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DND signs Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Science and Technology



Secretary of National Defense Delfin N. Lorenzana and DOST's Secretary Fortunato T. de la Peña at the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding for the DND's collaboration with the DOST.

Secretary of National Defense Delfin N. Lorenzana and Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary Fortunato T. De la Peña signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the DND and DOST on January 5, 2018.

The MOU aims to provide a framework for scientific and technical cooperation and collaboration for the attainment of a Self-Reliant Defense Posture (SRDP). The SRDP is a key initiative to develop the country's local defense industry with the end view of eventually sourcing defense materiel from local companies instead of having to import them, thereby boosting the local economy. The MOU with the DOST includes research, development, and acquisition through technology transfers as mechanisms in achieving this particular goal.

Secretary Lorenzana extended the Department's sincerest appreciation to the Department of Science and Technology for extending their wealth of skill, expertise, and scientific ability to the DND and its goals, and expressed hope to continue the partnership in achieving a SRDP in line with the mandate of the Revised AFP Modernization Program.

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