

## Student leader gets TOSP award

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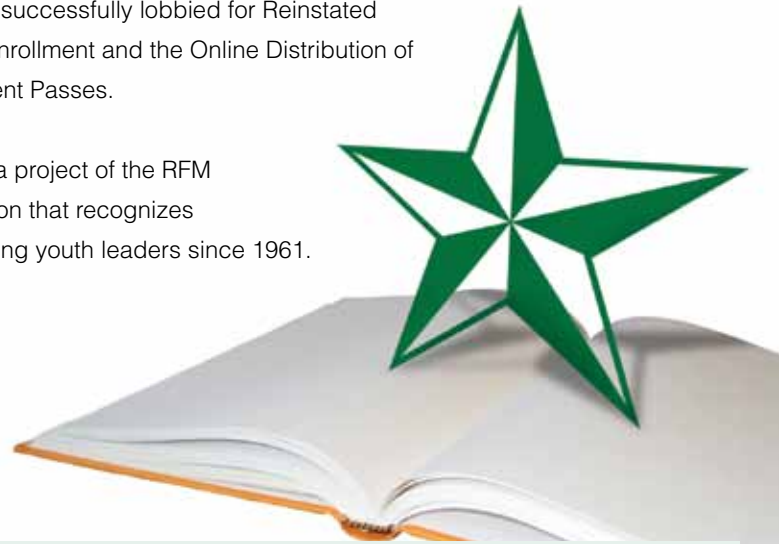
Nadia Bianca Nicollete Ong (cum laude, AB Communication Arts and BS Commerce major in Management of Financial Institutions 2010) was recognized as one of the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines 2010 in the recent awarding ceremony held at Malacañang Palace.

Ong was the Student Council Vice President for Academics during Academic Year 2009-2010.

She was a recipient of the Gawad Mag-aaral 2009, the 2010 Most Outstanding Student in Discipline Leadership and Advocacy, and the Graduation Special Award for Student Leadership.

She spearheaded projects such as the Pahiram Libro Online and the Achiever Scholar Program. She also successfully lobbied for Reinstated Priority Enrollment and the Online Distribution of Adjustment Passes.

TOSP is a project of the RFM Foundation that recognizes outstanding youth leaders since 1961.



## Oscar Lopez receives honorary degree

### FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS

as a distinguished entrepreneur and his advocacy for corporate social responsibility and the environment, Chairman Emeritus and former Chief Executive Officer of Lopez Holdings Corp. (formerly Benpres Holdings Corp.) Oscar Lopez was conferred the degree of Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*, by De La Salle University last October 9 during the 159th Commencement Exercises at the Philippine International Convention Center in CCP Complex, Pasay City.

Lopez earned his Bachelor of Arts degree *cum laude* from the Harvard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1951 and obtained his Master of Public Administration at the Littauer School of Administration at Harvard University in 1955.

He received various local and international awards in recognition of his invaluable contributions in his field, including the Outstanding Filipino (TOFIL) Awards in the field of business in 2009 and the Clinton Global Initiatives-Asia, and one of BizNewsAsia's Business Icon Gold in 2008, among many others.

Inspired and guided by his family's values and commitment to "people, planet, and profit," he has led the Lopez family in the ratification of the Magna Carta for Corporate Social Responsibility. Starting with environment, safety, and health, the Lopez Group's various holdings and operating companies proceeded to systematically earn and obtain various stringent ISO accreditations, from the 9000 to the 14000 series.



## FACTS and FIGURES

La Salle in UAAP 73

DLSU - 2nd place in overall team standing (first semester)

Taekwondo Men's - Champion

Women's Beach Volleyball - 1st Runner Up

Table Tennis Men and Women - 1st Runner Up

Badminton Women's - 1st Runner Up

Taekwondo Women's - 2nd Runner Up

Swimming Women's - 2nd Runner Up

Judo Men and Women Divisions - 2nd Runner Up

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## St. La Salle Hall Retrofitting



ST. LA SALLE HALL, a Lasallian symbol of pride and history, will undergo a 'retrofitting' beginning in January 2011.

The retrofitting primarily aims to preserve and safeguard the building's structure as well as its symbolic

significance. The project involves reinforcing and strengthening St. La Salle Hall's structural frames.

By January 2011, classrooms and offices at the North Wing of the St.

2401 (twe'n 'te for', o, wun) is a landmark number along Taft Avenue. It is the location ID of De La Salle University, home to outstanding faculty and students, and birthplace of luminaries in business, public service, education, the arts, and science. And 2401 is the name of the official newsletter of DLSU, featuring developments and stories of interest about the University.



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La Salle Hall will be temporarily relocated to other areas on campus to ensure the safety of the members of the Lasallian community for the duration of the project. The same will be done at a later time for other parts of the St. La Salle Hall.

The retrofitting will have four phases, with each

phase covering one trimester. The whole project will be completed by the end of AY 2011 - 2012. The general schedule of each phase will be: Phase 1, North Wing, Term 3, AY 2010 – 2011; Phase 2, North Central Section, Term 1, AY 2011 – 2012; Phase 3, South Central Section, Term 2, AY 2011 – 2012; and Phase 4, South Wing, Term 3, AY 2011 – 2012.

The Campus Development group has started coordinating with the concerned offices regarding their relocation and other pertinent details.

## UP-ACES thesis competition winners

**DLSU CIVIL ENGINEERING FACULTY** and students bested 20 entries in the recent University of the Philippines-Association of Civil Engineering Students (UP-ACES) First CE Undergraduate Thesis Competition.

Winning the top prize of the competition was the thesis project, "Effects of the Exterior post-Tensioning on Retrofitting Deformed Wide Flange Steel Beams" by Civil Engineering (CE) students Patricia Adiaz and David Joseph Vidad, under the guidance of faculty adviser Dr. Bernardo Lejano.

At the same time, the CE group of Mickel Fernandez, Ralph Luigi Franco, and Morgan Say, under the mentorship of Engr. Jason Ong Peng, won third place for their thesis project, "Sustainable Development in the Construction Industry through ISO 14001 EMS (Environmental Management System)." The awarding was held during the National Civil Engineering Summit last September 2 at the GE Theater in the UP College of Engineering.

## ME team bags 2010 Emerson Cup



The Student Excellence Award includes the Emerson Cup trophy for the University, USD1,000, and individual plaque for students.

**FOR THEIR RESEARCH PROJECT** focusing on the performance of solar chimney with built-in phase change material to enhance a room's natural ventilation, a group of students won the Student Excellence Award Engineering Category of the 2010 Emerson Cup.

The team, composed of Wilson Robertson Montenegro, Juan Antonio Chan, Ramon Antonio Hilado, and Dayle Robin Ng, bested 16 other entries from India and South East Asia including Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, and the Philippines.

The Emerson Cup is an annual event that recognizes outstanding designs and innovation in the Heating, Ventilating, and Air-conditioning (HVAC) industry. The 2010 competition focused on innovations that address energy scarcity and global warming.

Engr. Martin Ernesto Kalaw, the group's thesis adviser, represented the students in the Emerson Cup Awards Night held in the Chennai Trade Center, Chennai, India last October 8 as part of the events for the India Green Building Congress also held in the same venue from October 7 to 9.

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## ASEAN economics champions

**DLSU STUDENTS** outshone their regional counterparts in the subject of ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA) during the recently concluded 8th Economix Competition in Indonesia.

The School of Economics' Camille Aquino and Ina Estrada were announced champions while Denise Serano and Joe Rigodon were first runners up.

The competition was one of many activities during the 8th Economix, a weeklong event hosted annually by the University of Indonesia Faculty of Economics.

The DLSU teams hurdled two rounds of elimination before reaching the finals. In the first round, participants from different parts of Asia were asked to submit a paper about ACFTA. From this, 15 teams were chosen to proceed to the next segment in Indonesia.

In the second round, a panel of distinguished adjudicators interviewed the teams about ACFTA

and related issues. The DLSU teams were among the five who made it to the finals, where they presented analyses and policy recommendations on ACFTA-related topics.



## Engineering alumni choice for top research

**A GROUP** of five students from the Manufacturing Engineering and Management (MEM) Department bagged the 2010 CESDR-EF70 Enterprise Award given during the College of Engineering Recognition Rites held at Waldo Perfecto

Seminar Room last October 6.

CESDR-EF70 Enterprise Award is given by Engineering Freshmen '70 (EF70), a fellowship group of De La Salle Engineering Alumni to promote excellence and relevance in DLSU engineering research.



The winning project entitled "Automated Malunggay Leaves Drying and Powdering Machine" is the thesis project of Jerico

Abedania, Casey Ang, Jean Paul Cristobal, Marie Precious Marasigan, and Enrique Palomar, under the mentorship of Dr. Nilo Bugtai, MEM Department Chair.

The Malunggay processor is the first of its kind in the country. Its process of malunggay drying is 78.5 percent more efficient than the traditional one.

Criteria for evaluation include innovation, design, technical feasibility, potential for commercial success, and potential benefit to the community. The winning team received cash prize and medals for each group member.

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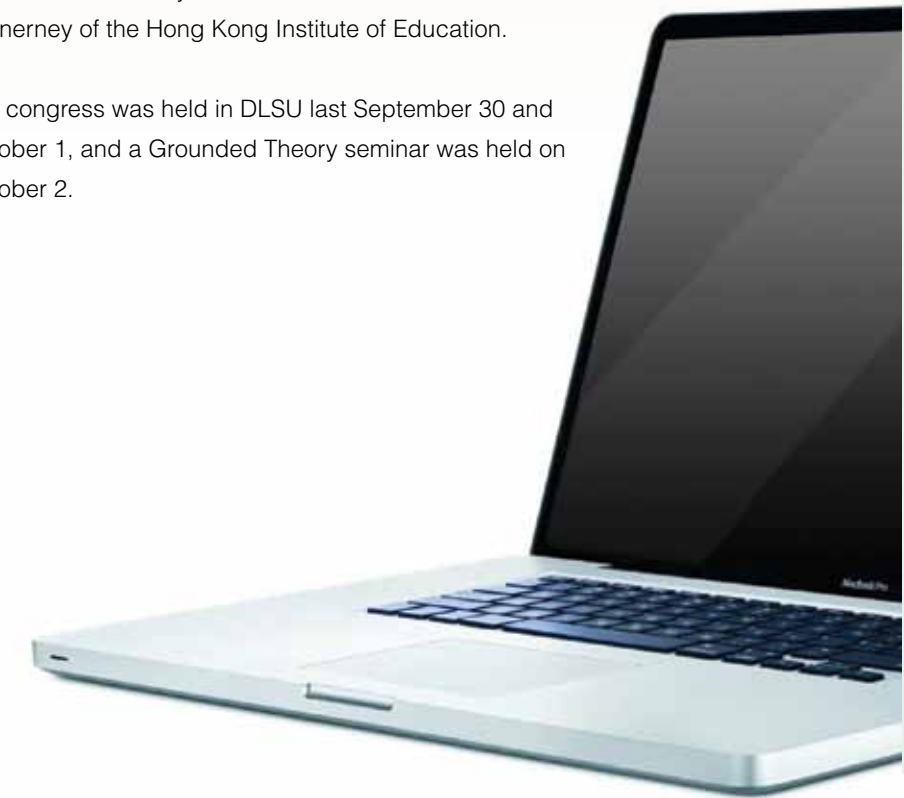
## Educators' Congress launched

**TO TACKLE EDUCATIONAL ISSUES** and challenges brought about by rapid technological developments and globalization, educators both in the local and global communities converged in the first Educators' Congress by the DLSU College of Education.

With the theme of "Pushing the Frontiers in Knowledge and Education," the congress provided a forum for ideas on the most recent trends and innovations in the field of education.

The speakers for the congress were Dr. Scott Rader of the Grounded Theory Institute and Dr. Dennis Michael McInerney of the Hong Kong Institute of Education.

The congress was held in DLSU last September 30 and October 1, and a Grounded Theory seminar was held on October 2.



**Never act without great moderation, always think before doing anything, and keep your body as much as possible tranquil and steady.**

---St. John Baptist de La Salle

## OU-DLSU workshop highlights collaboration

**UNDERSCORING RESEARCH COLLABORATION** in the development of science and technology, De La Salle University and Osaka University conducted the 15th OU-DLSU Workshop and Research Symposium last September 27-30 on campus.

The event from September 27 to 28 featured a College of Science workshop that focused on computational materials design, with support from OU Professor Hideaki Kasai. For its part, the College of Computer Studies conducted a workshop on empathic computing, in partnership with OU Professor Masayuki Numao.

The symposium, held at the Natividad Fajardo-Rosario Gonzalez Auditorium on September 29-30, began with plenary sessions composed of key speakers from both DLSU and OU. Parallel sessions were held at the Yuchengco Hall on the last day of the event.

With the theme, "Science and Technology Dealing With Real World Issues," the symposium provided a venue for academicians and researchers from the two Universities to share and discuss their work in their respective fields.

