

DOST-ITDI, URC ink MOA to collaborate on plastic wastes pyrolysis project

Earlier today, 31st January 2023, the ceremonial signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Industrial Technology Development Institute, one of the research and development institutes of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-ITDI), and the Universal Robina Corporation (URC), a manufacturer and



distributor of branded consumer snack foods, beverages, flour, sugar, while also into agro-industrial ventures involving primarily hogs and animal feeds, materialized.

The MOA shall pave the way for a collaborative project for the application and improvement of the institute's technology on plastic waste pyrolysis and develop URC's own plastic waste pyrolysis facility.

Signing for DOST-ITDI were Dr. Annabelle V. Briones, Director; and Dr. Christine Marie C. Montesa, Deputy Director for Research and Development; while for URC, Mr. Raul Nicdao, Vice President, Corporate Engineering; and Mr. David J. Lim, Jr., Chief Chain Supply & Sustainability Officer.

Other DOST-ITDI Execom members also witnessed the signing namely, Dr. Zorayda V. Ang, Deputy Director for Administrative and Technical Services; Engr. Reynaldo Esguerra, Chief, Environment and Biotechnology Division; Engr. Apollo Bawagan, OIC, Chemicals and Energy Division; and Ms. Lorelle Baracol, Supervising Science Research Specialist, Technological Services Division. (//DDGotis, ITDI-TSD-ICOW)