**Higher Education Trade Fair 2018**

May 15-18, CHED - CTI staff participated in the Higher Education Trade Fair 2018 together with other participating SUCs and LGUs.

The three-day Trade Fair also featured notable speakers such as CHED officer-in-charge J. Prospero “Popoy” De Vera III, and Special Assistant to the President (SAP) Secretary Christopher Lawrence ‘Bong’ Go.

Highlighting the event was an exhibit of different products of LGUs and SUCs in the country, in consonance with the Commission’s mandate to assist the State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and Local Universities (LUCs) in showcasing the products and technology that they have developed, invented, or created. As for BatStateU, products like Kapeng Spartan and Daing Flakes were showcased. BatStateU’s TOAD, SIGAW and BuyONG were also exhibited during the event, with hopes for possible collaboration with present LGUs and investors.

The trade fair also helps promote the flagship projects of SUCs and LGUs that may contribute to the socio-economic and technological advancement of the country, and serve as a promotional activity intended to widen the market of products of SUCs and LGUs.

**Round Table Discussion on Startups**

May 22, BatStateU main I - CTI hosted a round table discussion on TechHub with the University’s Business Cohorts.

Spearheaded by the VP for Research, Development and Extension Services and CTI Center Head Engr. Albertson D. Amante, the meeting was attended by representatives from different agencies and organizations that support the startup industry, including, Samuel Guevarra of PhilDev, Albert Gamadeo ofBrainsparks, Marissa C. Argente from DTI-Batangas, Mhark Ellgine A. Libao of DOST-Batangas, Warly Guerra of PCCI-Batangas, and Felina Malabanan of DOST IV-A-Batangas.

The discussion focused on the status of south Luzon Hub’s start-up community in terms of resources, organizations, people facilities and existing programs, the pressing issues faced by the startup industry and its goals in the next five years.

Upon ideation, the group arrived with few points which can help address some start-up issues including the improvement of maturity of start-up ideas through exposure, internship offering for innovators, and intervention of lawmakers, to name a few.