DLSU opens Dr. Andrew L. Tan Data Science Institute on McKinley Microcampus

De La Salle University and property giant Megaworld Corporation inaugurated the Dr. Andrew L. Tan Data Science Institute at the DLSU McKinley Microcampus located at the Venice Corporate Center in McKinley Hill, Taguig City last February 1.

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The Institute is named after innovator and brand builder, Megaworld’s CEO and Chairman Dr. Andrew L. Tan.

ALTDSI capitalizes on the state-of-the-art facilities donated by Megaworld Corporation and the Megaworld Foundation, while DLSU faculty-researchers and visiting professors sustain ALTDSI research-based graduate programs, undergraduate programs, and training and professional courses.

The inauguration was led by DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC and DLSU Science Foundation Inc. President Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC. Joining them were Dr. Francisco Canuto, President of Megaworld Foundation and Senior Vice President of Megaworld, and Eric Enriquez, Vice President for Megaworld Premier Offices, who led the company’s delegation on behalf of Alliance Global Group Chief Executive Officer Kevin L. Tan and Megaworld Chairman Dr. Andrew L. Tan.

In his message, Br. Bernie shared his utmost appreciation to Dr. Andrew Tan and his son, Kevin, for this legacy: “Today’s inauguration did not only further add to our institution’s luster as one of the institutions with a solid research program, but also aid in our institution’s goal towards being a resource for the nation.”

Br. Bernie also underscored DLSU’s commitment to provide an excellent, service-oriented, and transformative education as well as to train the next generation workforce of data scientists.

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY
FORMALIZED ITS PARTNERSHIP
WITH THE EDA SCHOLARSHIPS
AND CHARITIES, INC. for the
establishment of the Evelyn D. Ang
Memorial Fund, in a signing ceremony held last December 14, 2022 at the Nickel Asia Corporation (NAC), Bonifacio Global City, Taguig.

The signing of the Deed of Donation was spearheaded by the donor, EDA Scholarships and Charities, Inc. Chairman Philip T. Ang, with DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC and DLSU Science Foundation Inc. President Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC.

Ang established the memorial fund in honor of his beloved wife, Mrs. Evelyn Dy Pac Ang, who was devoted to helping the sick and the marginalized.

The Evelyn D. Ang Memorial Fund aims to continue Mrs. Ang’s advocacy and will pave the way for the establishment of the following: 1) Evelyn D. Ang Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Health Technologies (EDA-IBEHT); 2) endowment for the EDA-IBEHT; 3) Evelyn D. Ang Scholarships under the College of Science for Human Biology and other programs; 4) four Professorial Chairs under the College of Science Department; and 5) research fund for four research grants with at least one Scopus paper or Web of Science-indexed journal publication as output.

The EDA-IBEHT will focus on accelerating the development of biomedical devices and technologies by providing state-of-the-art facilities and services to research universities and institutions, thus enabling them to transform their ideas into market-ready products.

The DOD signing was also attended by DLSU top administrators, namely Provost Dr. Robert Roleda, College of Science Dean Dr. Glenn Alea, and IBEHT Founding Director Dr. Nilo Bugtai.
DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY’S COLLEGE OF COMPUTER STUDIES PROGRAMMING LEAGUE WAS CROWNED THE TOP PHILIPPINE TEAM in the Asia-Manila regional leg of the International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) held last December 14 to 15, 2022 at Ateneo de Manila University.

Composed of fourth-year BSMS Computer Science (Honors) students Mark Edward Gonzales, Hans Oswald Ibrahim, and Gabriel Joseph Pua and coached by Department of Software Technology Assistant Professor Ryan Austin Fernandez, the team also bagged the First to Solve Award for being the first team to submit a correct solution to a problem.

They secured the fifth spot in the international leaderboard, placing DLSU in first place among the Philippine universities and third in terms of overall university rankings, next only to Nanyang Technological University (Singapore) and Chulalongkorn University (Thailand).

Considered the oldest and largest competitive programming contest for undergraduate students, the ICPC was first held in 1970 and has since evolved into the Olympics of coding for the world’s universities. This year’s Asia-Manila Regionals drew 28 participating teams from Singapore, Thailand, and the Philippines.

Fernandez explained that competitive programming “gathers some of the world’s best programmers to solve the world’s most challenging computational problems as quickly as possible.”

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DLSU STUDENT TRISHA HUANG, A BS ACCOUNTANCY AND BS IN APPLIED ECONOMICS MAJOR, emerged as one of the Top 10 global finalists in the 2023 EY Young Tax Professional of the Year (YTPY) competition held from January 31 to February 1.

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IN VIEW OF THE PROJECTED GROWTH OF THE E-COMMERCE INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES, the Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISE) Department of the DLSU Gokongwei College of Engineering entered into a partnership with Shopee Philippines to educate graduating students on the current industry landscape and to generate studies to further improve the field.

ISE Department Chair Dr. Charlie Sy said the exposure of students to e-commerce would offer them a deeper understanding of its ecosystem and an appreciation for the industry.

The partnership provided an opportunity for ISE majors to design their capstone and thesis projects that focused on how to increase productivity and maximize the current infrastructure to improve overall efficiency. As part of the partnership, students who participated were able to directly consult with Shopee leaders to gather data and insights for their research.

Shopee also took over a Retail IE class to facilitate a session on the E-commerce landscape, evolution, and ecosystem in the Philippines.

Karen Perez, head of People at Shopee Philippines, expressed Shopee’s commitment to support local tech talents and the development of the e-commerce industry in the Philippines.

2022 Universitas Indonesia GreenMetric World University Ranking

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY HAS MAINTAINED ITS STANDING AS ONE OF THE REGION’S SUSTAINABLE UNIVERSITIES with its inclusion in the 2022 Universitas Indonesia GreenMetric World University Ranking (UI GreenMetric WUR).

DLSU is among the top 30% of higher education institutions out of 1,050 school-entries based on the following Sustainability criteria: Education and Research, Transportation, Water, Waste, Setting and Infrastructure, and Energy and Climate Change. The University also placed high among the 10 top-ranked greenest Philippine campuses based on the same list and year.

The UI GreenMetric World University Ranking is a ranking on green campus and environmental sustainability initiated by Universitas Indonesia in 2010. Through 39 indicators in 6 criteria, UI GreenMetric World University Rankings prudently determined the rankings by universities’ environmental commitment and initiatives.
THE LA SALLE INSTITUTE OF GOVERNANCE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STRATBASE ADR INSTITUTE AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUDGET PARTNERSHIP, presented the results of “The Open Budget Survey 2021: How did the Philippines Score?” last December 1 in an online event.

Dr. Francisco Magno, professor of the DLSU Political Science and Development Studies, discussed the Philippine survey, following the introduction of the global Open Budget Initiative by Budget Partnership Program Officer Suan Hasa.

The report noted evidence that the best way to improve the management of public finances is through budget systems that are transparent, open to public engagement and scrutiny, and have robust oversight institutions and mechanisms.

Launched in 2006 by the International Budget Partnership, the Open Budget Survey is the world’s only independent, comparative, and fact-based research instrument to measure these essential aspects of governance and accountability: transparency, oversight, and public participation.

A country’s budget transparency score, reflected on the Open Budget Index, assesses the public’s access to information on how the central government raises and spends public resources.

The survey results were based on a questionnaire of 228 questions that were completed by researchers typically based in the surveyed country. On transparency, the Philippines makes all eight key budget documents publicly available, and scores 76/100. On participation, the country’s Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has established a mechanism to receive inputs from Regional Development Councils. However, the government discontinued participation mechanisms that were assessed in previous Open Budget Survey assessments.

Among those who participated in the discussions were Department of Budget and Management Assistant Secretary Rolando Toledo, Commission on Audit Chair Gamaliel Cordoba, Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives Elizaldy Co, and Stratbase ADR Institute President Prof. Victor Andres Manhit. LSIG Director Dr. Ador Torneo gave the closing remarks.

DLSU LAGUNA CAMPUS UPDATE

DLSU, Ubisoft host Global Game Jam 2023

DLSU STUDENTS TAKING UP BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT MAJOR IN GAME DEVELOPMENT TOGETHER WITH UBISOFT GAME PRO gamers teamed up for a three-day game development event dubbed as the Global Game Jam 2023, held at the John J. Gokongwei Innovation Center of the DLSU Laguna Campus.

The event, which ran from February 3 to 5, provided a venue for the participants to create and develop unique game ideas and projects in line with the event’s theme, “Roots”.

“Be convinced that God is ready to refuse you nothing that you ask of him with faith and confidence in his goodness.”

Beata Salo
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De La Salle University
Andrew L. Tan
Data Science Institute

Active Researchers

2 International researchers
12 Faculty affiliates
9 Research assistants

Funded Projects

3 On-going projects
5 Completed projects

Publications

21 Journal publications
22 Conference proceedings publications

FACTS and FIGURES

Data as of February 1, 2023
Source: Office of the ALTDSI Executive Director
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