



## AY 21-22 PRIORITIES HIGHLIGHT GRADUAL RESUMPTION PLAN

SHARING DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY'S DIRECTIONS POST-PANDEMIC, PRESIDENT BR. BERNARD OCA FSC CITED KEY STRATEGIES, including the possibility of classes remaining hybrid post-pandemic.

Br. Bernie talked about the strategic priorities of DLSU for Academic Year 2021-2022 during his first University General Assembly (UGA) message last October 29.

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He opened his UGA message with a note on DLSU’s all-time high intake of first-year undergraduate students—over 7,200 for this academic year. This is “one astonishing reason for hope this year,” he said, as he also mentioned his “great affinity for that part of our Vision-Mission that speaks to our role as stewards of creation”—with a vision of a “green” university in the next three years.

According to him, DLSU’s strategic priorities include the provision of adequate support and opportunities for students; preparation for the gradual resumption plan and the likelihood of DLSU classes remaining hybrid post-pandemic; development of the community’s capabilities afforded by the BITUIN (Enterprise Resource Planning) Project; the

promotion of the School of Lifelong Learning; reactivating the Rankings and Competitiveness Committee; and DLSU’s future as a truly multi-campus university.

He also emphasized the University’s pursuit of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as it contributes to the development of the country’s first “SDG City” by bringing together colleagues from across the University, collaborating with members of the South Manila Educational Consortium.

Furthermore, he stressed the need to preserve DLSU’s gains in research, social engagement, advancement, and internationalization over the last decade.

## Br. Bernie highlighted DLSU’s five ANIMO Strategies on Year 2 of its three-year Strategic Plan

**A FOR ACCOMPANIMENT**, emphasizing on faculty-student engagement, practical assessment, and comprehensive support;

**N FOR NICHES**, pivoting in our research and engagement toward supporting Philippine enterprises and localizing as many of the UN Sustainable Development Goals or SDGs as we can;

**I FOR IMPACT**, increasing partnerships and further professionalizing our fundraising and advancement efforts;

**M FOR MINISTRY**, helping each other discover our best ways of serving the Mission and experiencing Lasallian Communitas; and

**O FOR OPENING**, redesigning and repurposing our campuses for post-pandemic study and work.

## DLSU TO PROVIDE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINES AS BOOSTER SHOTS

**THE OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION HAS ANNOUNCED THAT MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINES** will be available as booster shots for DLSU faculty and non-teaching personnel.

In preparation for the rollout, it is requesting those interested in getting their booster shot through the DLSU Vaccination Program to register [here](#).

Given the limited number of available booster shots, government guidelines on prioritization will be observed in determining the recipients and the start of the vaccination period. Eligible recipients will be notified via email of the schedule (date and time) and vaccination center.

The following locations will serve as vaccination centers:

- Makati Stock Exchange, Makati City*
- BGC 3 Parkade, Taguig City*
- Ayala Malls Manila Bay, Paranaque City*

**For more information and updates about the DLSU Vaccination Program, please visit [www.bit.ly/DLSUVaxProgram](http://www.bit.ly/DLSUVaxProgram)**



# LSIG ORGANIZES YOUTH CAMP TO PROMOTE SDGs, DEMOCRACY



**AT LEAST 40 YOUTH LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY PARTICIPATED IN THE DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT YOUTH CAMP** organized by the La Salle Institute of Governance (LSIG) in partnership with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung last November 6 to 7.

The virtual training workshop provided a venue for the Sangguniang Kabataan officials and local youth development officers to tackle issues related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2022 Philippine Elections.

As they identified various global challenges with highlights on the climate crisis, they proposed solutions, including waste management initiatives as well as information campaigns on how to better take care of natural resources.

They also discussed issues on gender equality, quality education, good health and wellbeing, decent work and economic growth, life below water/life on land, and poverty.

The venue likewise allowed them to clarify the youth agenda in the upcoming national elections, underscoring the need to promote good governance, democracy, and the SDGs.

Among the speakers were United Nations Development Programme's Resident Representative Dr. Selva Ramachandran, National Economic and Development Authority Policy and Planning Group Director Myrna Clara Asuncion, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network Coordinator for the Philippines Xavier Peredo, former Naga City mayor and SDG City Awardee John Bongat, Dumaguete City SK Federation President Renz Macion, and GoodGovPh Founder Dexter Yang.

Dr. Stefan Jost, country director of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, pointed out that one of the core attributes of democracy is citizen's participation as it can influence the selection of government policies.

Meanwhile, LSIG Director Dr. Ador Torneo, described the exchange of ideas on the aforementioned issues during the youth camp as an "empowering experience."

## Government seeks La Salle experts on PHL's Biomedical Engineering R&D

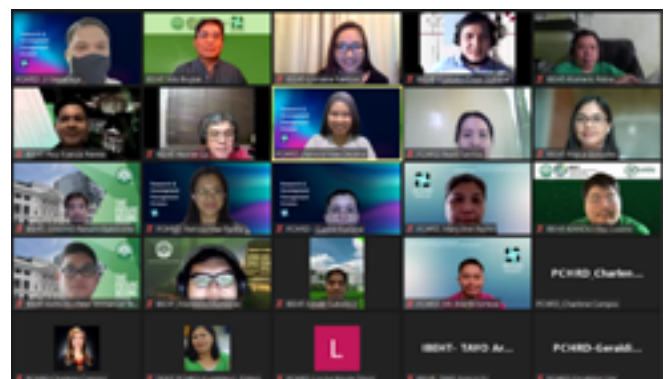
**IN PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL UNIFIED HEALTH RESEARCH AGENDA (NUHRA)**, the Philippine Council of Health Research and Development (PCHRD) solicited inputs from the DLSU Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Health Technologies (DLSU-IBEHT) in crafting and planning its medium-to-long term R&D agenda and investment priorities for the Biomedical Devices Engineering (BIOMED) Program in the country.

NUHRA is the Department of Science and Technology's (DOST) Harmonized R&D Agenda.

The DLSU-IBEHT is a major stakeholder in generating R&D outputs, in support of DOST and PCHRD's directions in the next 10 years. It also participates in government efforts such as capacity-building and training.

The first of a series of consultations was held last November 2 via Zoom, with DLSU-IBEHT Director Prof. Nilo Bugtai leading the team of key experts and researchers from the University.

The DOST-PCHRD was led by Biomedical Engineering and Health Technologies Program Manager Jose Joy Gapanaga.





## GEOMATE International Conference 2021

**FOR THEIR RESEARCH ENTITLED, STRENGTH AND PERMEABILITY CHARACTERISTICS OF EXPANSIVE SOIL WITH GYPSUM AND RICE HUSK ASH USED FOR ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION,”** Engr. Angelo Edora and Prof. Mary Ann Adajar of the Department of Civil Engineering won the Best Paper Award at the GEOMATE International Conference 2021.

They presented their research via Zoom last November 3-5. The on-site GEOMATE 2021 Conference was held in Kyoto, Japan.

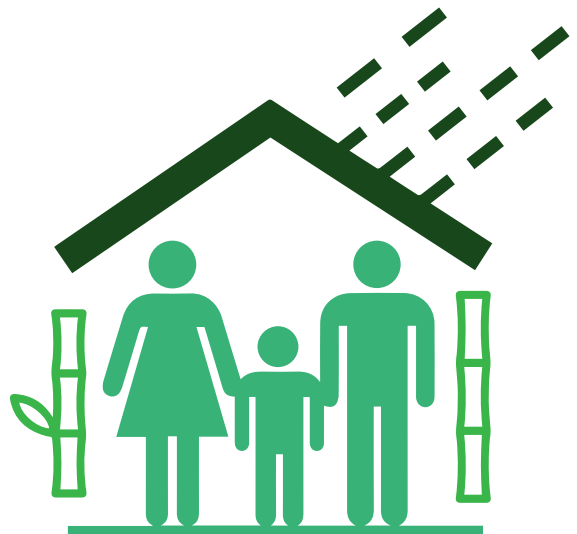
Founded in 2011, the GEOMATE International Society is a scientific organization dedicated to benefiting the professional engineering community in the areas of geotechnique, construction materials and environment through educational conferences, journal publications, and seminars. It is served by a network of advisors, regional representatives, and GEOMATE members.

## 24th Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors 2021 Congress

**AT THE 24TH PACIFIC ASSOCIATION OF QUANTITY SURVEYORS 2021 CONGRESS HELD LAST NOVEMBER 12 IN MANILA,** two student research projects from the DLSU Gokongwei College of Engineering’s Department of Civil Engineering won the Best Paper Award.

In the Graduate Student Category, the paper “Post Disaster Reconstruction using Bamboo Foldable Sheltering System” by Engr. James de Jesus, with mentor Dr. Jason Maximino Ongpeng, was selected the winner.

Meanwhile, in the Undergraduate Student Category, the team of William Ong, Christopher Kohchet-Chua, Angelo Lucelo, and Shannon Yap, also under the mentorship of Ongpeng, won for their study, “Application of BIM into the Cost and Design of Prefabricated Prefinished Volumetric Construction (PPVC)”.



# ENGINEERING CHAMPS 2021

**LASALLIANS SWEEP THE TOP THREE PLACES IN THE VIRTUAL QUIZ BEE DUBBED, ENGINEERING CHAMPS 2021**, a segment of the Virtual Engineering Fair 2021 hosted by Analog Devices Inc. (ADI) via Zoom last November 8.

The teams composed of students from Departments of Electronics and Communications Engineering and Computer Engineering claimed all the top places, with DLSU2 Team composed of Galvin Brice Lim, Ira Clark Ungos, and Mark Lawrence Velasco emerging as the overall champion.

DLSU1 Team composed of Matthew Theodore Roque, Alyssa Joie Tablada, and Christian Justin Uy won as first runner-up.

Meanwhile, DLSU3 Team composed of Christian Anabeza, Rocelle Andrea Belandres, and Madelein Villegas also fought hard to finish as 2nd runner-up.

Serving as the coaches of the teams were Engr. Dino Dominic Ligutan and Engr. Jose Martin Maningo.

Analog Devices Incorporated (ADI) is a global leader in the design and manufacturing of analog, mixed-signal, and DSP integrated circuits to help solve the toughest engineering challenges.

Engineering Champs 2021 was part of ADI's University Engagement Program, an event to connect different universities through the ADI Engineering Fair.

Forty-six teams from more than 10 universities across the country joined the competition.



## October 2021 Chemical Engineer Board Exams

8th place: **Engr. Carla Felise Abejo Salgado (81.30% passing rate)**

Top Performing School: **Rank 4**

DLSU Overall Passing Rate: **14/17 (82.35%)**

National Passing Rate: **321/677 (47.42%)**



## MegaChallenge Online National Quiz 2021

DLSU Civil Engineering major Ryan Chan won the top prize in the MegaChallenge Online National Quiz 2021, participated in by over a hundred participants from 108 universities and colleges across the Philippines last October 30.

Organized by Megareview and Tutorial Center, the quiz bee topics included mathematics, surveying, and transportation engineering; hydraulics and geotechnical engineering; and structural engineering. Dr. Erica Elice Uy and Dr. Krister Roquel served as the coaches of the DLSU students who participated in the competition.

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or else all we do will have but little result. ”

*De La Salle*

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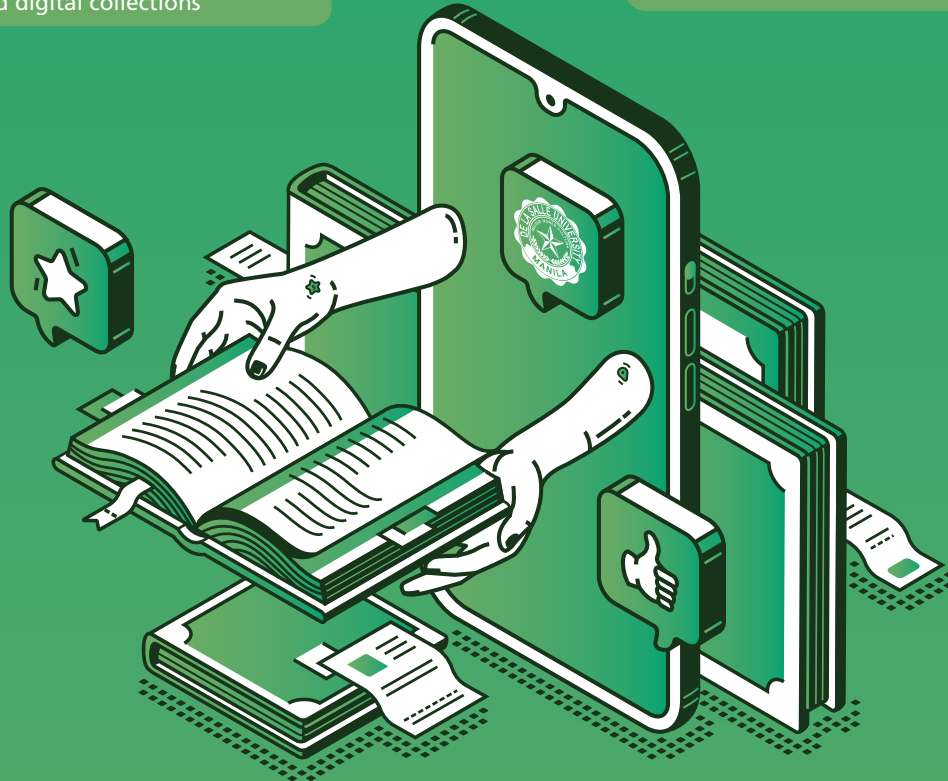
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**2** Optimizations for all mobile devices and browsers

**1** Mobile app for all library services and digital collections

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