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From the Editor

The Journal of Computational Innovations and Engineering Applications (JCIEA) is a peer-reviewed and abstracted journal published twice a year by De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines. JCIEA aims to promote and facilitate the dissemination of quality research outputs that can push for the growth of the nation's research productivity. In its second volume, second issue, seven articles were selected to provide valuable references for researchers and practitioners in the field of environmental engineering, air quality monitoring, agricultural crop health assessment, healthcare engineering, assistive systems, machine learning, computer vision, video processing, wireless systems, motor controller for electric vehicles, and robotic systems.

The first article is *Artificial Intelligence: Policy Paper*. In this paper, the current trends of AI are discussed in a global and local context. Furthermore, the common facilitating factors that make AI adoption easy are also elaborated as well as the barriers of technology adoption. Then finally, policy recommendations that will improve and maximize the applications of AI in the economy, industry, society, and government has been proposed.

The second article is *Design of a Load Detection Circuit Using Magnetic Field–Based Transistor Switch for Charge Controllers*. This is a design of a load detection circuit using magnetic field – based transistor switch for charge controllers. This charge controller has two innovative main features. The first one is for the battery charging. Multiple batteries are employed so that more energy will be stored. The second one is focused in the battery discharging. The load detection circuit aims to guarantee that the energy stored in the battery is being used efficiently. Typical charge controllers let the battery supply the whole system even if no load is connected. This load detection circuit will detect if a load is connected to the system before letting the battery discharge.

The third article is *Development of an Algorithm Using Zernike Polynomials and Fourier Transform for Measuring Refractive Errors in the Human Eyes.* This paper aims to develop an algorithm using Zernike polynomials and Fourier transform to provide a reliable measurement of refractive errors that will aid ophthalmologists and optometrists. The FFT of the image and magnitude and the phase of spectrum values are correlated and computations using formula for Zernike polynomials are performed. The outputs are spherical (SPH), cylindrical (CYL), and axial (AX) values which represent the refractive errors of the eyes. The results are displayed in the device and uploaded to a database which can be viewed at the website online. The device was able to provide a reliable measurement which can aid in conducting eye checkups.

The fourth article is *Policy Paper on Robotics in the Philippines*. The paper aims to recommend a policy paper on the use and adoption of robotics in the Philippines. Applications of robotics extend from domestic to manufacturing and automation industry. Military and healthcare services also use robots in day to day programs. Economies that had adopted robotics have already flourished and prospered. This paper discusses the trends in robotics, stimuli, and hindrances for adoption, impacts of robotics, and some recommendations for the utilization of robotics to fire up our economy.

The fifth article is *Classification of Philippine Herbal Plants via Leaf using Different Machine Learning Algorithms*. In this paper, a machine vison-based herbal plant identification was implemented. An improvised image capturing system with 16 megapixels resolution camera was used with the aid of MATLAB installed in

laptop to gather real images of twelve herbal plants. An intelligent system was developed by utilizing image processing, feature extraction, and machine learning (ML) algorithms using Python. The classification accuracy was used to select the best model. Moreover, F1 score metric was used to compare the performances of the default and optimized models in identifying all the herbal classes. Based on the results, SVM model showed the best performance in classifying the herbal plants with accuracy score of 94.50% and 93.30% for the optimized training and testing performances.

The sixth article is *Shrimp Growth Monitoring System Using Image Processing Techniques*. An approach in developing a shrimp growth monitoring system capable of measuring the growth parameters and calculating the optimal feed amount based on the real-time images of live shrimp samples has been discussed. The system utilizes a specialized conveyor belt and camera controlled by an Arduino microcontroller for image acquisition. The acquired images are sent to the computer for image processing-based measurements using Artificial Neural Network (ANN). The system was tested and reached an average accuracy of above 96% for length and above 94% for weight measurement.

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