



MIRDC Shifts to Face-to-Face Training

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The conduct of face-to-face training at the Department of Science and Technology- Metals Industry Research and Development Center (DOST-MIRDC) is back.

The Center once again offers in-person training programs to allow participants to gain comprehensive know-how of a training course, particularly those that require hands-on practical activities.

Due to the health hazards posed by the Covid-19 virus, webinars were utilized extensively throughout the globe. Webinars are convenient to attend, can reach a larger audience, and are cost-effective, among other benefits, which explain why the public has readily adopted them.

Although webinars offer several benefits, they also have some limitations such as limited interaction, technical difficulties, lack of teamwork, absence of body language, and lack of environmental control.

Since restrictions regarding Covid-19 protocols have been gradually loosened, businesses are beginning to gain traction. People are now free to move throughout the metro. The public has resumed normal activities as a result.

The Center, adhering to its mission of assisting the metals, engineering, and allied industries, is opening its doors once again to individuals, companies, and other groups in training programs.

The MIRDC's first in-person training session, "Fundamentals of Gear Hobbing Operation," was held in November of 2021. Since that time, MIRDC has provided 43 face-to-face training courses.

"This is the demand of our partners and stakeholders. MIRDC will continue to implement training programs that require hands-on exercises. We hope that the situation will steadily improve in the next coming months so that we can regularly deliver such services to the different sectors," Chief of the Industrial Training Section, Engr. Reynaldo L. Dela Cruz Jr., said.

MIRDC is responsible for the training of engineers and technicians for the metals and engineering industries. The resumption of face-to-face training courses will help MIRDC address the country's need for enhanced technical skills – skills that are crucial in enabling the country to become more resilient in the face of challenges in the future.

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