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## DTI launches NKATBP-NCR

*UP Diliman Fablab, 400<sup>th</sup> Negosyo Center in Marikina opened*

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) held its run of the *Negosyo, Konsumer, At Iba Pa* (NKATBP) in the University of the Philippines (UP)-Diliman campus, Quezon City last 22-24 November.

Dubbed as “One DTI Services,” the three-day activity aims to make the Department’s services more accessible to small businesses and its other clients in the National Capital Region (NCR) through various seminars and trainings.

During the opening program, the DTI recognized the efforts of its partner agencies as well as its partners in *Diskwento* Caravans, Shared Service Facilities (SSF), local government units (LGUs), the private sector, and the academe, among others.



*(From left to right) Regional Operations Group (ROG) Assistant Secretary Ameenah A. Fajardo, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) Marikina President Ernesto Alcantara, DTI-NCRO OIC Emma C. Asusano, Senator Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV, Marikina Mayor Marcelino Teodoro and Negosyo Center Program Manager Dorecita T. De Lima join hands as a sign of unity during the launching of the 400<sup>th</sup> Negosyo Center in Marikina City.*

One of the main highlights of the activity is the launching of the 400<sup>th</sup> Negosyo Center in Marikina City. The event was graced by DTI officials and **Senator Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV**, principal author and sponsor of the Republic Act No. 10644 or the *Go Negosyo Act*.

*"In many areas, the Negosyo Center has become a focal point for support, even NGOs, microfinance groups, basta may kinalaman sa pagtulong sa maliliit na negosyante, ito na ang kanilang bahay,"* Senator Aquino said, lauding the private sector for its support of the program.

The *Negosyo Center* is a salient feature of the *Go Negosyo Act* which provides small businesses access to bigger markets and financing, training programs, and a streamlined business registration process.



*(From left to right) UP-Information Technology Systems Head Dr. Paulo Noel G. Paje, DTI Management Services Group OIC and Assistant Secretary Ireneo V. Vizmonte, DTI-Regional Operations Group (ROG) Assistant Secretary Blesila A. Lantayona, UP-College of Fine Arts Dean Leonardo C. Rosete, and DTI Information Systems Management Service (ISMS) Director Laudemer G. Solidum inspect equipment of newly launched Fabrication Laboratory housed at the CFA, UP Diliman, Quezon City.*

Another highlight is the inauguration of the Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) at the University of the Philippines-College of Fine Arts.

*"The establishment of the Fablab is a clear manifestation of the Department's perseverance to provide a common service facility or production center to give our micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) access to better technology and more sophisticated equipment to accelerate their bid for competitiveness,"* **DTI-Regional Operations Group (ROG) Assistant Secretary Blesila A. Lantayona** said.

The Fablab, which is under the DTI's SSF Project, aims to improve the capacities of both the existing manufacturers and start-up businesses in modern manufacturing workflows guided by art and design principles. It provides new prototyping technologies in designing and manufacturing products.

DTI officials joined UP faculty in the blessing and tour of the new Fablab.