



## Food Innovation Center (FIC)

### FIC staff attends Processing and Packaging Exhibition (PROPAK) PH

Food Innovation Center (FIC) staff Mr. Mark Anthony C. Lat attended the Processing and Packaging Exhibition (PROPAK) Philippines on January 26 at the World Trade Center, Pasay City, Manila.

The event which was sponsored by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) was attended by manufacturers, exporters, researchers, government officials and other experts from all over the country who are interested in the latest packaging technology and other innovations in processing and packaging products. The event also aimed to provide an avenue for manufacturers of food products and the providers of reliable packaging material to meet and collaborate.

Notable speakers during the event were Chairman of the Association of Laguna Food Processors Inc. Mr. Clarke Nebrao who tackled



food trends and its packaging; Senior Marketing and Business Development at Hewlett Packard Inc. Ms. Nina Suarez who discussed the power of digital packaging transformation; and CEO and President of Oryspa Spa Solutions, Inc. Ms. Sherill Quintana who gave a lecture on the value of branding and brand identity.

### FIC team attends Seminar on Packaging Trends and Innovations



*FIC team during a photo-op at the seminar*

The seminar on Packaging Trends and Innovations was held on March 26 at the McDonald Place Pala-Pala, Dasmariñas City, Cavite. FIC Head Engr. Marielli Katherine C. Untalan, staff Mr. Mark Anthony C. Lat and Engr. Juliana Kassandra P. Rodil attended the event.

Hosted by the Department of Science and Technology-Cavite (DOST-Cavite), the event was attended by MSMEs from various areas in the province.

The activity aimed to disseminate information regarding the current trends on packaging research and the mandated requirements, and offer suggestions and recommendations on the packaging material and design used by the MSMEs.

Speakers during the seminar were the following experts: DOST-Industrial Technology Development Institute (DOST-ITDI) Chief of Packaging Technology Division Ms. Daisy E. Tanafanra; Supervising Science Research Specialist for the Packaging Technology Division Ms. Josefina L. Diaz; and Science Research Specialist for Packaging Technology Division Mr. Rene Jethro Abary.



*Speakers from ITDI-DOST Packaging Technology Division*