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Remote schools can have a science lab, too

THE government's K-12 program will be able to boost its science education with the invention of an Israeli electronics engineer that puts the 'school laboratory' in the hands of students.

Dov Bruker developed a wireless data logging device with up to 12 sensors to packed in a palm-sized disc, replacing the present bulky equipment while enabling teachers to quickly set-up and do calibration on at least 19 items needed for typical experiments.

Called the Labdisc, the portable laboratory allows students to conduct indoor and field experiments even for those belonging to schools in far-flung towns and villages.

The compact science lab is



being launched by Data Science and Technology Corp.-Phils along with Bruker's company, Globisens Ltd., where he is chief executive.

In a statement, Data Science said Labdisc is designed to

for taking ambient temperature, barometric pressure, infrared reading, pH, relative humidity, sound level, turbidity, ultraviolet.

The device also has GPS, colorimeter and monitors heart rate among other functions to cover more than 30 hands-on science activities, noted DSTC vice president Josephine Pinky Legaspi <jb_legaspi@genetic.educ.ph>.

She said a workshop-demonstration will be held by Bruker on the Labdisc elementary and general science models for teachers and school administrators.

Irrigation to put up mini-hydro power plants

By Ferdie G. Domingo

PANTABANGAN—National Irrigation Administration chief Antonio Nangel said 80 mini-hydro power plants are lined up in NIA-managed irrigation systems.

In Bulacan, Angat dam will undergo rehabilitation following the allocation of P5.7 billion said administrator Gerry Esquivel of the Manila Water and Sewerage System.

Governor Wilfredo Sy-Alvarado said he was informed about the approval of the Department of Budget and Management to enable bidding of the three-year repair of the reservoir.

As designed, the min-hydros

Suarez lauds approval of P122m-fund

'Seal of Preparedness'

By Ben M. Veridiano

PALO—Local Government Secretary Jesse Robredo

He said operability of the disaster management plan to cover early warning and evacuation and equipment acquisition with a