

## **DOST VII 2014 Annual Report**

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### **Technology Transfer and Commercialization**

In 2014, 470 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) received 552 S&T interventions. These interventions generated 1,809 persons employment, P 291.12 M in total gross sales of assisted firms, and 23% average improvement in productivity per firm. The technology interventions extended by DOST 7 include technologies on food drying, meat processing, food processing, fish processing, baking, roasting, packaging, agriculture, dyeing, aquaculture, furniture production, lumber drying, , waste management among others.

### **Testing and Calibration Services**

DOST VII Regional Standards and Testing Laboratory (RSTL) served 1,718 clients and assisted 1,043 firms in maintaining high quality product standards through the provision of 5,860 testing and calibration services. Income generated was P 3.196 M.

### **Packaging and Labeling Services**

DOST VII assisted 93 firms with the provision of 134 S&T interventions such as package label designs and nutrition information assistance.

### **Consultancy Services**

In 2014, MPEX and CAPE consultancy program assisted 27 firms/farms; the Energy Audit Program assessed 10 firms; Cleaner Production Technologies Program served 5 firms; and Food Safety Program improved 11 firms in the region.

### **Technology Training**

The technology training program of DOST 7 deployed experts to provide 164 technology trainings to assist SMEs in human resource development on key production and other related areas, with 4,844 participants from 1,199 firms.

### **S&T Scholarship Programs**

Scholarship programs continuously supported 864 ongoing scholars. A total of 4,384 graduating high school students applied for DOST-SEI undergraduate/college scholarships in 2014.

### **S&T Promotion**

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 376 news releases, 57 of which were aired over the radio, 217 published in print, and 26 interviews over television. DOST VII participated in 17 regional and provincial fairs, 7 of which were conducted by DOST and 10 by other agencies. Twenty-five 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 6,008 students, researchers, professionals, entrepreneurs.

### **Networks and Linkages**

DOST VII established and maintained 292 networks and linkages to help in promoting and bringing science and technology closer to the people. It strengthened its linkages with LGUs in 2014, as attested by 18 projects co-funded and 18 training programs conducted for LGUs assisting 230 beneficiaries. It continued to partner with other line government agencies with 12 co-funded projects conducting 13 training programs for 172 beneficiaries.