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The Center for Social Concern and Action (COSCA) soft launched its Leveriza Initiatives last May 16, 2014 with the Building Solidarity, Transforming our Community: A Consultation Workshop using the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) at DLSU. Participated in by representatives from the seven pilot barangays in District 5 (Manila) and selected DLSU offices, the activity highlighted the following: status of the country's MDG completion, the important role of the Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS) in capturing local poverty and development related information and presentation on the case of Pasay City in using MDG in their city development plans. The workshop that followed revealed the status of MDG completion in the brgy level and the limited support from the city government of Manila in its implementation.

As part of its second phase of Leveriza interventions, COSCA will be institutionalizing its partnership with the same pilot brgys through a signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Lasallian Mission and their brgy councils on Sept 9, 2014.

COSCA, again in partnership with the CBMS Philippines will be training local enumerators from the pilot brgys to assist in the CBMS data gathering process. The session will run from Sept 11 to 13, 2014 at DLSU. The information will be used by both the brgys and COSCA to identify common developmental projects/activities that the DLSU faculty members, academic and co-academic units and student groups may use for their community engagement in District 5.

The Department of Education (DepEd) and DLSU are now committed to contribute to the government's National Greening Program (NGP). Included in the MOU signed between DepEd

Secretary Br. Armin Luistro FSC and DLSU President Br. Ricardo Laguda FSC last June 30, 2014 are the common thrust of establishing nurseries of native and endemic tree species in DLSU, DLSU STC and in selected partner public schools in Manila, Cavite and Batangas; capacity building of selected schools in establishing plant/tree nurseries; and joint forest restoration activities. COSCA and the Campus Sustainability Office are spearheading this project.

For information on volunteering opportunities or how your department can become part of these CE projects, please contact Mr. Joseph Rosal, Coordinator for Community Engagement, COSCA at 525-4267 or local 147 and via [joseph.rosal@dlsu.edu.ph](mailto:joseph.rosal@dlsu.edu.ph). For DLSU STC related queries, please contact Mr. Mel Oribe, Officer-in-charge, COSCA STC at (049) 554 89 00 local 104 or (049) 554 89 07 and via [bromheloh@yahoo.com](mailto:bromheloh@yahoo.com).

Thank you.