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## DLSU, local gov't partner to make Manila a sustainable city

IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE THE PHILIPPINE CAPITAL A SUSTAINABLE URBAN CENTER, DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY AND THE MANILA CITY GOVERNMENT FORGED A PARTNERSHIP to co-produce technologies and implement innovative programs for inclusive development.

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Under the project, DLSU and the local government will develop joint action-research programs, technologies, and tools aligned with the goals of the city and the UN Sustainable Development Goals to address specific development issues. The parties also agreed to co-produce and co-implement programs, projects, and outputs that will localize SDGs in the city.

Moreover, DLSU and the city government will develop evidence-based, practical, and appropriate solutions to local development problems, establish a network of organizations, government agencies, and academic institutions through the parties/members; and mobilize resources to sustain the partnership.

DLSU is a member of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network which operates under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General. The network mobilizes global scientific and technological expertise to promote practical solutions for sustainable development, including the implementation of the SDGs.

The memorandum of understanding signing was held on November 18 at the Manila City Hall. DLSU was represented by Vice President for Lasallian Mission Fritzie De Vera and SDG Lab Project Director Dr. Francisco Magno with DLSU President Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC and DLSU Chancellor Br. Bernard Oca FSC virtually present. Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso signed for the city government.

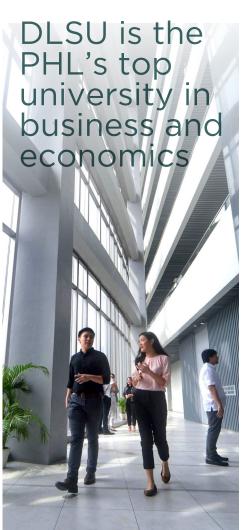


## DLSU RANKS IN 2020 EDUNIVERSAL BEST 1000 BUSINESS SCHOOLS

**DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY MAINTAINS** its first position in the 3 Palmes of Excellence League at the 2020 Eduniversal Ranking of the best Business Schools worldwide.

The 3 Palmes of Excellence is awarded to "Excellent Business Schools with Reinforcing International Influence." DLSU earned a Dean's Recommendation Rate of 101% and is tied in first place with the University of the Philippines' Cesar E.A. Virata School of Business.

The higher education global ranking and rating agency highlights the appraisal of 1,000 educational institutions from 154 countries across 50 areas of study.



## DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY IS THE ONLY PHILIPPINE UNIVERSITY THAT IS INCLUDED

in the recently released 2021 Times Higher Education global ranking in Business and Economics.

The rankings apply the same rigorous performance indicators as the overall World University Rankings, but have been adjusted to suit the specific field. The list only includes research-intensive HEIs, and the criteria used put a premium on research resources, global outlook, productivity, and impact.

This year, 1,512 institutions met the criteria to be included in the subject rankings.

The recognition is a result of the efforts of the faculty, students, personnel, and alumni of the Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business (RVR COB) and the School of Economics (SOE), which also marks their tenth anniversary as separate academic units this academic vear.

RVR COB Dean Dr. Emelina Sarreal congratulated her college as well as the School of Economics for this milestone. "Our students graduate and new ones are admitted. New programs and courses are introduced,

academic leaders leave with legacies, while new ones take the helm with visions to change. The only constant element for a school of business is its faculty and we recognize their contribution, whether big or small, to a University's ability to land in global rankings."

For School of Economics Dean Dr. Marites Tiongco, the feat is a response to DLSU's institutional achievements. "Now that the University has clinched the ASEAN University Network Quality Assurance seal, and ranked 301+ by the THE Asia University Rankings, thereby branding it as a regional university, expectations run high for all academic units to perform well. As a result, the School of Economics has to manifest the Lasallian steadfastness in terms of bridging faith and scholarship, allocating talent and resources in the service of God and country, providing quality economics education, and generating research projects that matter to society."

Aside from the Business and Economics, DLSU is also the country's top HEI in the Computer Science, Engineering, Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences subject area rankings.

### Biology faculty member receives Filipino Faces of Biotechnology award



**DLSU BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT FULL PROFESSOR DR. MA. CARMEN ABLAN LAGMAN WAS NAMED** one of the awardees of this year's Filipino Faces of Biotechnology.

The Biotechnology Program Office of the Department of Agriculture made the announcement as part of the celebration of the National Biotech Week during the last week of November.

She was cited for her great contribution and significant role in the advancement of biotechnology in the country. Because of the current pandemic, however, the awarding ceremonies will be scheduled next year.

At DLSU, Lagman established the Practical Genomics Laboratory where she leads a multi-disciplinary team of researchers to integrate



DNA, RNA and protein marker data with image analysis, GIS mapping, and mobile computing to address practical problems in agriculture, aquaculture, and biodiversity conservation.

Since joining DLSU in 2008, Lagman has been a Fulbright Agriculture Senior Visiting Scholar to Oregon State University, a USAID STRIDE Program research grantee, a Leadership in Innovation Fellow of the Newton Fund Program to the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Asian Institute of Management, and an Outstanding Research and Development awardee of DOST-PCIEERD.

Her current research projects are in mangrove crab genomics, giant clam population genetics, DNA barcoding of commercially important fish, and identification of varieties of coffee and cacao.

## University Fellow receives 14th Cardinal Sin Catholic Book Awards-Lifetime Achievement Award

UNIVERSITY FELLOW DR. JOSÉ M. DE MESA IS CONFERRED the Lifetime Achievement Award of the 14th Cardinal Sin Catholic Book Awards (CSCBA) for his lifework representing a continuing contribution to the propagation of the Christian Faith through the print media, in recognition of his exemplary Catholic life and apostolic zeal as reflected in the Christian values and ideas contained in his writings.

Through his scholarship, he makes it his mission to draw people to God's *kagandahang-loob*. His body of work is devoted to imbuing trust and inspiration in Jesus of Nazareth through an appreciation of the Filipino culture. He does this through the intellectualization of the Filipino language in theology and by forming a Filipino tradition in this area of study. In the process, he has greatly advanced the field and has given Filipino tradition a niche in global theology.

His efforts have been recognized the world over by awards and seats in various theological institutions, notably by Linangan ng Mga Wika sa Pilipinas in 1991, the German Institute Missionswissenschaftliches Missio in 2000, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the 14th Cardinal Sin Catholic Book Awards by the Asian Catholic Communicators, Inc., this year.

His academic journey includes being a professor of systematic theology at Maryhill School of Theology, the East Asian Pastoral

Institute (EAPI) and De La Salle University, including holding the title of Visiting Luzbetak Professor of Mission and Culture for a decade at the Chicago Theological Union (USA). Currently, he teaches at the Inter-Congregational Theological Center and the Institute of Formation and Religious Studies.

He has been a member of the editorial board of the Louvain  $\,$ 

Theological and Pastoral Monographs based in Leuven,
Belgium, and the Concilium Advisory Board for Liturgy
and Sacraments in Nijmegen, Holland. An Introductory
Dictionary of Theology and Religious Studies (Liturgical
Press, 2007) ascribes to his name a unique way of

applying cultural appreciation in theological studies.

At DLSU, he infused new energy to the Theology and Religious Education Department (TRED). He contributed significantly to the strengthening of theological education by his research, publication, and teaching as well as in helping form teachers who could draw students to Jesus of Nazareth.

De Mesa obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. in Religious Studies (1978), specializing in Systematic Theology from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium. He also pursued post-doctoral studies at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada.



Dr. de Mesa

# Four DLSU researchers among world's top 2% researchers based on scientific impact



#### DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY FACULTY RESEARCHERS ARE INCLUDED in the

list of the world's top 2% researchers across all disciplines in a paper published by a team led by a Stanford University statistician.

Among the Lasallian researchers who are part of the list are Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation and University Fellow Dr. Raymond Tan, University Fellow Dr. Allan B.I. Barnardo, Chemical Engineering Full Professor Dr. Kathleen Aviso, and Electronics and Communications Engineering Full Professor Dr. Aaron Don Africa.

Authored by John P. A. Ioannidis, Kevin W. Boyack, and Jeroen Baas, the paper titled "Updated science-wide author databases of standardized citation indicators" was published in Plos Biology Journal last October 16.

The list includes 160,000 names, with only 26 Philippine-based researchers ranked based on their 2019 scientific impact/citation performance. DLSU leads with the most number of faculty researchers, tied with the University of the Philippines-Diliman.



### Top student projects of NSTP program recognized

WITH THE SHIFT TO ONLINE LEARNING
MODE, DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY'S NATIONAL
SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM (NSTP)
COMPOSED OF CIVIC WELFARE TRAINING
SERVICE (CWTS), LITERACY TRAINING SERVICE
(LTS), AND THE RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING
CORPS (ROTC) RECENTLY RECOGNIZED

outstanding student initiatives.

The NSTP2 during Term 3 of AY2019-2020 was offered by the NSTP and Formation Office (NFO), in consultation with the Office of Student Affairs and other program stakeholders.

Under the program, students implemented over 100 projects ranging from health and relief initiatives to production of educational materials, capacity building activities, and infrastructure projects.

From among CWTS and LTS students on the Manila and Laguna campuses, two classes were recognized. NSTPCW1 C41, under the guidance of Maria Antonette Montemayor, was declared the winner for the best in project implementation and resource mobilization for the AM classes.

They provided various personal care, health, and educational support packages for children with disabilities and their families in Brgy.

Bagong Silangan, Quezon City, in partnership with the Vincentian Missionaries Development Foundation, Inc.

Likewise, NSTPCW1 A69 under Patrick
Daniel Lo won the two major awards for the
PM classes. They implemented an initiative
supporting the urban gardening and livelihood
activities of the senior citizens in Rodriguez,
Rizal through the Teresa Charities for the
Elderly Program Inc.

The winning classes received Php6, 000 worth of e-gift vouchers per award category. Winners for best project proposal and documentation in the NSTP Awards were also revealed during the NSTP-CWTS&LTS Virtual Completion Rites last October 3.

Meanwhile, ROTC's program of instruction was tailored to adjust to the needs of conducting the course fully online. Achievers for the military bearing, semaphore signaling, flashing light signaling, manual of arms, and knot tying were also recognized during the ROTC Graduation Rites last October 5.

## **CALL FOR DONATIONS**

for those affected by Super Typhoon Rolly (Goni) and Typhoon Ulysses (Vamco)

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#### CASH DONATIONS

#### A. THROUGH SALARY DEDUCTION

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#### **B. KADA UNO CASH DONATION**

Account Name: De La Salle Brothers, Inc.

Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI)
 Peso Savings Account Number:
 3103-3749-86

US\$ Dollar Savings Account Number: 3104-0289-09 Swift Code: BOPIPHMM

<u>Rizal Commercial Bank Corporations (RCBC)</u>
 Peso Savings Account Number: 7590-569081

US\$ Dollar Savings Account Number: 8-296-00115-6 Swift Code: RCBCPHMM

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- PayPal: https://paypal.me/DeLaSallePhilippines

SEND DEPOSIT SLIPS TO kadauno@delasalle.ph

#### IN-KIND DONATIONS

#### **KADA UNO (DIY RELIEF PACKS)**

Recommended contents of DIY Relief Packs in eco-friendly bags:

- 5 kg rice
- 5 canned goods
- 5 noodles, biscuits

#### **DROP OFF POINTS**

Kindly check the identified drop off points, for your guidance:

https://www.dlsu.edu.ph/wp-content/uploads/pdf/cosca/announcements/kada-uno-para-sa-bicol-batangas-marikina-rizal-cagayan-isabela.pdf

#### **DLSU COSCA PARTNERSHIPS**

For those interested in partnering with DLSU COSCA or Kada Uno through their Solicitation Permit, please send an email at cosca@dlsu.edu.ph.

#### **DONATION DRIVE DSWD PERMIT**

DSWD SB-SP-000130-2020 Permit valid from October 22, 2020 to January 31, 2021

The profound darkness which you experience is the means that God gives to draw you more surely to himself.

Letter 108 - To a Member of a Religious Community of Women, date unknown

### FACTS and FIGURES

## DLSU Relief Bulletin

for those affected by Super Typhoon Rolly (Goni) and Typhoon Ulysses (Vamco)



#### NUMBER OF FAMILIES ASSISTED (BY LOCATION)

141 LIAN, BATANGAS

ZUU GUINOBATAN, ALBAY 351 SANTOLAN, PASIG CITY

50 NOVALICHES, QUEZON CITY

155

MASAMBONG,
QUEZON CITY

200 virac, catanduanes

### CASH DONATIONS



Thru bank transfer to DLSU Php 170,500.00

Total Php 334,300.00



#### PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:

LGU Lian Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO), Diocese of Legazpi - Social Action Center, St. Vincent Foundation for Children and Aging (Unbound Manila) – Pasig, Samahan ng Mamamayan ng Bagbag Tullahan Housing Cooperative (SMBT), Kababaihang Yumayabong sa Kagalingan (KAYUMANGGI) – Quezon City, Diocese of Virac / Caritas Virac Justice and Peace Inc., De La Salle Philippines

Figures as of November 17, 2020, 1:30 pm

Source: Center for Social Concern and Action



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