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## DLSU researchers among the world's top 2% researchers based on scientific impact

**ELEVEN DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY FACULTY RESEARCHERS ARE INCLUDED** in the 2022 list of the world's top 2% researchers across all disciplines, in a paper published by a team led by Stanford University statistician John Ioannidis (<https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw>).

The list includes approximately 200,000 scholars from all over the world.

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Four faculty members are included in this year's list of top researchers based on cumulative career statistics. They are Vice President for Research and Innovation and University Fellow Prof. Raymond Tan, Department of Chemical Engineering Adjunct Professor Prof. Luis Razon, Gokongwei College of Engineering Dean and University Fellow Prof. Kathleen Aviso, and University Fellow and Adjunct Professor Prof. Consolacion Ragasa. There are a total of 32 locally-based researchers listed, but only 13 from HEIs.

Ten DLSU faculty members are among the world's leading researchers based on 2021 statistics. They are Prof. Raymond Tan, University Fellow and Distinguished University Professor of Psychology Prof. Allan B.I. Bernardo, University Fellow and Department of Industrial

Engineering Distinguished Full Professor Prof. Anthony SF Chiu, Prof. Kathleen Aviso, Gokongwei College of Engineering Assistant Dean and Department of Mechanical Engineering Full Professor Prof. Aristotle Ubando, Prof. Luis Razon, Department of Chemical Engineering Full Professor Prof. Michael Promentilla; University Fellow and Department of Manufacturing Engineering and Management Distinguished Full Professor Prof. Elmer Dadios, DLSU Laguna Associate Dean and Department of Theology and Religious Studies Associate Professor Dr. Fides del Castillo, and Department of Manufacturing Engineering and Management faculty member Dr. Ronnie Concepcion. The listing includes 41 locals with 23 from HEIs.

# La Salle maintains position in 2023 THE World University Rankings



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**FOR THE FIFTH STRAIGHT YEAR, DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY IS AMONG THE WORLD'S TOP UNIVERSITIES** according to the 2023 edition of the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. It retains its last year's standing in the 1,201-1,500 bracket.

The rankings evaluate research-intensive HEIs across all their core functions including teaching, research, knowledge transfer, and international outlook.

This year, 1,799 institutions, or about six percent of over 26,000 HEIs in the world, met the criteria to be included in the rankings.

Vice President for Research and Innovation Dr. Raymond Tan stated that DLSU's consistent inclusion in the rankings shows the University's commitment as a leading resource for research and development.

"We will continue to contribute to national development through our R&D, because we firmly believe that new knowledge will be the basis for new solutions to deal with future challenges."

# 2022-2024 LAMIN SANNEH RESEARCH GRANT AWARDEE



DR. DEL CASTILLO

**DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FACULTY MEMBER DR. FIDES DEL CASTILLO IS ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS** of the 2022-2024 Lamin Sanneh Research Prize at Overseas Studies Ministry Center at Princeton Theological Seminary, USA. Her project proposal is entitled “Laylayan Theology: Lived Religion of Christian Migrant Workers in Asia.”

The study privileges muted voices, foregrounds personal religious meanings, and critically examines the everyday religion of select Filipino Christian migrant workers situated in an inter-religious context. The study

reveals the ways and means by which marginalized Christians participate in the Missio Dei and contributes to the body of knowledge on contemporary Christianities.

The Lamin Sanneh Research Prize is a prestigious international award given to winning proposals that contain a great promise for expanding the horizons of mission studies, world Christianities, and intercultural theology, utilizing multi-disciplinary approaches that integrate theology, history, and social sciences to advance the understanding of the world Christian movement.



## Ehime University-DLSU International Collaborative Research Laboratory launched

### REPRESENTATIVES FROM EHIME UNIVERSITY (EU) AND DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY (DLSU) CELEBRATED

the official opening of the EU-DLSU International Collaborative Research Laboratory (ICRL) located at the George S.K. Ty Advanced Instrumentation Bldg., DLSU Laguna Campus last October 11.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was led by Dr. Kozo Watanabe, professor of Molecular Ecology and Health Laboratory at the EU Center for Marine Environmental Studies (CMES), and Dr. Jonathan Dungca, vice president for Laguna Campus and dean of the College.

Also present were Center for Natural Sciences and Environmental Research (CENSER) Director Dr. Divina Amalin, DLSU Department of Biology faculty members Drs. Ma. Luisa Enriquez, Mary Jane Flores, and Thaddeus Carvajal, and members of the CENSER Biological Control Research Unit. Other attendees from EU CMES were Associate Professor Dr. Yasutsugu Suzuki and PhD candidate Irish Coleen Asin.

The ceremony was followed by a tour of the facilities at the ICRL. The laboratory is equipped with advanced research infrastructure in line with its vision to “be the leading research unit dedicated to advancing, applying and facilitating high standards of research practice for Philippine and Japanese students, faculty and staff of both universities.”

With mentors who are recognized scientists from EU and DLSU, the ICRL will provide a hub in conducting high-quality collaborative research between Filipino and Japanese students, faculty, and staff.

A seminar session was also conducted wherein Dr. Kozo Watanabe first discussed the functions and roles of the EU-DLSU ICRL. Dr. Thaddeus Carvajal and Dr. Yasutsugu Suzuki also delivered their talks on “The Importance of Studying Vector Biology & Ecology of Mosquito-borne Diseases for Designing Appropriate Vector Control Strategies” and “Understanding Mosquito-virus Interactions Toward Vector Control”, respectively.

The ICRL is a product of a long-standing cooperation between the two universities that started in 2016. On October 21, 2021, the Memorandum of Agreement establishing the ICRL (then known as the Ehime University Satellite Office Philippines) was signed between the two universities.

Currently, the ICRL implements several privately and publicly funded research projects, and houses the Center for Vector of Diseases of Public Health Importance in the Philippines for Region IV, a niche center under the DOST Science for Change Program.

*(Article by Dr. Divina Amalin)*

## Mini-Masterclass featuring SMU professor tackles the future of Accounting



DR. HUANG

### DLSU ACCOUNTANCY UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS ATTENDED

a mini-Masterclass titled, “The Future of Accounting”, featuring Singapore Management University (SMU) professor Dr. Sterling Huang. The session was held last September 28 at the Philippe Jones Lhuillier Conference Room of the Henry Sy, Sr. Hall and virtually, via Zoom.

The Department of Accountancy of Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business, in partnership with the School of Accountancy of Singapore Management University (SMU) and the Office of the Vice-President for External Relations and Internationalization (OVPERI) hosted the event.

In his lecture, he noted how accounting has changed with improved technology and how it is no longer just about collecting information but also analyzing the big data sets that corporations now rely on to run their operations, reduce risk, and discover new opportunities.

He emphasized that future professionals would need to have critical thinking skills, the ability to make sound judgments, and excellent communication.

Huang joined SMU in 2014. He received his Master of Science and Ph.D. in Management from INSEAD Business School. Prior to his doctoral studies, he was an auditor with PricewaterhouseCoopers (Sydney).

He has published his work in leading academic journals and his work has been cited multiple times in major media outlets and practitioner forums. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst Charter holder and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountant Australia.

The information session is a concurrent master’s collaboration of DLSU and SMU for the degrees of Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) and Master of Professional Accounting (MPA), and the direct admission collaboration of the DLSU BSA graduates to take either MSA or MPA at SMU.

## GCOE lecture focuses on energy efficiency



PHELAN (LEFT PHOTO), WITH GCOE FACULTY (RIGHT PHOTO)

**THE GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING RECENTLY HOSTED** a lecture by a professor from Arizona State University (ASU) who discussed the importance of energy efficiency that has the potential to be less expensive than renewable energy to initially reduce carbon emissions.

In his October 7 lecture via Zoom, Prof. Patrick Phelan, faculty member of ASU Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and the assistant dean for Engineering Graduate Programs, discussed the potentials of energy efficiency as well as strategies for the greatest impact.

He pointed out in his discussion that in the quest for carbon neutrality, most people think about how to generate electricity from renewable resources, such as through solar photovoltaics or wind turbines. But improving how energy is consumed—increasing energy efficiency—is just as important.

In his presentation, he compared energy efficiency developments in the Philippines, the USA, and other countries and gave an overview of recent and ongoing research and development at the ASU Sustainable Energy Lab.

Phelan previously served as the director of the National Science Foundation Thermal Transport Processes Program (2006 – 2008), and as manager of the Emerging Technologies Program at the US Department of Energy Building Technologies Office (2012 – 2016). He received his BS degree from Tulane University, his MS from MIT, and his PhD from UC Berkeley, all in mechanical engineering. Following two years as a Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Tokyo Institute of Technology, he began his academic career as an assistant professor at the University of Hawaii before moving to ASU in 1996.



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## PROJECT WITH SWEDISH HEI PROMOTES GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

**UNDER THE PROJECT “SWEDEN COLLABORATING WITH THE PHILIPPINES FOR GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION” (SCP4SCP), DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY AND LINKÖPING UNIVERSITY (LIU) ARE WORKING TOGETHER** to identify key factors relevant to sustainable consumption and production (SCP) in different contexts.

Through the project, the partner universities have been conducting workshops for researchers, businesses and policy-makers, discussing and clarifying challenges, opportunities and possible solutions for sustainable production and consumption with a global perspective.

SCP4SCP has a grant under the Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (FORMAS). The recent workshop in the Philippines was done in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and the Philippine Institute of Industrial Engineers.

The principal investigators for the project are Prof. Tom Sakao of Linköping University and Distinguished Full Professor Anthony SF Chiu of DLSU.

According to Chiu, the workshop in the Philippines held in July-August focused on key elements necessary for the implementation of SCP, using the SDGs as a guiding framework. Specifically, they discussed and clarified socioeconomic backgrounds, challenges, opportunities, and possible solutions for SCP.

For his part, Sakao conducted a workshop at the Department of Trade and Industry and also participated in the DLSU Research Congress.

Chiu said the SCP4SCP outcomes would include, beside networking, development of ideas for potential multinational projects, with local practitioners adopting a global perspective.

## New Linkage with Philippine Italian Association to promote education and cultural exchange



**DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY AND THE PHILIPPINE ITALIAN ASSOCIATION HELD** a signing of the Memoranda of Understanding and Agreement last October 4. The partnership aims to develop education and cultural cooperation and promote mutual understanding between the University and PIA.

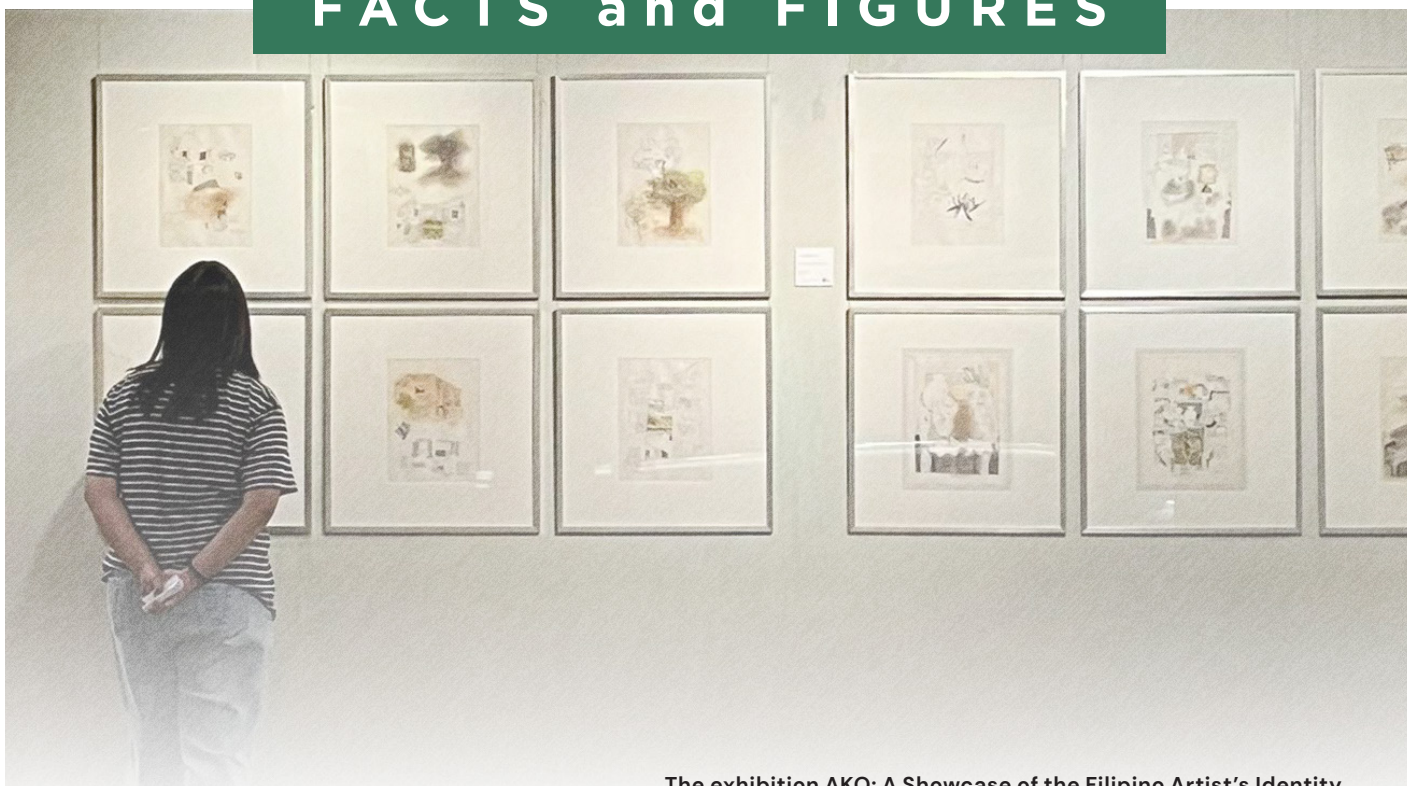
Photo shows, from left: College of Liberal Arts Dean Dr. Rhoderick Nuncio, Vice President for External Relations and Internationalization Dr. Laurene Chua-Garcia, DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC, Department of International Studies Chair Dr. Elaine Tolentino, Vice President for Philippine Italian Association James Freney, Italian Embassy Cultural Attache Elisabetta Valentini, and Vice President for Operations Philippine Italian Association Tillie Pelagallo.

“ God has given you so many graces and still gives to you special and notable graces every day. ”

*De La Salle*

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# FACTS and FIGURES



AT DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY

The exhibition **AKO: A Showcase of the Filipino Artist's Identity (Part 2 - Contemporary Filipino Artists)** is open to the public. This is the second of three exhibitions presented prior to the pandemic to commemorate The Museum's 15th anniversary.

Featured art collections are from The Wili and Doreen Fernandez Art Collection of the Museum and from the University Art Collection.

The Museum is open twice a week, on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For reservations and requests, please contact Ms. Marie Jennilyn Daco at [marie.daco@dlsu.edu.ph](mailto:marie.daco@dlsu.edu.ph) or visit the office from Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Prints and  
drawings on  
exhibit

**1,636**  
Lasallian visitors in September 2022

**5**  
Universities  
that visited  
the Museum in  
October 2022

Source: The Museum at DLSU



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