



Silvercraft. Department of Science and Technology Secretary Estrella F. Alabastro (foreground left) examines the intricately designed silver jewelry products of Rimando's Silvercraft in Mirador, Baguio City. RS is one of several small and medium enterprises assisted by DOST in product development, upgrading and acquisition of production equipment through its Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SET-UP). The firm expects to raise its production capacity by 50% and hit monthly profit target

of P120,000.

DOST-CAR S&T Center. Department of Science and Technology Secretary Estrella F. Alabastro (left) unveils the lot marker of DOST-Cordillera Administrative Region that serves as the cornerstone for the planned regional science centrum and technology demonstration area for better S&T activities and services in the region. The 573-sqm site was selected upon recommendation of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and acquired by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 243. DOST-CAR Director Ben Ladilad is on right.



Sugarcane Juice Extractor. Department of Science and Technology Secretary Estrella Alabastro (2nd from left), DOST-Industrial Technology Development Institute Executive Director Ernesto Lozada (extreme left) and DOST-1 Director Edgar Padilla (3rd from left) check on the machine that extracts quality sugarcane juice primarily used in making basi or sugarcane wine and vinegar. The extractor, installed in Naguilian, La Union, is prototyped for small enterprises that produce sukang Iloko and basi, which are now gaining acceptance in here and abroad. Acquisition of production equipment and product quality standardization are included in the assistance provided to SMEs under DOST's

Small Enterprise Technology and Upgrading Program.