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WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

Lone PHL private university in THE World University Rankings for four straight years

De La Salle University maintains its standing as one of the leading universities in the world with its inclusion in the 2022 edition of the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

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The lone private university in the country to be ranked for four straight years, DLSU stays within the expanded final bracket of 1,200+. THE ranks more than 1,500 institutions or roughly six percent of over 26,000 HEIs in the world.

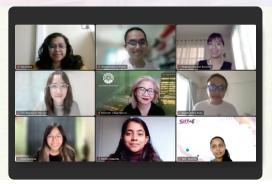
These rankings list only research-intensive universities, with research-based input and output metrics accounting for 65% of the overall institutional scores.

Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation Dr. Raymond Girard Tan said that DLSU's consistent inclusion in the rankings shows the University's resolve to remain as a leading resource for research and development in the country.

"We focus on our research priorities, continuously collaborating with our local and international partners to develop innovative and sustainable ways to mitigate the impact of COVID-19," he said.

DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC expressed his message of gratitude and support to the faculty, students, and personnel for this achievement. "Thank you for a job well done. May you remain steadfast in the face of enormous challenges, as we pursue our Lasallian mission to transform lives and our nation through education."

DLSU HOSTS INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CAMP



AOFUA Summer Camp Program

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY RECENTLY HOSTED THE ASIA-OCEANIA FIVE UNIVERSITIES ALLIANCE (AOFUA) SUMMER CAMP held online on August 7, 11, and 14.

Forty-seven undergraduate and graduate students from Edith Cowan University, Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology, Tokyo City University, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, and DLSU participated in the short-term program that aimed to promote friendship across borders through various seminars and workshops with experiential learning activities blended in the sessions.

Spearheaded by the DLSU Office of the Vice President for External Relations and Internationalization and designed in collaboration with selected university offices, the theme of the international summer camp was "Localizing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)".

The modules focused on the following

SDGs: Gender Equality, Decent Work and Economic Growth, Reduced Inequalities, Responsible Consumption and Production, Climate Action, Life Below the Water, and Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions.

The modules included "Design Thinking", which was led by Prof. Nilo Bugtai and the team from the Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Health Technologies (IBEHT); "Social Entrepreneurship "with Norby Salonga and the Lasallian Social Enterprise for Economic Development Center (LSEED) group; "Climate Change and Below the Water" headed by Prof. Wilfredo Licuanan of the Br. Alfred Shields FSC Ocean Research Center (SHORE) and fellow faculty members from the Biology Department; and "Diversity and Inclusion" with Dr. Estesa Xaris-Legaspi and her team from the Lasallian Center for Inclusion, Diversity and Well-Being.

Aside from the student participants, AOFUA partner school officials attended the summer

camp including Simon Davies Burrows, ECU Internationalisation Manager;
Dr. Itthisek Nilkhamhang, SIIT Deputy
Director for International Affairs and
Corporate Relations; Dr. Koji Homma,
TCU Professor and International Centre
Director; Dr. Norhayati Abdullah, Associate
Director of UTM International Kuala
Lumpur; and Dr. Laurene Chua-Garcia,
DLSU Vice President for External Relations
and Internationalization.

Former DLSU President Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC gave the opening remarks while DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC delivered the closing message. Formed in 2018 by Tokyo City University President Dr. Chitoshi Miki, AOFUA is composed of ECU, SIIT, TCU, UTM, and DLSU.

The summer camp is one of the major projects of the alliance which began in 2019 and was then hosted by Tokyo City University. This is the first time that the program was held virtually due to the pandemic.











LA SALLE WINS CHED-NCR BEST PRACTICES IN ASEAN PROGRAM

FOR ITS ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT
IN THE PROMOTION OF CREATIVITY,
CULTURE, AND THE ARTS AMONG THE
ASEAN YOUTH, De La Salle University won
the Best International/ASEAN Program Award

the Best International/ASEAN Program Award in a competition organized by the Commission on Higher Education – National Capital Region.

The competition recognized the exemplary international/ASEAN program of HEI and its impact and contribution to strengthen the ASEAN region. The virtual awarding ceremony was held last September 3.

DLSU's entry focused on the establishment of ASEAN University Network for Culture and the Arts, a specialized thematic network on culture and the arts within the AUN.

The AUN-CA is a network of cultural offices among AUN Member Universities, with the goal

of promoting creativity, culture, and the arts for the benefit of the ASEAN youth. This is the first time a Philippine university was selected as a host secretariat of an AUN thematic network, signifying the University's role as a pioneer in strengthening and sustaining socio-cultural relationships within the organization, and within the region.

In 2019, AUN-CA launched its first Dialogues Research Forum during the 17th AYCF at the National University of Laos.

This year, DLSU launched a series of online events built around the theme of "Innovate Asia: Strengthening the ASEAN+3 Youth's Creativity and Resilience in the New Normal," The events included the Crosslight Learning Sessions, which sought to help educators, administrators, and students shift and retool for the new normal; the 2nd Dialogues Research

Forum on relevant culture and arts issues and concerns of the ASEAN+3 countries; and the Crosslight Arts Festival, which featured a design art exhibit, film festival, and performance.



RVR COB adopts MAP principles of shared prosperity

IN LINE WITH ITS MISSION AS A LEADING UNIVERSITY IN BUSINESS EDUCATION IN THE COUNTRY, the DLSU

Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business is adopting the Management Association of the Philippines' (MAP) Covenant for Shared Prosperity.

The RVR COB Council of Chairs resolved to include MAP's principles and practices of sharing prosperity in all the course syllabi of the college.

RVR COB is responding to MAP's call encouraging "all the colleges and universities offering business and business-related courses to inculcate and emphasize among their students — current and next generation of managers — the principles and practices of sharing prosperity."

The College pledged support to the government's Ambisyon Natin 2040, which states that "the Philippines shall be a country where all citizens are

free from hunger and poverty, have equal opportunities, enabled by a fair and just society that is governed with order and unity. A nation where families live together, thriving in vibrant, culturally diverse and resilient communities."

Under the covenant, the MAP member signatories vowed to pursue six main goals, namely, 1) the promotion of diversity and inclusion, just practices, and work-life balance in the workplace; 2) the provision of only quality products and services; 3) fair, ethical, and respectful treatment of goods, service, and funds providers; 4) active community involvement, especially with the disadvantaged; 5) environmental protection and preservation; 6) and the delivery of reasonable and just returns to and fair treatment of controlling and non-controlling shareholders



ENGINEERING TEAM PLACES 3RD IN 2021 SHELL ECO-MARATHON VIRTUAL LEAGUE CHALLENGE



THE DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY (DLSU) ECO CAR TEAM, WHICH REPRESENTED THE PHILIPPINES IN THE SHELL ECO-MARATHON (SEM) VIRTUAL LEAGUE, won third place in Road to 2050, a second bonus challenge introduced in the League this year, and which asked teams to creatively capture in a 30-second ad the future of mobility.

Their solution to the challenge was a Smart Mobility Grid interconnecting different countries in the ASEAN region that is powered by data science and renewable energies.

The project foresees a rise in economic activity due to the future implementations of the AEC (ASEAN Economic Community).

Members of the DLSU team under the Gokongwei College of Engineering include MEE students Carlos Dizon, Jaryl Cruz, Dennis Hurt, Daven Jalandoon, Michael Lirio, Ren Untalan, Sean Gatpo, Eunice Rupisan, Jinhee Kim, Abrey Arroyo, EJ Ignacio, and Edwin Lisaba.

Serving as the team's advisers are: faculty members Prof.

Jose Manuel Biona, full professor of the Mechanical Engineering

Department; Engr. Jose Antonio Catalan, assistant professor

of the Electronics and Communications Engineering Department;

and Dr. Neil Stephen Lopez, associate professor of the ME

Department.

SEM is an annual global competition participated in by high school and university students from around the world. Over the years, the competition has encouraged students to build ultra-energy-efficient vehicles.

The Shell Eco-marathon 2021 Virtual Programme received submissions from 139 teams across 20 Asia Pacific and Middle East countries, with the pan-region receiving the most submissions in three of the five virtual competitions: Pitch the Future, Off-track Awards, and Road to 2050.

Faculty member joins list of 2021 Southeast Asia Women in Science



BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND BR. ALFRED SHIELDS FSC MARINE STATION COORDINATOR Dr. Chona Camille Abeledo was chosen as one of the 2021 Southeast Asia Women in Science.

SEA Women is initiated by the Women's Leadership Academy Alumni Network of the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative and supported by the US Mission to ASEAN, women's leadership non-profit Wedu, and Tyne Solutions.

It is a platform that allows leading women across industries in the region to connect and engage for collaboration and speaking opportunities.

This year, 27 women scientists were selected and only seven are from the Philippines.



Winners of the CIMA Global Business Challenge 2021 National Level



A TEAM OF THIRD YEAR ACCOUNTANCY STUDENTS

composed of Trisha Tan Huang (AEF-BSA), Cedric Ligon, Henrico Gustav Mikhail Sanchez, and Carl Fredrick Sayson emerged as the champion of the CIMA Global Business Challenge 2021 National Level last August 29.

Dr. Florenz Tugas of the Accountancy Department of the Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business served as the team's coach.

For the national finals, the team prepared presentation slides, a one-page-summary of their case study report, and a two-minute introductory video.

Initiated by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), the international competition aims at discovering and

developing business acumen of students, unlocking their potential for their knowledge and career competitiveness, and cultivating business leaders for future social development.

The participants are required to register in teams of four, submit the analysis reports of specific cases within a given time. The competition adopts the actual case scenario under the CIMA professional qualification system.

"RVR COB is truly proud of your achievement. You lifted our spirits amidst this pandemic," said Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business Dean, Dr. Emilina Sarreal in her message to the students.

The DLSU team will represent the Philippines in the regional/international finals this coming October 2021.

SHS students win top prizes in math olympiads

Tan



DLSU INTEGRATED SCHOOL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BAGGED SEVERAL AWARDS in various international math competitions.

Patricia Angelica Tan, STEM 12-F, won the gold medal in the recent Philippine International Math Olympiad, Senior Secondary Category. Last August 7, she also won the top prize in the Bulgaria Math Without Borders (MWB) International Tournament Finals and landed at third place overall.

Another SHS student, Martin Johan Ocho, STEM 11-G, won the silver in MWB. He also garnered the bronze in the China Northern Mathematical Olympiad held during the same day, August 7.

Ocho has also won top prizes in other competitions. He won the gold in the Asia International Mathematical Olympiad last August 1, silver in the Singapore International Math Olympiad Challenge last July 24, and another gold in the World Math Invitational Tournament Finals last July 17.

Fulfill your ministry with all the affection of your heart, working entirely for God.

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FACTS and FIGURES 1st Philippine Biomedical Engineering and Health Technology Conference and Exhibit "TeknoLunas: Commercializing Biomedical Devices and Health Technologies for an Inclusive and Innovative Philippines" August 25-27, 2021 5,796 Number of attendees represented **Technologies** exhibited 18 Paper presentations Government and industry representatives The De La Salle University-Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Health Technologies (DLSU-IBEHT) serves as the national institute for R&D, training, and knowledge and technology transfer in the field of biomedical engineering and health technologies in the Philippines. IBEHT's main goal is to pave the way in accelerating the development of biomedical devices and technologies by providing state-of-the-art facilities and services to universities and research institutions, enabling them to transform their ideas into market-ready products. Source: DLSU Institute of Biomedical



2401 (twen'te fôr',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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