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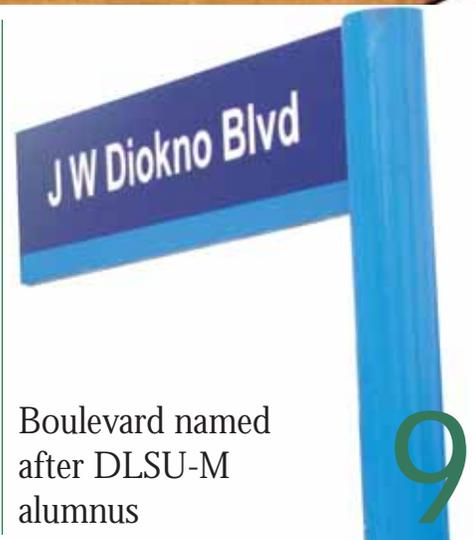


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## RESEARCH ON STATE-MORO ARMED CONFLICT WINS REPUBLICA AWARD

*After winning in the regional level (NCR) of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Republica Awards 2007 for outstanding research published in a refereed journal, De La Salle University-Manila Political Science Associate Professor Rizal Buendia won the succeeding national Republica award for his paper, “The State-Moro Armed Conflict in the Philippines: Unresolved National Question or Question of Governance?”*

Published in the *Asian Journal of Political Science* (June 2005), Buendia’s research paper bested other finalists in the Social Sciences, Economics, Education and Humanities category. His paper deals with the continuing struggle of the Moro secessionist movement in the Philippines, examining the competing perspectives of Muslim minorities and the Philippine state in nation-state building. These perspectives are 1) the assertion of self-determination rights of the Moro separatist movement, and 2) the affirmation of the Philippines’ sovereign right to territorial integrity.

In announcing the decision of the board of judges last Oct. 25 at the Waterfront Hotel in Cebu City, Dr. Edita Tan of the University of the Philippines, member of the National Awards Board for the Republica Awards, highly commended

Dr. Buendia’s work and suggested that “in the effort to help resolve the Mindanao conflict... every Filipino must read this excellent work.”

The CHED Republica Awards is yearly organized by the Office of Policy, Planning, Research and Information of CHED to recognize and reward outstanding research outputs that contribute to the discovery of new knowledge, as well as with the development of innovative technology that leads to sustainable development, propelling significant advances in the CHED identified priority disciplines.

It also seeks to provide impetus for enhancing research productivity in public and private higher education institutions (HEIs) and promote greater appreciation of the importance of research in higher education and national development.





*DILG Undersecretary  
Melchor Rosales*

## LA SALLE LEADS ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE FOR LUZON LGUs

*Initiating efforts to build local capacity and develop knowledge, tools, and strategies for implementing environmental governance programs, the Lasallian Institute of Governance (LSIG), together with Tanggol Kalikasan, Inc., launched the Institute of Environmental Governance (IEG) Level 2 Program for Municipality, City, and Provincial Local Government Units (LGUs) in Luzon last November 14 at the Marilen Gaerlan Conservatory.*

The Institute is an accredited training center of the Local Government Academy of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG). It was established to help meet the challenges of providing the much needed capacity that will enable local executives and policy makers to better perform their mandate in environmental management and sustainability.

DILG Undersecretary Melchor Rosales, in his keynote speech during the launch, said that despite the government's continued efforts to protect and preserve our country's resources against natural disasters, there is still a need for local communities to take active part in protecting their environment and preserving their communities' ecological balance.

As the "front liners" in natural calamities, LGUs should mobilize and support a proper community-based disaster management plan. With the help of the IEG, LGUs can now effectively implement programs and activities, he said.

The IEG coordinates training seminars, capacity building programs, policy dialogues, consultation workshops, and learning exchanges in the following program areas: Environmental Governance and Sustainable Development—coastal resource

management, ecosystems approach, environmental project planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation; Environmental Law and Policy; Participatory Local Governance; and Disaster Preparedness.

At the launch, LSIG Executive Director Dr. Francisco Magno and Tanggol Kalikasan, Inc. President Atty. Maria Paz Luna signed the LSIG-IEG Level 2 Program Memorandum of Agreement.

LSIG is a research and training institution of DLSU-Manila that aims to produce new knowledge, tools and strategies that promote transparent, accountable, participatory and effective governance. It conducts technical studies and capacity building programs to identify problems and establish baselines, benchmarks and best practices in various aspects of governance.

Tanggol Kalikasan, Inc., on the other hand, is a non-stock, non-profit and non-governmental organization doing public interest lawyering in the Philippines. Its mission is to facilitate the empowerment of communities and institutions to manage their ecosystem through law and other creative mechanisms.



*Jose Kalaw (3rd from left) receives a check donation from Senen Bacani. Others in the photo are (from left) Paterno, Hermelo and Amador Bacani, Vice Chancellor for Academics Dr. Julius Maridable, Macario Bacani, COE Dean Dr. Pag-asa Gaspillo, and Br. Joseph Scheiter FSC.*

## BACANI SIBLINGS GIVE PROFESSORIAL CHAIR TO DLSU-M

*De La Salle University-Manila alumni Senen, Amador, Hermelo, Paterno, Macario and Ramon Bacani, children of Dr. Paterno and Natividad Bacani, formally established the Paterno and Natividad Bacani Distinguished Professorial Chair in Engineering by giving an endowment last November 12 at the Office of the President in Yuchengco Hall.*

“This is a gesture of our gratitude to our parents for sending us to DLSU-Manila, which equipped us with values, knowledge, and skills,” said Senen, eldest of the Bacani siblings, when he delivered a short speech during the ceremony. “We hope that this donation can help the university in its mission of educating the young.”

The ceremony coincided with the birth anniversary of the late Dr. Paterno Bacani. The Bacani couple, both deceased, received from the

university the St. La Salle medal in 1998.

The check donation was received on behalf of the university by Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Jose Kalaw. Vice President for Academics Dr. Julius Maridable, College of Engineering (COE) Dean Dr. Pag-asa Gaspillo, COE Vice Dean Mr. Efren dela Cruz, and Mechanical Engineering Department Chair Dr. Alvin Chua, also attended the event.

## SDRC REPRESENTS ACADEMIC SECTOR IN GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST DISEASES

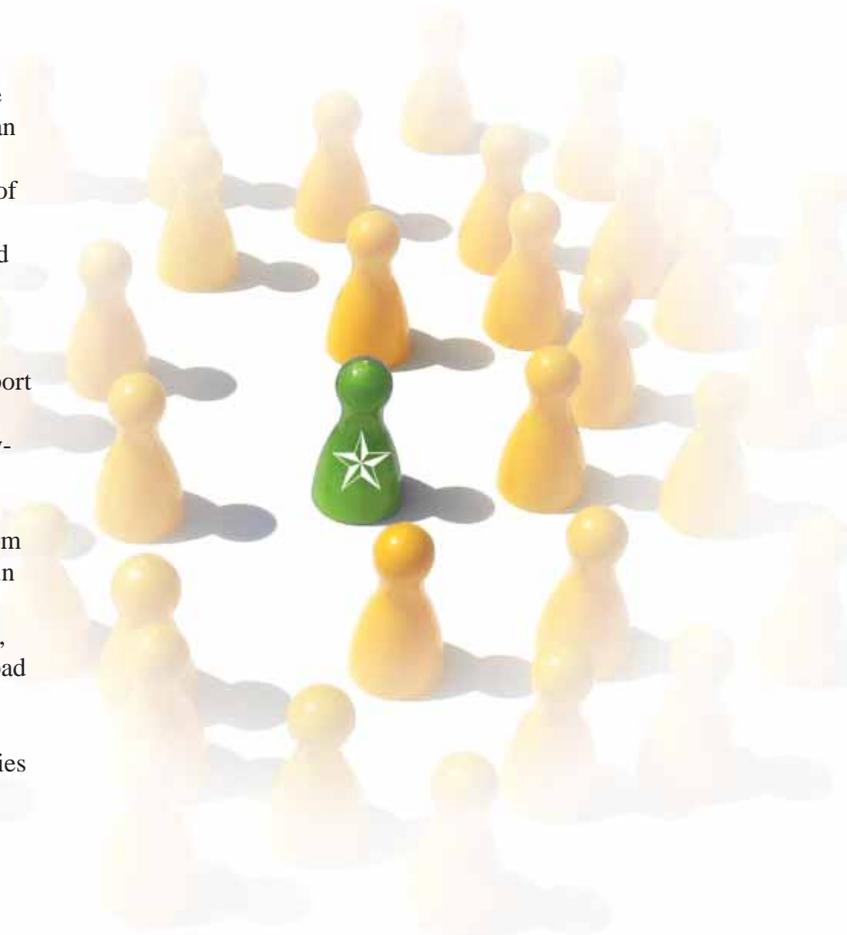
*The De La Salle University Social Development Research Center (SDRC) has been selected to represent the academic sector in the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. The Center was nominated for membership from the private sector after Research Fellow and then Health Social Science Graduate Program Coordinator Ma. Elena Javier attended the 2nd Forum of the Philippine Partnership to fight TB, Malaria, and AIDS last March at the Philippine International Convention Center.*

The Global Fund seeks to attract, manage, and disburse additional resources through a new public-private partnership that will make a sustainable and significant contribution to the reduction of infections, illnesses, and deaths. In doing so, it can mitigate the impact caused by HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria in countries in need, and contribute to poverty reduction as part of the Millennium Development Goals.

According to its Framework Document, the Global Fund finances programs that reflect national ownership and respect country partnership-led formulation and implementation processes that build on and enhance, complement and coordinate, with existing regional and national programs in support of national policies, priorities, and partnerships.

The Global Fund recognizes that only through a country-driven, coordinated, and multi-sector approach involving all relevant partners will additional resources have a significant impact on the reduction of infections, illnesses, and deaths from the three diseases. Thus, a variety of actors must be involved in the development of proposals and decisions on the allocation and utilization of Global Fund financial resources. To this end, it is expected that grant proposals be coordinated among a broad range of stakeholders through a CCM which will monitor the implementation of approved proposals.

As member, SDRC will be participating in CCM activities from January 2008 to December 2009.



## 24 Meditations

St. John Baptist de La Salle,  
from *Meditations for the Time  
of Retreat*

### ZEAL IN TEACHING

*“If you want the instructions you give those whom you teach to be effective in drawing them to the practice of good, you must practice these truths yourselves. You must also be full of zeal. It is zeal which makes your students capable of receiving a share in the grace which is in you for doing good. For your zeal draws upon you the Spirit of God. It is this Spirit who gives your students the power to practice good.”*

St. La Salle’s words are a reminder not only for the Christian Brothers but also for the lay teachers to continually renew their commitment to their calling. Zeal is that active commitment to serve the human and spiritual needs of the young, especially the poor. For St. La Salle, zeal is totally inseparable from faith, and it is something that never loses its religious dimension. By inspiring students with unflinching enthusiasm to educate the young to become the best that they can be for the sake of others in the name of God, teachers can instill the same passion in their students.



## ST. LA SALLE PRESCHOOL AS TRAINING GROUND FOR

*Now on its 10th year, the College of Education’s (CED) St. La Salle  
Leveriza continues to serve as a training ground for teachers and students.  
For their part, volunteer extra time and offer their resources for the school.*

Since the start of the current school year, different CED classes have conducted several class observations and thesis/action research with the preschool, and prepared instructional materials about literacy development for the benefit of St. La Salle Preschool teachers and students. Currently, the preschool has 57 students divided into three classes, and two full-time teachers.

Between June and July, and again from October to November, students of Theology and Religion II were assigned in the preschool and served as teacher assistants, through the Center for Social Concern and Action (COSCA).

Also in June, Joahna Mante and Neslie Tan, faculty members of the English and Applied Linguistics Department, started conducting their research on the reading readiness of the students. The preschool also served as a practicum site for two CED undergraduate practicum students who served as teacher assistants for the whole first term.

The Education Geared Towards Excellence (EdGE 2005), a student organization under CED, conducted a university-wide fundraising activity and sponsored the uniform of the students. Snacks are also regularly provided by the School of

Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management of De La Salle College of Saint Benilde. Clean drinking water are likewise provided by the students under the Graduate Program of CED.

To support the pupils’ holistic development, the school implemented a progressive curriculum with the introduction of special activities every month, in observance of occasions such as the Buwan ng Wika in August or the Literacy Week in November. Activities that included storytelling, puppet show, and spelling bee were aligned with the curriculum of the school.

Meanwhile, parents’ orientation and parent-teacher conferences and meetings were conducted in the first and second terms. Graduate students from the Counseling and Educational Psychology Department under the supervision of Dr. Carmelita Pabiton



# SCHOOL SERVES FOR TEACHERS

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for the opening of its Community Library in  
January 2008.

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John Alsop

## BNSCWC WELCOMES AUSTRALIAN SCREENWRITER

*Last October 25, the Bienvenido N. Santos Creative Writing Center (BNSCWC) hosted a screenplay reading session of Australian screenwriter John Alsop's newest opus *An Imaginary Life*, an adaptation of an original Australian novel, with respected actors Ricky Davao and Jessica Sto. Domingo as guest readers.*

John Alsop started his career as a screenwriter in 1980. His list of works includes the landmark Australian TV mini-series *Brides of Christ* and recently made his debut as a director with his short film *Cool White*.

This term, Alsop is a visiting writer from ASIALINK at DLSU-M. The Australia Council and Arts NSW support his visit to the Philippines.

The screenplay reading of Alsop's *An Imaginary Life* is already the fifth installment of the BNSCWC's screenplay reading series project, which started March 2006. The four other writers previously invited to share their new works were Mark Meily (*Lie Detector*),

Rica Arevalo (Eddie Romero's *Nasaan ang Pag-ibig*), Isabel Enriquez Kenny (*Till... The Salmon Sings*) and Michiko Yamamoto (*Black Eye*).

Esteemed members of the local entertainment industry like Tommy Abuel, Dominic Ochoa, Sev Sarmenta, Elijah Castillo, and Nathan Lopez breathed life to these impressive works.

"This is BNSCWC's Associate for Drama Dr. Doy Del Mundo's 'baby' project," said Malou Jacob, the center's director. "This activity hopes to open doors for works of screenwriters to be produced for either television or the big screen."

## BOULEVARD NAMED AFTER DIOKNO

*A four-kilometer boulevard that runs in front of the SM Mall of Asia in Pasay City was recently named after the former Senator Jose “Pepe” Diokno, human rights activist and nationalist, and one of the distinguished alumni of DLSU-Manila.*

Diokno, who died on Feb. 27, 1987, was given the honor after the Senate passed RA 9468, naming the still unfinished boulevard after him. The bill was sponsored by former Sen. Sergio Osmeña III.

As a Lasallian student, Diokno consistently showed outstanding performance from grade school to college. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in commerce, summa cum laude, in 1940. He topped the board examination for certified public accountants in the same year, and became a topnotcher again when he took the bar exams in 1944, without finishing his law degree.

He served as justice secretary of President Diosdado Macapagal. He was known for waging a campaign against the corruption that beset Philippine politics and for passing pro-Filipino legislations. He was among the first to be imprisoned during the Marcos dictatorship. He suffered in jail for two years, and upon his release, immediately organized the Free Legal Assistance Group, which gave free legal services to victims of military oppression under martial law.



## MUNDELL DISCUSSES PROSPECT OF FIXED EXCHANGE RATE FOR RP



*Fixed exchange rates for the country and China's economic success were among the issues that Nobel Laureate for Economics Robert Mundell discussed in his visit to De La Salle University-Manila last November 15 as part of the International Peace Foundation's lecture series dubbed, "Bridges: Dialogues toward a Culture of Peace."*

In his lecture titled, "Currency Areas and International Adjustment under Fixed and Flexible Exchange Rates," Mundell explained that should the Philippines opt for fixed exchange rates, there must be an automatic mechanism of adjustment to support it, as well as a balanced budget and strong leadership in the government.

He added that a fixed exchange rate could be the best monetary rule for countries with lower inflation rates such as the Philippines.

"Equilibrium under fixed exchange rates means that the country's money supply is directed by its balance of payments. When the balance is in surplus, the money supply expands and that increases expenditure in goods and securities and that corrects its surplus," Mundell said in an interview with the press.

Mundell also explained China's

"spectacular growth," attributing its success to a number of factors namely, the drive to perform and the desire to learn; large, available, and able workforce; enthusiasm for new technology and innovation; stable political environment; steady search for talented political leadership; international peace and globalization; and a stable exchange rate.

DLSU-Manila President Br. Armin Luistro, in his welcome remarks, said that through the Bridges program, a Nobel Laureate such as Mundell can share with us his fruitful years of research, teaching, and consulting in the field of economics.

"More than just sharing with us the knowledge he has developed through the years in the field of international economics, our distinguished lecturer brings with him the conviction that we can be active participants in the





construction of a world better than when we found it," he said.

Other dignitaries present in the lecture were Uwe Morawetz, chairman of the board of directors of the International Peace Foundation, Dr. Reynaldo Vea, president and CEO of Mapua Institute of Technology, Sec. Alfonso Yuchengco, chairman of the board of trustees of the Mapua Institute of Technology, and Joaquin Quintos IV, chairman of the board of trustees of De La Salle University-Manila.

Aside from Mundell, other Nobel Laureates scheduled to visit the Philippines are 2004 Nobel Laureate for Physics David Gross and 1996 Nobel Laureate for Peace Jose Ramos-Horta. Former president of the World Bank James Wolfensohn will likewise visit as part of the Peace Foundation's Bridges program.

The International Peace Foundation started Bridges in Thailand, and extended this year to the Philippines, with the aim of facilitating and strengthening dialogue and communication between societies in Southeast Asia as well as with people in other parts of the world, to promote understanding and trust.

Through Nobel Laureates and with local universities and other institutions in Southeast Asia, Bridges seeks to contribute to the United Nations' Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence, with the establishment of long-term relationships which may result in common research programs and other forms of collaboration.

Washington Sycip, founder of the SGV Group and of the Asian Institute of Management, is the Philippine honorary chairman of Bridges, and Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, chair and CEO of the Ayala Corporation, is the program's Philippine chairman.

*Mundell receives honorary degree from DLSU-M*



## SANGANDIWA 2007 HELD

*The first Sangandiwa, a workshop on critical graduate research and papers in Araling Filipino, of the Filipino Department and the Emergent Research Groups for Language, Media, and Culture of the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) was held last November 7 to 12.*

The workshop aimed to train and prepare graduate student participants to become critics, scholars, and public intellectuals in their respective fields and also took into consideration the discourse and practice of inter/multidisciplinary research.

It also served as a forum between the graduate student participants and scholars to discuss and establish the correlation between transformative education and the Filipino language.

Graduate students from various universities were chosen as participants in the workshop. They were Evangeline Encabo, Winton Ynion, Louie Jon Sanchez and Vincent Tan from DLSU-M; Wennielyn Fajilan Aurora Tirad from Polytechnic College of Marikina; Clod Marlan Yambao from University of the Philippines-Diliman; and Moreal Camba from University of Asia and the Pacific. They presented their research papers, written in Filipino, on gender, globalization, poverty, literature and local studies, diaspora, popular culture, media and Tsinoy studies.

Serving as readers and critics of the workshop were DLSU-M's Dr. Antonio A. Contreras, dean of CLA; Dr. Fanny A. Garcia of the Filipino Department; Dr. Paz Verdades Santos of the Literature Department; and Dr. Roberto Mendoza of the Psychology Department; UP Diliman's Dr. Ramon Guillermo from Department of Filipino and Philippine Literature; and San Beda College's Dr. Feorillo P.A. Demeterio III of the Department of Philosophy.

Resource speakers for the activity were Dr. Rhoderick V. Nuncio, who was also convenor of the workshop and chair of the Department of Filipino (DLSU-M), who shared his paper on the public intellectual; Dr. Rizalyn Mendoza of the DLSU-M Department of Filipino, who spoke on Geographic Education; Dr. Tereso Tullao, DLSU-M University Fellow, who gave a talk on globalization and Filipino migration; and Dr. Ma. Crisanta Nelmidia-Flores, director of the Extension Coordination of UP Diliman, who shared her expertise on Local Studies.

In the caucus of graduate participants, critics, and scholars, it was agreed upon to continue holding subsequent workshops and publish the proceedings of this year's workshop.

They agreed to bring together the scholars from the fields of social studies, humanities, and science for the benefit of the public, and to promote the use of the Filipino language, its varieties, and other vernaculars in the country as the medium of conversation in the country.



## DLSU-MANILA JOINS RP ENGINEERING CONSORTIUM

*De La Salle University-Manila, along with the country's other top engineering schools, formed the Engineering Research and Development Technology consortium (ERDT), which aims to create a pool of high-level engineers to effectively help the economy by introducing radical technological innovations.*

The memorandum of understanding was signed recently at the University of the Philippines' Quezon Hall by representatives from participating schools—DLSU-M's President Br. Armin Luistro, University of the Philippines' Dr. Emerlinda Roman, Ateneo De Manila University's Fr. Bienvenido Nebres, Central Luzon State University's Dr. Ruben Sevilleja, University of San Carlos' Fr. Roderick Salazar, Mindanao State University-Iligan State of Technology's Prof. Marcelo Salazar, and Mapua Institute of Technology's Dr. Reynaldo Vea.

The participating universities have comprehensive and mature Engineering programs and, given government support, can drive high-level engineers to make significant gains in science and technology (S&T) and to spur economic growth through the creation of synergy between S&T and Engineering.

To support these goals, member universities will promote exchange and visits among graduate students and junior and senior faculty members; team teaching and courseware development among institutions; collaboration, joint publications, and sharing of resources; exchange of information and materials in the field; joint conferences and academic programs; and, where courses are compatible, cross-enrollment of the students.

The consortium current has an advisory committee composed of experts from Department of Science and Technology, the Commission on Higher Education, and industry experts.

DLSU-M's Dean of the College of Engineering Dr. Pag-asa Gaspillo and faculty Dr. Jose Edgar Mutuc are part of ERDT's steering committee.