



# ★ Level IV ★

## FAAP renews DLSU accreditation, Level IV status

The Federation of Accrediting Agencies of the Philippines (FAAP) has renewed DLSU's Institutional Accreditation until February 2025. It has also renewed the University's Level IV Accreditation status for the following programs: Accountancy, Business, Computer Science, Economics, Education, Entrepreneurship, Liberal Arts, and Sciences.

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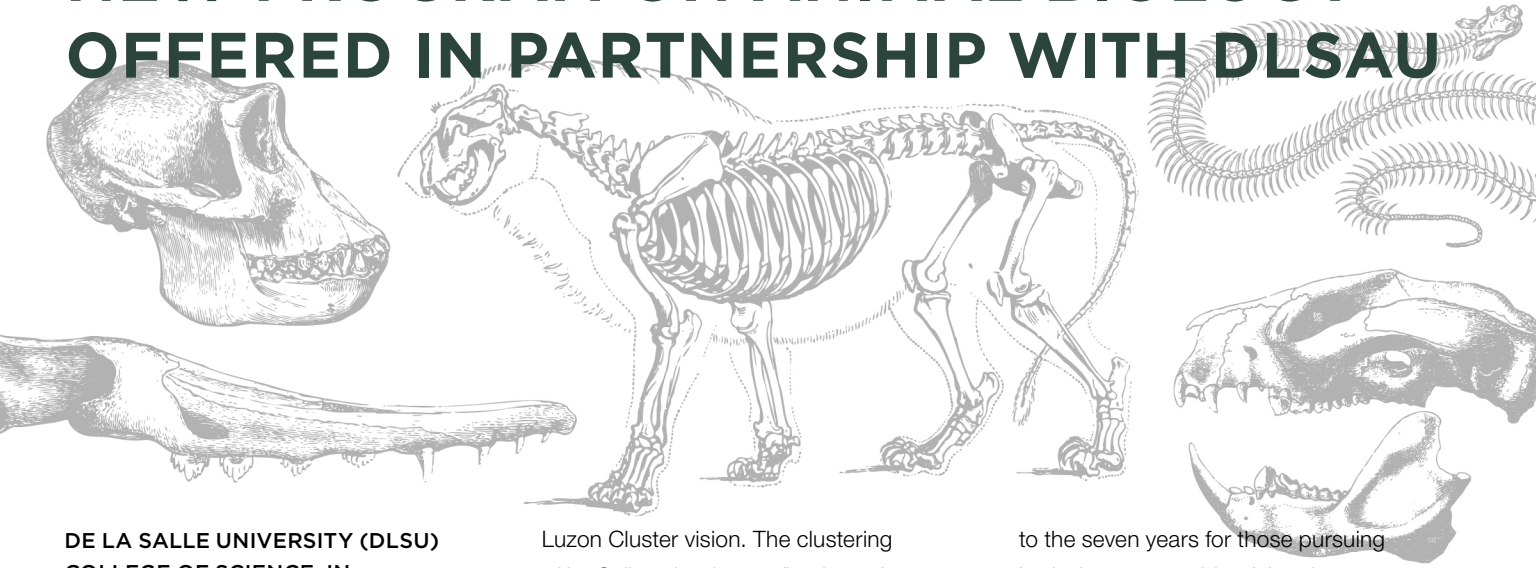
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Institutional Accreditation is granted based on the proportion of accredited programs within an institution, consistently superior performance of graduates in licensure examinations, and a well-developed internal quality assurance system.

Level IV Accreditation status, on the other hand, is granted based on programs having met the highest standards in five criteria: Research, Teaching and Learning, Community Service, International Linkages and Consortia, and Planning Process.

Both quality marks come with progressive deregulation and other benefits. In line with this, DLSU President and Chancellor Br. Bernard Oca FSC urged the community to seize these opportunities so as to keep innovating the programs and advancing the Lasallian educational mission.

## NEW PROGRAM ON ANIMAL BIOLOGY OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DLSAU



**DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY (DLSU) COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DE LA SALLE ARANETA UNIVERSITY (DLSAU)** College of Veterinary Medicine and Agricultural Sciences, launched its program Bachelor of Science in Animal Biology leading to a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program in a virtual event last October 13.

The two La Salle schools signed a memorandum of agreement on the accreditation of the DLSU BS Animal Biology program, whose students upon graduation will form the honors class of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program of DLSAU.

The MOA signing event was graced by DLSU Chancellor Emeritus and University Fellow Dr. Carmelita Quebengco AFSC, who initiated, set the direction, and chaired the ad-hoc committee that developed the collaborative program.

Quebengco shared that the program was a realization of the Lasallian West

Luzon Cluster vision. The clustering of La Salle schools was first brought up by Br. Armin Luistro FSC, former DLSU President and Education Secretary and now Brother Provincial of the Lasallian East Asia District.

She explained that under the concept of clustering, La Salle schools within a given geographical area are able to strengthen their synergy. From among the five clusters of La Salle schools nationwide, DLSU and DLSAU—which fall under the West Luzon Cluster—collaborated to explore each other’s strengths and needs towards the establishment of the program.

Under the MOA, the conferment of the BS Animal Biology degree upon a student by DLSU shall enable the student to be admitted directly into the second year of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program of DLSAU.

For DLSU students taking the program, it will take only six years to earn both degrees, which is shorter compared

to the seven years for those pursuing both degrees outside of the cluster.

Quebengco acknowledged DLSU for providing 50% scholarship to the 35 students now enrolled in the program, who upon earning their BS degree will comprise the initial honors class to the doctorate program.

For her part, Biology Department Chair Dr. Mary Jane Flores said the partnership seeks to create a stronger synergy between the institutions, particularly in the areas of academic program, faculty development, as well as research collaboration and joint publications.

Signatories of the MOA were DLSU President and Chancellor Br. Bernard Oca FSC and DLSAU Chancellor Christopher Polanco. Serving as witnesses were Prof. Dr. Glenn Alea, dean of the DLSU College of Science and Dr. Antonio Glinoga, dean of the Veterinary Medicine and Agricultural Sciences of the DLSAU.

# 2021 OUTSTANDING ASIAN SCIENCE DIPLOMATS

**TWO DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBERS WERE RECENTLY NAMED AS 2021 OUTSTANDING ASIAN SCIENCE DIPLOMATS.** They are among the 28 diplomats selected among nominees from all over the region.

The faculty members are Dr. Aaron Don Africa of the Department of Electronics and Communications Engineering and Dr. Chona Camille Abeledo of the Department of Biology. Africa teaches and pursues research in the areas of control systems, artificial intelligence, optimization techniques, and expert systems.

Abeledo, a member of the University's Practical Genomics Laboratory, conducts research that seeks to advance Philippine agriculture and fisheries by developing practical technologies. Her other research interests are in population genetics and molecular biology.

The Asian Science Diplomats collaborate to strengthen the integration of science and diplomacy for the development of the region, facilitating discussions between scientists and policymakers on their program and research priorities.



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## Student team bags top prize in programming competition

**A TEAM OF STUDENTS FROM THE GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING EMERGED AS THE CHAMPION** in a programming competition hosted online by the Institute of Electronics and Communications Engineers of the Philippines - Manila Student Chapter (IECEP-MSC) last October 17.

Members of the team, namely, Christian Anabeza, Galvin Brice Lim, Mark Lawrence Velasco, under the mentorship of Department of Electronics and Communications Engineering faculty members Engr. Dino Dominic Ligutan and Engr. Jose Martin Maningo, received the award during the awarding ceremony on October 24 through IECEP-MSC Facebook Live.

The team will represent the Manila Chapter in the national programming competition tentatively scheduled on November 26.

IECEP-MSC is the duly accredited organization of Electronics Engineering students of Manila and Bulacan formed as the governing body to serve ideals of every member as well as to promote its objectives for the advancement of science and technology and to disseminate vital technical information in developing potential of its members.



# LS CATECHETICAL CENTER HEAD APPOINTED TO VATICAN COUNCIL



**LASALLIAN CATECHETICAL CENTER DIRECTOR AND DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OIC CHAIR DR. LYSANDER RIVERA** was recently appointed to the Vatican's International Council for Catechesis.

The appointment, approved by Pope Francis, makes Rivera the first Filipino and the only current lay member from Asia.

The International Council for Catechesis (COINCAT) was established during the pontificate of Saint Paul VI in 1973 whose aim is to promote the exchange of experiences and study the most important catechetical topics at the service of the Holy See and the Episcopal Conferences all over the world.

COINCAT is under the auspices of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization.

The Council's renewal under Pope Francis comes in the wake of the publication of both the new Directory for Catechesis (June 25, 2020) and the recent Motu Proprio "Antiquum Ministerium" (May 11, 2021) instituting the lay ministry of the Catechist.

These documents demonstrate Pope Francis' attention to the vital function of catechesis in the life of the Church, as well as to its development along the lines of mission and New Evangelization.

## DLSU establishes School of Lifelong Learning



**AS PART OF ITS COMMITMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO BUILDING A DYNAMIC AND PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY**, De La Salle University established the School of Lifelong Learning (SoLL), which commenced effective Term 1, AY 2021-2022.

SoLL serves as the institutional training and development unit of DLSU, offering multidisciplinary continuing education programs such as executive certificate courses, review classes, training, seminars, and consultancy services.

Through SoLL, DLSU engages with companies from various industries to equip their personnel with the knowledge and skill sets for career advancement and assists in building the capacity of organizations to adequately address the needs and challenges of their field.

SoLL helps clients achieve organizational objectives while providing professionals the opportunity to experience Lasallian education. In the process, SoLL provides DLSU faculty opportunities to share their expertise and interact with professionals

working in various industries thereby also enhancing their teaching and facilitating skills.

Serving as the School dean is Dr. Rodiel Ferrer, full professor of the Accountancy Department. He has a DBA degree from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines and a PhD in Education major in Educational Leadership Management degree from DLSU.

Prior to this appointment, Ferrer was the director of Center for Professional Development in Business (CPDB) at Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business.

# Civil Engineering faculty recognized in structural engineering awards program

**THE ASSOCIATION OF STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC. (ASEP) RECOGNIZED THREE DLSU GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY MEMBERS** for their exemplary contribution in the structural engineering profession during the recently concluded 60th founding anniversary of the professional organization.

Prof. Andres Winston Oreta and Prof. Lessandro Estelito Garciano each received an Outstanding Achievement Award in the field of Structural Engineering Education, while Engr. Frederick Sison received an Outstanding Achievement Award in the field of Disaster Management.

A recipient of St. Benilde Romancon Pillar of Lasallian Excellence Award in Teaching, Oreta was the lead person for the implementation of Outcomes Based Education (OBE) in his department. He has conducted action research and presented papers on civil engineering education.

Garciano has received local and international grants for his research. He pursues areas like wind, earthquake and flood hazard mapping,

Bayesian updating methods, risk assessment, reliability theory and multi-hazard assessment of historical structures, hospitals and schools.

Sison is a structural, civil, and geotechnical engineer and serves as a consultant to numerous projects and organizations.

The ASEP Outstanding Achievement Awards aimed to acknowledge the work of ASEP members in an effort to bring awareness and serve as an inspiration to everyone in the professional community.



Garciano



Sison



Oreta

## Alumnus wins DA Young Farmers Challenge

**FOR ESTABLISHING AN AGRIBUSINESS PROJECT CALLED NAMA MICROGREENS,** an alumnus was included in the list of NCR awardees of the Young Farmers Challenge (YFC) of the Department of Agriculture.

Eldrin Lee (BS Physics Material Science '16) was among the NCR winners who each received Php 50,000 as start-up capital to implement their proposed ventures. Lee, together with his project partner Skyrene Bacalso, will have the chance to compete at the regional and national levels for

additional P150,000 and P300,000 grants.

Also called the Kabataang Agribiz Competitive Grant Assistance Program, the DA's Young Farmers Challenge aims at encouraging the youth to engage in profitable and sustainable agri-fishery enterprises by providing them access to resources and opportunities.

Nama is a health food store that aims to create an ecosystem through microgreens by producing healthy food options and

promoting sustainable consumption and responsible production for the people and planet.

Currently, Nama offers fresh microgreens in the form of cuts, trays, grow kits, and ready-to-eat meals. The grant received will be used for scaling up the system, marketing campaigns, and other administrative expenses.

“You who have given yourself to God should consecrate to him every moment of your life.”

*De la Torre*

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## De La Salle University Outstanding Researchers

Six De La Salle University full professors are listed in the 2021 ranking of the Top 2% of the world's researchers.



**Prof. Aaron Don Africa**  
Electronics and Communications Engineering



**Prof. Kathleen Aviso**  
Chemical Engineering



**Prof. Allan B.I. Bernardo**  
Psychology



**Prof. Luis Razon**  
Chemical Engineering



**Prof. Raymond Tan**  
Chemical Engineering



**Prof. Aristotle Ubando**  
Mechanical Engineering

The rankings are based on composite citation metrics developed by a team of statisticians from Stanford University and Elsevier.

For the link to the data, visit: <https://dx.doi.org/10.17632/btchxktzyw>



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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