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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DLSU to provide Moderna
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camp to promote SDGs,
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Engineering faculty, students
harvest awards in various
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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

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;

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

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;

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

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

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.”

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.

LSIG ORGANIZES YOUTH CAMP TO PROMOTE SDGS, DEMOCRACY
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.

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)”. 
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.

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