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In photo from left to right: DOST-FNRI Former Director Dr. Mario V. Capanzana, DOST-FNRI Deputy Director/Director III Atty. Lucieden G. Raz, DOST Undersecretary for Research and Development Dr. Leah J. Buendia, DOST Undersecretary for Special Concerns Dr. Teodoro Gatchalian, DOST-FNRI Director IV and Scientist IV Dr. Imelda Angeles-Agdeppa, Sen. Francis Tolentino Chief of Staff Hon. Francisco Ashley Acedillo, DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum, Jr., Enrique O. Olanon & Associates Managing Partner Architect Henry Steve R. Olanon, former DOST-FNRI Deputy Director Dr. Ferdinand B. Oamar, and DOST Assistant Secretary for Development Cooperation Rodolfo J. Calzado, Jr.

DOST-FNRI's Groundbreaking Activity for a Healthier Nation

by Riva Philline Aguilar, Administrative Aide VI

In a momentous gathering on January 8, 2024, the DOST-FNRI held a groundbreaking event at the DOST South Complex in Bicutan, Taguig City. Beyond construction, the ceremony was a strategic move to generate public interest, gain support, and underscore the collaborative commitment of DOST-FNRI.

Among the distinguished attendees, included Mr. Francisco Ashley "Ace" Acedillo, the Chief of staff of Honorable Senator Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino and

DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., who took a prominent role at the forefront of the event, symbolizing the Department's dedication to groundbreaking research and technological advancements. Joining them were DOST Undersecretary for Research and Development, Dr. Leah J. Buendia, DOST Undersecretary for Special Concerns, Dr. Teodoro Gatchalian, and DOST Assistant Secretary for Development Cooperation, ASec. Rodolfo J. Calzado, Jr.

Central to the event was the underlying reason for the transfer of DOST-FNRI office

in another location - the looming threat posed by the West Valley Fault. Secretary Solidum emphasized the gravity of the situation, extending beyond government organizations to encompass private buildings and residences. He recounted the proactive measures taken in the past, wherein even schools situated along the the West Valley Fault were advised against continuing construction plans to ensure the safety of future occupants.

The transfer of the Institute to a new building serves as a proactive measure

to ensure the safety and continuity of the Institute's operations, reflecting DOST-FNRI's commitment to both its mission and the well-being of its personnel.

DOST-FNRI, known for its pivotal role in nutritional research, presented innovative projects that promised to revolutionize the field of food and nutrition. From leading research methodologies to technological applications aiming to fight malnutrition. ■



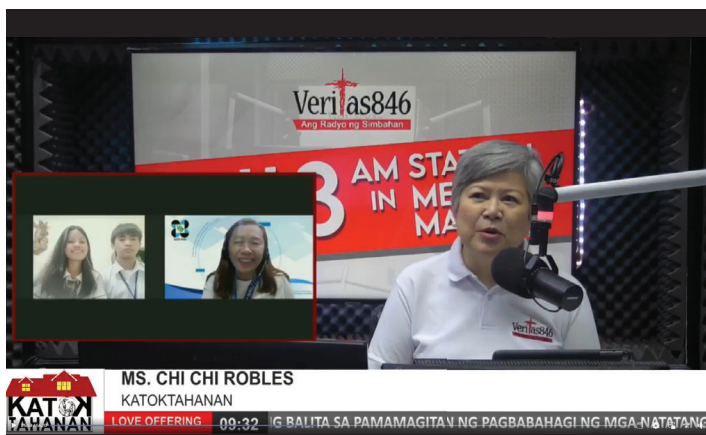
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DOST-FNRI with the support of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Philippines and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) conducted a three-day, hybrid workshop on the Development of Food Systems-based Nutritional Guidelines for Filipinos (FSB-NGF) on January 9-11, 2024 at the First Pacific Leadership Academy, Antipolo City, Rizal.



DOST-FNRI booth at the the unveiling of Children's First 1000 Days: NGO Ops Manual Launch & Training conducted by the Children's First One Thousand Days Coalition (CFDC) on January 13, 2024 at The Manila Hotel.



Radio Veritas 846 KATOKTAHANAN's interview of Ms. Chi Chi Robles with DOST-FNRI Senior Science Research Specialist Dr. Julia G. Gubat, on good and proper nutrition for pre-teens and teenagers on January 22, 2024.



The University of the Philippines Los Baños Business Affairs Office (UPLB BAO), in collaboration with the DOST-FNRI, conducted a 2-day training on the DOST-FNRI's Food Grading System Tools for UPLB Inspectors on January 25-26, 2024 at the Obdulia F. Sison Hall, UPLB.