

Profile [Invited Lecture 6]



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EDUCATION

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Edgar Garcia is the Director of the Technology Application and Promotion Institute (TAPI) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST). Prior to his appointment as Director, he started his career as a fresh engineering graduate employed as a contractual researcher at the Food and Nutrition Research Institute of the DOST where he rose from the ranks. He is a registered Chemical Engineer from the National University, and holds a Master's Degree in Statistics from the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City. He has received his Postgraduate Diploma in Chemical Engineering from the Tokyo Institute of Technology and currently finishing his PhD in Food Science at the University of the Philippines, Diliman. He is also a part-time lecturer in two state universities teaching Mathematics and Food Science and Technology-related courses.

He is also a recipient of a fellowship grant from the Japan Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) as Research Fellow in various Japanese academic institutions and regulatory agencies for a study mission in food safety. He has presented a number of local and international papers in various fora for food research and technology transfer and commercialization of research results, technologies, and innovations. He further received International Fellowship Trainings on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Protection, Industrial Property and Technology Transfer Policies from various Institutions such as World Intellectual Property Organization, Swedish Patent Registration Office, Asian Productivity Organization, US Patent Trade Marks Office to name a few.

As Director of TAPI, he is also the focal person of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT) in the Philippines. He was re-elected as member of the Governing Council of the APCTT in the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) as Philippine representative for the period 2017-2020.