DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY RENAMES ITS COLLEGE OF LAW TO TANADA-DIOKNO COLLEGE OF LAW, AFTER LORENZO "KA TANNY" TAÑADA, SR. AND JOSE "KA PEPE" DIOKNO, BOTH PATRIOTS, NATIONALISTS, AND LAWYERS WHOSE LIVES EXEMPLIFY THE IDEALS AND VALUES OF TRUE LASALLIANS.

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The naming was held last February 26 and commemorated by a virtual marker. It was the highlight of the celebration of the 100th birth anniversary of Ka Pepe, aside from the launch of the book Jose W. Diokno / Pamana, written by Prof. Maria Socorro Diokno, one of Ka Pepe’s daughters.

Through its Tañada-Diokno College of Law, De La Salle University seeks to mold future lawyers who will emulate the love of God and country of these two exemplary Lasallians.

Lorenzo Martinez Tañada, Sr. graduated at the top of his high school class in De La Salle College in 1918. He obtained his law degree from the University of the Philippines and later earned advanced degrees in law from Harvard Law School and the University of Santo Tomas. Ka Tanny served as a Solicitor General, Special Prosecutor, judge, and Senator of the Republic.

Jose Wright Diokno graduated from the high school of De La Salle College and later earned his degree in commerce, summa cum laude, also at De La Salle College in 1940. He topped the CPA licensure exams immediately after graduation. After being granted a special dispensation by the Supreme Court to sit for the bar exams without finishing a law degree, he topped the bar exams administered in 1944. Ka Pepe distinguished himself as a lawyer, Secretary of Justice, and as a Senator of the Republic.

The patriotism of these two Lasallians was at its pinnacle in the struggle against the dictatorship and repression from the 1970s to the 1980s. Ka Pepe was one of the many individuals thrown in jail by President Marcos in 1972; Ka Tanny was his lawyer. They were both active in the parliament of the streets, asserted national sovereignty, and defended the most vulnerable.

They were founding members of the Free Legal Assistance Group, a nationwide organization of human rights lawyers in the Philippines, where Ka Pepe was elected as chair. Ka Tanny and Ka Pepe, two friends who collaborated on many endeavors, causes, cases, and advocacies, were joined by their love for the Filipino people.

Revamped website, DLSU Law Clinic online presence


The updated website features the history, identity, campus, program, and curriculum of the college. Administration and faculty profiles give a glimpse of the legal luminaries in the College. The website also contains information on the admission requirements and application process for those interested in pursuing law for the upcoming academic year.

The occasion also marked the launch of the web presence of the DLSU Law Clinic (DLC). As the full-service law office of De La Salle University Tañada-Diokno College of Law, the DLC, formerly the Developmental Legal Advocacy Clinic, is the venue for the students to become law student practitioners in preparation for a fulfilling legal career. One of the few law schools with a full-blown mandatory clinical legal education program, the DLC of the Tañada-Diokno College of Law adheres to the Revised Student Practice Rule issued by the Philippine Supreme Court.

Since 2013, the DLC has been at the forefront of molding lawyers deeply committed to promoting and protecting human rights.

The DLC website features its primary services, legal aid materials, primers, and educational videos. The website also gives a background on the team of supervising lawyers.

To visit the TD COL website: https://law.dlsu.edu.ph
For DLC website, check out: https://www.dlsu.edu.ph/dlc

DLSU - Rufino Campus that houses the Tañada-Diokno College of Law
UNIVERSIDAD LA SALLE MEXICO CONFERRED AN HONORARY DOCTORATE TO DR. CARMELITA QUEBENGCO AFSC, ED.D., LAST FEBRUARY 23.

She attended remotely through a livestream ceremony, with DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC presenting her the hood, cap, and honoris causa medal on behalf of the Universidad La Salle Mexico. The conferment ceremony was part of the 60th founding anniversary celebrations of Universidad La Salle Mexico.

Quebengco was recognized for her pioneering work and leadership in education, specifically at the College of Saint Benilde where she served as founding Dean; the various innovations she introduced at DLSU as its first woman President and Chancellor Emeritus, and at De La Salle Philippines (DLSP) where she was the first COO, and her establishment of a culturally appropriate school for Mangyan children in the uplands of Southern Mindoro. She was also cited for her contributions to the work of the Institute of the Christian Brothers in Rome, Italy.

It is her third honorary degree. She received her first honorary doctorate in Educational Leadership and Management in 2010 from Saint Mary’s University in Minnesota, USA, and her second in 2018 from Saint Mary’s College of California, USA.

Quebengco is a leading figure in the global Lasallian network. She was the first woman Co-Chair of the 2013 International Assembly of the Institute of the Christian Brothers; the first lay person appointed by the Superior General as Co-Secretary of the Lasallian Mission Office of Christian Brothers Institute in Rome, Italy from 2008 to 2013; a board member of the International Association of Lasallian Universities (IALU); and Chair of the IALU Research Committee for many years.

Quebengco is also a Trustee of some 20 schools and universities, national professional organizations, NGOs, and educational accrediting bodies.

She will be one of the featured personalities in a leadership book series to be launched soon by the DLSU Publishing House Inc.

Webinar tackles ocean and waste management

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION (DLSU ECO) HELD ITS "ECO-LIKASAN: OCEAN AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT WEBINAR" LAST FEBRUARY 4 VIA ZOOM. DLSU ECO is an official student organization which seeks to be the forerunner of spreading data-driven environmental awareness and awaken the passion for environment conservation among members of the Lasallian community, especially the undergraduate students.

The speakers for the webinar were Dr. Eric Punzalan of the newly established Aquatic Science Group of the Department of Chemistry and Reodel Masilungan, who is in charge of the Information, Education and Communication of the Campus Sustainability Office.

Punzalan discussed “Solid Waste, Waste Management and the Ocean”, sharing data on how garbage, especially plastics, affect the oceans. Masilungan talked about “The Ban on Single Use Plastics in De La Salle University”, an initiative which came about as the University took stock of the amount of solid wastes generated on the Manila campus alone, pre-pandemic.

The speakers underscored the need to eliminate the use of plastics, starting from home. They also mentioned the need to strictly comply with Republic Act 9003, also known as the “Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.”
Professorial chair talks about e-dictionary prospects of indigenous languages

Lucas, chair of the Department of English and Applied Linguistics and former president of the Linguistic Society of the Philippines, also talked about the various prospects of the project, including its potential use for second language learning and its possible replication for other endangered Philippine languages.

Developed with the aid of technology, the Hanunoo Mangyan e-dictionary mobile application was built on PHP Laravel for the Android platform. The data was collected utilizing the Rapid Word Collection (RWC) developed by the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL).

According to Lucas, while the study seems to show an impressive picture of the general use of the Hanunuo Mangyan, the language might be critically endangered because of the limited domains where its native speakers could use it. The latter could be attributed to the limited use of their writing system.

Recent language contact with lowlanders has prompted this ethnolinguistic group to use other languages apart from their own native tongue. This linguistic phenomenon may lead to language shift and eventually loss, warranting more efforts to document and to develop programs that promote the positive maintenance of this language.

Lucas recently completed a language documentation research on Hanunoo Mangyan funded by the DOST-National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) and is a co-researcher in a three-year Erasmus Mundus project for Science teachers in the country.

She is a board member of various professional organizations such as the Linguistic Society of the Philippines, Summer Institute of Linguistics, Philippine Social Science Council, and Social Science Research Ethics Board (PSSC-SSERC). She has also been appointed as Field Contributor for Ethnologue (Languages of the World), an international language documentation website.

Her works have appeared in Scopus and ISI indexed journals on psycholinguistics, bilingualism, multilingualism, second language acquisition, motivation, language anxiety, and alternative assessment.

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A STUDENT FROM THE DLSU LAGUNA CAMPUS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND ANOTHER FROM THE INTEGRATED SCHOOL RECENTLY BROUGHT PRIDE TO THE SCHOOL FOR BAGGING AWARDS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE.

SHS student Al Patrick Castro won a Gold Medal in the World International Mathematical Olympiad (WIMO) online competition, last January 8-9.

The World Mathematical Olympiad is the culminating competition of the Mathematical Society, where only the gold winners from the Thailand Math International Olympiad, Hong Kong International Olympiad, and other affiliated competitions were given invitations to participate.

WIMO seeks to promote Mathematics across the globe by providing the venue for intensive training and valuable experience during the Mathematical Olympiad lessons.

Meanwhile, Grade 6 student Aaron Jeffrey Antonio received the Global Child Prodigy 2022 Award in the Intelligence Category of The Global Child Prodigy Initiative, during its online awarding held last February 9.

Antonio is among the Top 100 Global Child Prodigies of 2022 and the only Filipino who won in the Intelligence Category.
A TEAM FROM DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY'S CENTER FOR AUTOMATION RESEARCH OF THE ADVANCED RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR INFORMATICS, COMPUTING, AND NETWORKING (ADRiC) LAUNCHED ITS FLAGSHIP PRODUCT, A TOP-PERFORMING, SMART APPLICATION TRAFFIC MONITORING SOLUTION CALLED TITAN LAST FEBRUARY 24 VIA ZOOM.

The team, VISON Technologies, is one of the first startups from the College of Computer Studies. It developed the TITAN project in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST-PCIEERD), through the Funding Assistance for Spinoff and Translation of Research in Advancing Commercialization (FASTRAC) Program.

According to VISON Technologies, the TITAN product goes beyond the capacity of typical camera surveillance networks, as it can provide valuable insights for its target users such as LGUs as well as petroleum and real estate companies.

This software system performs well with relatively cheap computing hardware and a conveniently accessible intuitive web interface. It can process videos of various traffic road scenes under different weather conditions.

TITAN can track vehicles according to type and can generate useful traffic data such as traffic volume, traffic density, and speeds of movement. It can also identify concentrations of vehicular and human activity over long periods of time.

With the precise collection of vehicular characteristic data, road operators can monitor and manage traffic flows in real time at minimum costs. Government and industry can also use this to draw up reasonable transport policy for the movement of passengers and goods.

VISON Technologies said the project responds to the call to create a sustainable concept of mobility for urban cities, towards the development of environmental and safety policies in urban traffic.

LESSONS FROM THE PANDEMIC: REINVENTING THE NEXT NORMAL

TO FURTHER PUSH THE SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA AS WELL AS TO REIMAGINE AND REINVENT HOW THINGS ARE DONE IN THE FACE OF PANDEMIC THREATS, DLSU WILL FOCUS ON “LESSONS FROM THE PANDEMIC: REINVENTING THE NEXT NORMAL,” AT THE DLSU RESEARCH CONGRESS, TO BE HELD ON JULY 6-8, 2022.

The academic community, DLSU partners, and research collaborators are invited to submit extended abstracts and full papers related, but not limited to, the following research themes:

- Food, Nutrition and Health
- Sustainability, Environment and Energy
- Human Centric Technology
- Learners and Learning Innovations
- CoWomen, Children, Family and the Elderly
- Living Culture and Contemporary Societies
- Entrepreneurship, Business and Management
- Socio-Economic and Political Landscape
- Theoretical, Philosophical and Historical Studies

Selected papers will also have a chance to be published in Asia Pacific Social Science Review and DLSU Business and Economics Review, which are Scopus-accredited.

Submission of the first version of the short paper (max. 6 pages) is on March 21, the Conference Proper on July 6-8, and the submission of the final paper (camera-ready; max 6 pages) on July 15, 2022.
ABY SEP is a one-year social enterprise development program that aims to train aspiring young social entrepreneurs in the country to develop sustainable and impact-driven social enterprises. ABY SEP also provides funding and mentoring support to the chosen teams through a comprehensive fellowship and training program.

KAYA is a local economic development project which primarily endeavors to provide sustainable income generating and entrepreneurial initiatives, focusing on the mobility and livelihood of selected communities in Metro Manila and Laguna.

Source: Lasallian Social Enterprise for Economic Development (LSEED) Center