

Modular Molecular Laboratory for COVID rises in VMMC

A molecular laboratory for COVID was constructed at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center. The bio-lab, donated by United Laboratories Inc. and built by ENDEC in partnership with Global Medical Technologies, aims to serve senior citizens, uniformed personnel, and residents of Quezon City. The facility is capable of processing around 300-400 tests daily and is expected to provide a major boost to the government's efforts to scale up the country's testing capacity.

Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Chair and Health Secretary Francisco Duque III, National Task Force Against COVID-19 Chair and Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, National Action Plan Chief Implementer Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr., and Deputy Chief Implementer Secretary Vince Dizon together with VMMC Director Dominador M. Chiong Jr spearheaded the inspection of the laboratory on June 17, 2020.

"This is actually a big improvement for VMMC. We have been treating COVID cases here since the start and this is actually a very welcome development so that we can process testing of COVID cases; and I would like to thank UNILAB for making this possible," Lorenzana said.

"Magkakaroon tayo ng expanded testing at maraming makikinabang dito, lalo na ang ating mga seniors, mga uniformed soldiers at mga residente ng Quezon City," said Galvez.

Also joining the inspection were Interior and Local Government Undersecretary Bernardo Florece, Jr., Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) General Manager Jojo Garcia, DOH-National Capital Region Assistant Regional Director Dr. Paz Corrales, VMMC Director Dominador Chiong, Jr., UNILAB Vice President John Dumpit, ENDEC CEO William Johnson, ENDEC Chief Science Officer Anna Gibson, and ROMLAS Health Group Co-Founder and CEO Mitch Genat



