2019 GREENPRENEURS GLOBAL BUSINESS PITCH COMPETITION WINNER

AN ALL-FEMALE TEAM FROM DLSU BAGGED THE TOP PRIZE IN THE 2019 GREENPRENEURS GLOBAL BUSINESS PITCH COMPETITION hosted by Global Green Grant and Global 2000 at the Continental Social CIO2. The event was attended by the “Unlocking Renewable Energy Potentials”

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It seeks to develop a high-yielding and sustainable culture of growing seaweed and shellfish in the country’s aquaculture spaces. The startup also intends to help small fishermen generate stable income by creating seafood hubs.

Isdabest has also been recognized in other major competitions, such as the Hult Prize Regional Global Business pitch competition winner and Shellfish in the oceans in the country’s restorative ocean farming by growing seaweed. It aims to develop a high-yielding and sustainable aquaculture startup in the Philippines.

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International conference on agro-industry research highlights UN SDGs

IN PURSUIT OF THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG), MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY AND AGRICULTURE convened last October 5-7 during the 6th International Conference on Agro-Industry held at De La Salle University last November 5-7.

Organized by DLSU, Universitas Gadjah Mada-Indonesia, and De La Salle Araneta University, the event featured plenary talks and topical sessions that engaged members of the private and public sectors in the region towards creating social enterprise development and economic, and green growth.

In his keynote address, Agriculture Secretary William Dar delivered the message to the ICOnA participants.

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For Plenary Session 1, the featured speakers were Embassy of Israel’s Trade Commissioner Angel Cachuela, Universitas Gadjah Mada’s Trade Commissioner Darijo Commission, and UMG Group of Companies Myuran Wiranata and Dr. Adi Djoko Guritno.

For Plenary Session 2, the featured speakers were Embassy of the Philippines’ Deputy Chief of Mission Yulia Rachinsky-Spivakov and De La Salle Araneta University’s Dr. Mydil Cardines and Dr. Bernardo Sepeda served as facilitators during the discussions.

For Plenary Session 3, the featured speakers were University of Delaware’s Dr. Charles Glickman, Universitas Gadjah Mada’s Trade Commissioner Darijo Commission, and UMG Group of Companies Myuran Wiranata and Dr. Adi Djoko Guritno.

For Plenary Session 4, the speakers were Embassy of Canada-Manila’s Trade Commissioner Angel Cachuela, Universitas Gadjah Mada’s Trade Commissioner Darijo Commission, and UMG Group of Companies Myuran Wiranata and Dr. Adi Djoko Guritno.

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**LASALLIAN SCHOLAR RECEIVES TOP DISTINCTION FROM EU PROGRAM**

**LAST SEPTEMBER, MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION ALUMNUS KENT TANGCALAGAN (12) received the distinction of summa cum laude during his graduation from a joint master’s degree in the EU.** Tangcalagan took up a two-year graduate program in Comparative Local Development in the University of Trento in Italy, University of Regensburg in Germany, and the University of Budapest in Hungary, as part of the Erasmus Mundus scholarship. His previous training as a nurse made him graduate to learning about sustainable development, particularly in the health sector of various societies.

A joint master’s degree meant rewarding the program in several universities in the continent, including Gúmera University of Public Health in Nicaragua and private universities in the Philippines. 

Tangcalagan’s research career began while he was earning his first master’s degree in DLSU, where he was also a Ford Foundation scholar. “My professor Dr. Ma. Elena Javier took me as a research associate in DLSU’s Social Development Research Center, for a USAID-funded project on ‘Conservation Agriculture Production Systems in the Philippines and Cambodia.’ The work and mentorship I received allowed me to shift seamlessly from the nursing profession to the field of sustainable development,” he shares.

After graduating from DLSU in 2013, he was hired by USA-based development systems firm DiversoRoca International, Inc. He maintained his working relationship with his mentor, this time in a new USAID program about biodiversity and watersheds. When Javier left the program, Tangcalagan was asked to take over her role in the project and paved the way towards Gúmera Mundus scholarship. After graduating, Tangcalagan continued to seek development work in the health sector. He currently works for the USAID program ‘Philippines Human Resources for Health in 2050,’ which focuses on improving the country’s health workforce, strengthening human resources in health governance and performance management, and advancing the use of data for health decision-making in human resources.

**STELLAR PERFORMANCE BY DLSU TEAM IN 2019 ASEAN IMPACT CHALLENGE**

**BESTING 200 ENTRIES FROM THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGION, a team from DLSU is one of the top 10 regional finalists at the ASEAN Impact Challenge held from October 31 to November 2 in Bangkok, Thailand.** The team, G-MATrix, represented the Philippines as part of the ten StartImpact Ventures. These were steered by the startup community, students and teachers who created and pitched new business realizations.

G-MATrix presented a solution for a sustainable and progressive built environment using geopolymer technology. Team members Jessemar Dollente and April Anne Tigue made a pitch to some of ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Youth (SOYM) members and judge from the startup community.

DLSU is the only private university among the 16 ASEAN nations included in the said rankings. In the subject area of Engineering and Technology, 1,008 universities made it in the list. DLSU is the top-ranked Philippine university in the latest THE list for the second straight year. For this subject area, 1,008 universities made it in the list.

DLSU Laguna Campus Update

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**DLSU INTEGRATED SCHOOL, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MR. ANDREW KONGZIE FOSCO COLLEGE OF OPERATIONS BIG BROTHER (SSB), recently hosted the annual inter-school competition, Sci-Math Race, for public and private high school students from Manila and Laguna.**

Held at the Laguna Campus last October 12, the program saw participation from students from Manila and Laguna.

Ramon Malayaup’s High School students placed first in the Room Escape activity while Manila High School students placed first in Robotics. DLSU students from Tanghalang Pilipino and Fotonico Tomas High School – bagged the 3rd place in the Room Escape and 2nd place in the Quiz Bowl, respectively. Manila Science High School received 3rd place overall.

**SAMGYUPSLAMAT DONATION**

**IN APPRECIATION OF THE LOYAL LA SALE CUSTOMERS at their first branch on Kapitang Titing Street in Manila, Samgyupsalamat Inc. owner, Mr. Young Hun Ko, signed a deed of donation to DLSU, represented by DLSU President Dr. Reynaldo Suplina FSC. The donation will provide support to three scholars under the La Salle Scholarship Program.**

Setting the atmosphere for the ceremony is DLSU Office for Admissions and Scholarship Director Giochel Padilla and Samgyupsalamat’s Sung Wan Kwon.

**CBCP Gawad Pagligkong Award for Prison Pastoral Care**

**MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION FACULTY MEMBER Dr. Maria Paquita Bontem and the Center for Social Concern and Action (COSCA) received the Gawad Pagligkong Award from the Catholic Bishop Conference of the Philippines–Episcopal Commission on Prison Pastoral Care.**

The awardee ceremony was held at St. Andrew Cathedral, Paranaque City last October 27 during the national celebration of the 53rd Prison Awareness Sunday. CBCP gives the recognition to individuals and groups that have done exemplary and valuable contributions to the prison ministry. COSCA has been in partnership with the Philippine Prison Services, Inc. for several years through various social engagement and service-learning activities of Lasallian students with Persons Deprived of Liberty.

**LETTER 47 - to Br. Robert in Darnetal, 1709**

**“It is impossible to please God if you do not live on friendly terms with others.”**