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SAMAHAN SA PILIPINAS NG MGA INDUSTRIYANG KIMIKA
CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

13TH BOWLING TOURNAMENT

July 31, 2025



Last July 31, 2025, the SPIK 13th Bowling Tournament successfully concluded at E-Lanes Bowling Center, Greenhills, San Juan City. This exciting and well-attended event brought together 10 SPIK Member Companies for a spirited day of camaraderie, sportsmanship, and fun.

The tournament opened with inspiring remarks from Engr. Jose Raquel Santos, Chairman of the SPIK Ways and Means Committee, who also had the honor of delivering the ceremonial bowl to officially start the games.

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13TH BOWLING TOURNAMENT 2025 WINNERS



Champion – TNC Chemicals Phils., Inc.



1st Runner-Up – Pigmentex Inc.



2nd Runner-Up – Chemlux Incorporated



Highest Score (Female) – Ms. Juliet Baya, Henkel Phils., Inc.



Highest Score (Male) – Mr. Jahzon Lih, TNC Chemicals, Inc.



This successful event would not have been possible without the invaluable support of our sponsors. Our heartfelt thanks go to:

All Waste Services, Inc.,
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Aero-Pack Industries, Inc.

Your continued partnership is instrumental in driving our shared mission of promoting sustainable growth within the chemical industry.



To formally conclude the event, **SPIK Director Ms. Mary Grace San Jose** delivered warm and encouraging **closing remarks**.

Thank you once again for your enthusiastic support and participation. We look forward to seeing you at our future events!



DOST ITDI's 124th Foundation Day Highlights Innovations

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The Department of Science and Technology- Industrial Technology Development Institute (DOST-ITDI) recently celebrated its 124th Foundation Day at City of Dreams Manila. Themed as **"Pag-big sa Inobasyon, Paghubog sa Industriya, Pag-Unlad sa Bayan,"** the event seeks to underscore the significance of innovation in the development of industry and the nation.



Dr. Annabelle V. Briones, ITDI Director, set the tone in her opening message followed by an uplifting speech by ITDI Deputy Director for ATS, Dr. Janet F. Quizon. Meanwhile, Engr. Rey L. Esguerra lead an empowering message delivered during the Men Oppose Violence Everywhere (MOVE) Wall Signing, about gender equality and non-violence.



Dr. Briones gave an inspiring powerpoint presentation focusing on the significant accomplishments and breakthroughs of the ITDI. The presenter was particularly proud of the institution's most significant achievement, which has fostered its success.



The new ITDI Mission and Vision were presented by **Engr. Roland Andrew T. Cruz** and a major milestone in the culture exchange history of the institute.



The event also awarded the exemplary performance of model employees and top industry partner which included L. Angeles Machineries Corporation (LAMACO), NSB Engineering Design and Fabrication, Department of Energy and Southern Metrology and Calibration Services,



Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) and ITDI- Industry Advisory Council (IAC) members attended and participated in the event

ASCEND Focus Group Discussion: Promoting Industry-Academe Partnership in Research

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The focus group discussion took place on July 4, 2025 at the UPLB Technology Transfer and Business Development Office (TTBDO), during which the ASCEND Program Team convened discussions with UPLB TTBDO representatives. The main objective of the meeting is to collect comments and invaluable experiences with respect to the proposed framework for industry-academe collaboration under ASCEND project.



The attendees included Engr. Albert Samuela of Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK), Ms. June Villasanta and Ms. Geraldine Buela, of the Board of Investments (BOI), and Ms. Cathrene Amante and Ms. Maria Elaidia C. Barria-Briones of UPLB TTBDO, under the guidance of Dr. Emil Cabrera, the TTBDO Director. The conversation centred on how best to work together to effectively connect academic research with industry challenges to create lasting impact and sustainability in a sector as vital as chemicals.

The strategic meeting was held to enhance the ASCEND initiative ensuring its continued success and relevance in the future.

SPIK, BOI, DOST-ITDI and DLSU Convene to Discuss Procedural Clarifications on R&D Funding

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In a strategic partnership, the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK), Board of Investments (BOI), De La Salle University (DLSU) and the Department of Science and Technology Industrial Technology Development Institute (DOST ITDI) conducted a Small Group Discussion and Stakeholders Consultation on July 9, 2025. Engr. Albert Samuela, Vice President of SPIK, facilitated the session.

The goal of the meeting is to clarify the procedural steps and timelines for submitting new projects to DOST—particularly ITDI—for research and development work and government funding endorsement. The team aims to assess how this funding route aligns with the project's development timeline, including submission schedules, approval periods, and release of funds. A realistic evaluation is needed to determine whether DOST funding can support the intended project milestones. If timelines are misaligned and would delay implementation, the

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DOST-ITDI Launches State-of-the-Art Aseptic Processing FoodtrIP Facility



The introduction of the 5th Food on The Road Innovation and Processing Facility (FoodtrIP) was announced by the Industrial Technology Development Institute (DOST-ITDI) under the Department of Science and Technology last July 10, 2025. Deployed at the Food Processing Division, DOST Complex in Taguig City, the new unit includes state-of-the-art

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The keynote address was given by DOST Secretary Renato Solidum and the program was opened by Engr. Rey Esguerra, OIC Deputy Director for R&D, Chief SRS, ITDI-EBD and Co-project Lead, with a welcoming remark from Dr. Annabelle V. Briones, Director ITDI. The Mobile Modular Food Processing Facility (MMFPF), which is being developed under the department's GIA Program, is a component of the SMART Food Value Chain Program that seeks to improve the Philippine food system after the pandemic. Notable attendee Engr. Albert Samuela, VP External Affairs of the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK), attended the unveiling of this groundbreaking event.

DENR-EMB Holds Seminar on Chemical Regulation Updates for Mindanao Industries

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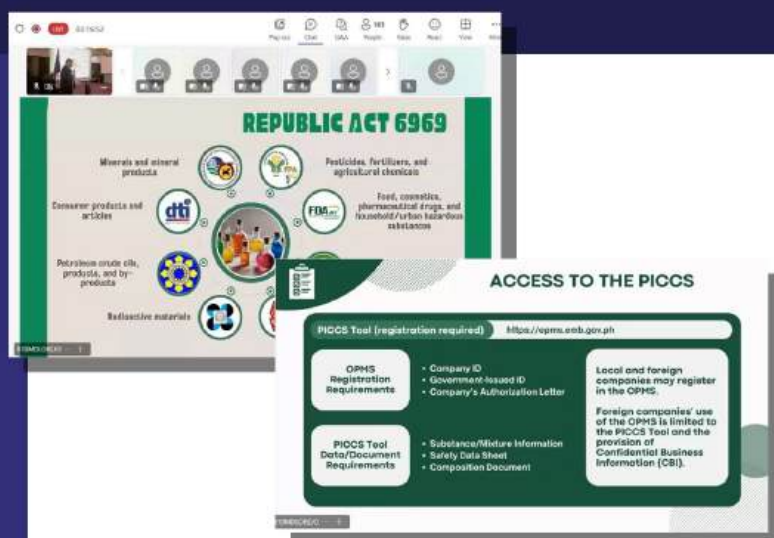
For companies in Mindanao, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) recently conducted a two-day hybrid seminar highlighting the latest developments under Title II of Republic Act 6969. This event, held on July 16 and 17, sought to provide businesses with an understanding of the new and continuing regulatory frameworks that govern industrial chemicals and a feel for current government initiatives in chemical management.



Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) also took part in the seminar, with opening messages from EMB Region X Regional Director Rayaldo S. Digamo, EMB Assistant Director Maria Dorica Naz-Hipe and Engr. Edwin Navaluna, Chief of the Chemical Management Section (CMS).



Topics covered in the seminar were broad-ranging from PICCS, SQI, Polymer Exemption, PMPIN, CCO, and among others, keeping attendees up-to-date with the dynamic landscape of chemical regulations and thereby fostering a more sustainable industrial sector in Mindanao.



SPIK Holds Successful 7th Board Meeting: Strategizes for International Events and

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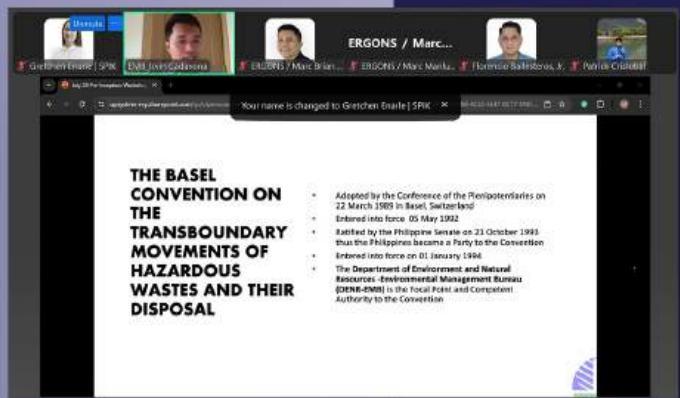


The 7th SPIK Board Meeting was held on July 16, 2025 at the Dow Office in Alabang with discussions centering on the committee accomplishments and upcoming international events. The board reported on its significant participation at the AMEICC in Malaysia, APRCC in Indonesia and the Asian Chemicals Forum in India, as well as the ARCP event in Manila, co-organized with the Global Silicones Council and the Board of Investments. This global engagement is a source of pride for our community.

Another topic in the agenda was the SERIC and RC Committees' future schedule, including in-person and webinar activities. One eagerly anticipated item ended the proceedings an announcement of a bowling tournament in July. These high-level meetings are a testament to SPIK's commitment to stimulate growth and networking among the chemical community and its partners.

Public Consultation On the Basel Ban Amendment

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The Environmental Management Bureau's (EMB) Hazardous Waste Management Section (HWMS) organized an important online public consultation on Basel Ban Amendments last July 25, 2025. Led by Engr. Irvin Cadavona, OIC, Chief of HWMS, the meeting brought together experts from industry, government, academia, and non-government organizations. This joint session was meant to exchange views and fine-tune the Philippine position towards the global banning of hazardous waste exports to developing countries, a pillar for inclusion in the Basel Convention.

The Consultation is just the beginning of a Hazardous Waste Roadmap 2030 for the country. A follow-up Inception Workshop scheduled for August 08 is expected to pull together these insights to put the country's stance on the Amendment in its final form. This move represents a government in touch with its stakeholders and the environment. It emphasizes commitment to sustainable waste management practices, which will in turn pave the way for safer, healthier lives amongst Filipino people.



RESPONSIBLE CARE (RC) COUNCIL STRENGTHENS INDUSTRY STEWARDSHIP AND CAPACITY BUILDING



The Responsible Care (RC) Council convened virtually on July 30, 2025, gathering key member companies to align on current initiatives and set forward-looking priorities under the RC program, in alignment with Strategy 5 of the Philippine Chemical Industry Roadmap (PCIR). The discussions emphasized strengthening industry compliance, enhancing verification protocols, and fostering continuous

improvement in line with Responsible Care principles.

Key updates included upcoming training for RC verifiers, verification processes, and deeper engagement with regulatory agencies such as the PNP-FEO, DDB, and DENR-EMB to support chemical safety and regulatory alignment. The Council also outlined upcoming capacity-building activities such as virtual RC awareness sessions, a coastal cleanup initiative, and other stakeholder engagement efforts designed to reinforce environmental stewardship and industry collaboration.

The meeting reaffirmed the Council's commitment to Responsible Care through the active participation of member companies and the SPIK Secretariat.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING ON THE INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE 5.2 MEETING



In an attempt to reach consensus on a treaty to resolve the plague of plastic pollution, Philippines' Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) held a public consultation on the fifth session of Intergovernmental Conference INC 5.2 Meeting. The event took place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on July 30, 2025, attended by representatives from various sectors including government agencies, non-governmental organizations, industry organizations including the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) and academic institutions.



The meeting was meant to solicit opinions and suggestions on the proposed binding international legal instrument for mitigating global plastic pollution crises. Conversations during the event were lively, with members of various sectors coming up with sector-specific problems they faced as well as potential strategies to weave into the Philippines' negotiation position. The meeting strengthened the importance of working together from all levels and professions, so as to formulate policies that align with the local landscape. This public consultation is a crucial part of shaping our country's response to an imminent international agreement.



The EMB's initiative underscores the country's commitment in balancing environmental and health protection and industry development. Full documentation and outcomes of the consultation are available from official UNEP website:
https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/46710/Chairs_Text.pdf

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