the S&T culture and enhance S&T awareness in the region, DOST VII developed and conducted S&T promotion activities and programs. It circulated 262 news releases, 38 of which were aired over the radio, 206 published in print, and 18 interviews over television. DOST VII participated in 13 regional and provincial fairs, 4 of which were conducted by DOST and 9 by other agencies. Twenty press conferences and interviews helped to promote the programs and services of DOST VII. The DOST VII Library and information centers based in each PSTC provided adequate and up-to-date scientific and technological information to 9,988 students, researchers, professionals, entrepreneurs.

DOST VII established and maintained 151 networks and linkages to help in promoting and bringing science and technology closer to the people. It strengthened its linkages with LGUs in 2011, as attested by 21 projects co-funded and 15 training programs conducted for LGUs.