



# College of Liberal Arts forges linkages with global partners

**THE DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS (CLA) RECENTLY ENTERED** into partnerships with international foundations to promote advocacies and programs that will showcase the best practices in the field through training and dialogues.

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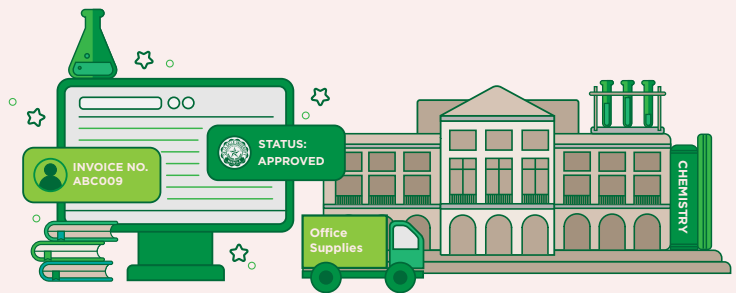
## New chatbot seeks to improve payment status inquiry

A new chatbot application to view the status of payment requests is now available to the **DLSU** community. Requesting and approving parties using the **Business Process Management Software (BPMS)** may check the **DLSU Request for Payment (RFP) Status Inquiry**.

Launched by the **Finance and Accounting Office (FAO)** on November 18, 2022, the **DLSU Request for Payment (RFP) Status Inquiry** is part of the **BITUIN Project**, which implements an **Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System** to improve

access to information, streamline processes, and enhance services involving the University's key stakeholders.

**FAO** migrated to the new platform and is actively seeking ways to continuously improve user experience by fine tuning processes and building extension tools to serve the growing needs of the university.



## CLA forges global linkages, from Page 1



Representatives of DLSU and HEAD Foundation promote areas for collaboration on education



Signatories of the MOU with the Spanish Ministry of Education and Vocational Training

### Promotion of education for sustainable development

To advance the cause of quality education for all across the region, DLSU representatives met with the operations director of the HEAD Foundation last January 12. Singapore-based HEAD Foundation is an international charitable organization that aims to carry out philanthropic works in education as well as healthcare to improve lives in Asia, particularly in the less developed parts of Southeast Asia.

The University representatives included Associate Provost Dr. Leni Garcia, Vice President for External Relations and Internationalization Dr. Laurene Chua-Garcia, CLA Dean Dr. Rhoderick Nuncio, Assistant Dean for External Affairs and Lasallian Mission Dr. Jose Victor Jimenez, and OPPERI Program Manager Miriam Abayan.

HEAD Foundation representative Vignesh Naidu presented three areas for collaboration, namely: 1) designing modules for the Making HEADway 6 Handbook on Education for Sustainable Development; 2) hosting of future The HEAD Foundation Dialogues; and 3) designing and delivering impactful training programs for educators across the region.

For her part, Chua-Garcia shared what DLSU and its sister institutions are doing in the Philippines, the region, and worldwide to promote the Lasallian Mission. Garcia, Nuncio, and Jimenez also discussed the various initiatives of DLSU and CLA in promoting environmental sustainability.

### Towards a Postcolonial Philippines

Last January 17, CLA Dean Dr. Rhoderick Nuncio signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Asia Society Philippine Foundation, Inc. (ASPF), represented by its Executive Director, Joy Alampay.

Both parties agreed to cooperate towards the success of the program 'Postcolonial Philippines: Redefining Our Cultural Identity,' held on January 25, 2023. For its part, CLA disseminated the information about the event to the faculty and students, encouraged them to attend the online event, and sent students to the virtual program.

### Development of Filipino, Spanish languages

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Spanish Ministry of Education and Vocational Training of the Kingdom of Spain and De La Salle University was signed last February 7.

The MoU provides, among other things, for the "dissemination of the English Language Assistants program in Spain, which is announced annually by the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training." CLA has actively supported this program by screening applicants and nominating candidates who have met the selection criteria set by the college.

Counsellor for Education in Australia David Ferran Priestly and Embassy of Spain in the Philippines Education Advisor Beatriz Ortas discussed with CLA Associate Dean Dr. Ron Resurreccion and Assistant Dean for External Affairs and Lasallian Mission Dr. Jose Victor Jimenez potential areas for collaboration.

Opportunities include integrating the Spanish language into the College of Education and High School curriculum, teaching the Filipino language in Spain, collaborating in research, and organizing lectures and cultural and athletic activities.

## New VP of the National Academy of Science and Technology



CULABA

**DISTINGUISHED FULL PROFESSOR AND UNIVERSITY FELLOW FROM DLSU'S DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ACD. PROF. DR. ALVIN B. CULABA, PH.D., FAAET, HAS BEEN ELECTED**

as the new vice president of the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) for 2023-2025.

In his new role, Culaba will assist the NAST president in pursuing the mandate of the Academy, particularly in giving advice to the Philippine President and the Cabinet on matters related to science and technology, and in recognizing outstanding achievements and promoting scientific and technological research. His work also entails embarking on NAST projects and programs as well as managing the Philippine Science Heritage Center.

Currently, the Academy has 77 members composed of Filipino National Scientists and Academicians.

Culaba was previously named Executive Council Member of the Academy. He holds the Go Peng Kuan Professorial Chair in Mechanical Engineering and the Mr. & Mrs. Huang Kong Chim Professorial Chair in Chemical Engineering. He is director and co-founder of DLSU's Center for Engineering and Sustainable Development Research.

In his message to DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC he said: "I will carry with me the Lasallian tradition of Faith, Service and Communion in Mission for the community and country I am called to serve."

## Recipient of Distinction Award for Industrial Engineering

**IN RECOGNITION OF HIS DISTINCTIVE CONTRIBUTION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER OF THE PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS (PIIE), UNIVERSITY FELLOW PROF. ANTHONY SHUN FUNG CHIU RECEIVED** the Certificate

of Distinction Award from the Philippine Federation of Professional Associations (PFPA) during the 10th PFPA Excellence and Distinction Awards held on February 24 at the UP Bahay ng Alumni, Diliman, Quezon City.

His Distinction Award for the Industrial Engineering Profession (Academe/Research and Development Category) was endorsed by the PIIE.

The PFPA is the umbrella organization of all professional associations in the Philippines. It has four councils as members:

the Philippine Technological Council (PTC), the Council of Professional Health Associations (COPHA), the Council for Business and Management Professionals (CBMP) and the Council for Built and Natural Environments (CBNE). Each council has the professional associations as members.

Prof. Chiu holds the JM Reyes Professorial Chair and a DLSU Research Fellow in Industrial Engineering. He served as United Nations Industrial Development Organization Asia-Pacific Regional Executive for Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Network.

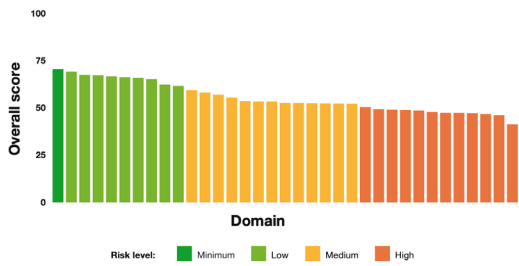
He was designated Panel Member of the United Nations International Resource Panel in June 2016. Chiu served in major international, regional, and national professional organizations as founder, president, and senior executive.



CHIU (CENTER)

# DR. ANDREW L. TAN DATA SCIENCE INSTITUTE LAUNCHES REPORT ON DISINFORMATION RISK AMONG PHL NEWS WEBSITES

Figure 1. Disinformation risk ratings by site



Source: Global Disinformation Index



DLSU FACULTY RESEARCHERS AT THE EVENT

## NEWS WEBSITES IN THE PHILIPPINES CARRY A MODERATE LEVEL OF DISINFORMATION RISK, FINDS A REPORT

launched last February 15 by the DLSU Dr. Andrew L. Tan Data Science Institute (ALTDSI), in partnership with the Global Disinformation Index (GDI), at the DLSU McKinley Microcampus, Venice Corporate Center, Taguig City.

Entitled “Disinformation Risk of Online News Media in the Philippines,” the report is the latest in a series of similar country assessments conducted in the USA, Indonesia, Kenya, Canada, and Spain, among others. It details the DLSU ALTDSI team’s findings on 35 Philippine news domains, including established newspapers, TV news departments, and radio stations, as well as digital-first publications, in English, Tagalog, and Cebuano.

The launch also featured an expert panel composed of Talia Haggerty, Director of Research at GDI; Ellen Tordesillas, President and Co-founder of Vera Files; and Gemma Mendoza, Head of Research and Strategy at Rappler.

Aimed at combating ad-funded disinformation, GDI’s country assessments provide independent and neutral risk ratings for each

news website, to be shared with commercial partners in the ad tech industry to help inform programmatic ad buys.

The assessment is based on a range of indicators grouped under Content and Operations pillars. These indicators measure the reliability of a site’s content (e.g. Headline accuracy and Sensational language) and its editorial integrity (e.g. the publication of Editorial principles and practices, and policies for Ensuring accuracy), respectively.

In the Philippines, the majority of the websites studied received a medium disinformation risk rating, with nine in the low risk range, and only one achieving a minimum risk rating. In contrast, 12 (34.28%) received high disinformation risk ratings. Overall, the country’s top 35 news websites received an average rating of 55.32, which translates to a moderate level of risk.

This finding highlights the main challenges for reducing disinformation risk in four indicators, namely: *Ensuring accuracy, Attribution, Funding, and Ownership* transparency.

The country report can be downloaded from [the GDI website](#). (Marinel Mamac)



## KRITIKA 2023 Fellows Announced

**TWELVE FELLOWSHIPS HAVE BEEN AWARDED** for the 11th KRITIKA La Salle National Workshop on Art and Cultural Criticism, which will be held from March 20 to 24, 2023 at the Philippe Jones Lhuillier Conference Room, 14th Floor Henry Sy Sr. Hall, De La Salle University, Manila.

Organized by the Bienvenido N. Santos Creative Writing Center (BNSWCW) of De La Salle University, KRITIKA is a criticism workshop covering various arts and cultural practices, including literature, visual arts, multi-media, popular culture, theatre, heritage preservation, and cinema. In this workshop, established art critics and talented young scholars gather to form an intellectual community. In line with contemporary critical practice, KRITIKA retains interdisciplinary ways of approaching artistic and cultural texts. This practice is enriched by the creative integration of concepts and approaches from diverse disciplines.

The 2023 fellows are Karl P. Albais (film); Elsie C. Albis (theater); Kevin P. Armingol (literature); Mae U. Caralde (film); Justin Andrew Cruzana (cultural studies); Rey Mart A. Lapiña (cultural heritage); Hannah A. Leceña (literature); Mary Anne Mallari (film); Marvin Pableo (gender studies/music); Paul Jeffrey D.R. Peñaflor (popular literature); Sara Mae San Juan-Robin (cultural studies); and Roda L. Tajon (cultural studies).

Rolando B. Tolentino, associate for criticism of the DLSU Bienvenido N. Santos Creative Writing Center, is workshop director. He is supported by a distinguished panel of experts: Ms. Lisa Ito-Tapang, Dr. Gary C. Davilles, Dr. Carlos M. Piosos III, Dr. Shirley O. Lua, Dr. Jose Victor Torres, Dr. Jazmin B. Llana, Dr. Anne Frances N. Sangil, Dr. Ronald Baytan, and Dr. John Iremil E. Teodoro.



# UNIVERSITY OPENS STROKE REHAB PROGRAM, TULAY



Top photo: TULAY launch attendees

Bottom photo: Foreign mentors with junior researchers

**LAST FEBRUARY 14, THE DLSU INSTITUTE OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING AND HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES (DLSU-IBEHT) LAUNCHED** a national project that aims to produce a co-designed, sustainable community-based self-management physical rehabilitation program using stroke as a test case.

Dubbed “Tulong, Ugnayan ng Lingap At gabaY (TULAY): Co-designing Community Physical Rehabilitation in the Philippines,” the project will be implemented and assessed for its impact on self-management skills, patient well-being, and self-efficacy.

TULAY is a project funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research – Global Health Policy Research (NIHR-HPSR) through the University of Plymouth, United Kingdom. The NIHR-HPSR awards funding support to areas of applied health policy and system research, which aims to ultimately strengthen and improve health systems for low-middle income countries like the Philippines.

### **TULAY Project Hybrid Conference Workshop**

For its maiden activity, TULAY hosted the hybrid conference workshop entitled, “Making Research Count in a Real World Setting” on February 16-17, at the DLSU Henry Sy, Sr. Hall and via Zoom, participated in by graduate students and researchers.

The workshop provided an overview of health research methodologies and grant/protocol writing with emphasis on implementation research. It also provided a masterclass which aimed to develop and capacitate junior researchers with skills in developing and managing research grant proposals.

Participants were mentored by the TULAY Project team members from the University of Plymouth, St. George’s, University of London, and Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Trust.

Speakers and mentors were: Prof. Ruth Endacott, inaugural Director of Nursing and Midwifery at NIHR; Prof. Bridie Kent, TULAY Project Principal Investigator, Director - The University of Plymouth Centre for Innovations in Health and Social Care: A Centre for Innovations in Health and Social Care: A Centre of Excellence of the Joanna Briggs Institute; Prof. Jonathan Marsden, physiotherapist and Professor & Chair of Rehabilitation at the School of Health Professions, University of Plymouth; Fiona Jones, professor of Rehabilitation Research at St. George’s University of London and CEO of Bridges Self Management; and Dr. Angie Logan, consultant physiotherapist in stroke rehabilitation at Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust in the United Kingdom.

## **Online donation facility now available**

**Lasallian  
Giving**  
DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY

**Lasallian Giving** (<https://www.dlsu.edu.ph/give>), **DLSU’s new online donation facility, was officially launched last February 14. This portal seeks to promote the University’s thrust to make Lasallian education accessible to the country’s outstanding youth. It is also our way to support the Institution in its continuing pursuit of quality education, in line with its mission to be a leading resource for the country and the region.**

The Lasallian Giving portal is now available to accept donations via e-wallets and online banking. Developed in partnership with DragonPay, it is a secure online donation solutions facility within the Philippines. There are also over-the-counter payment centers to facilitate your gift giving.

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<https://www.dlsu.edu.ph/give>

“ Show much kindness and love  
for the young people you teach. ”

*De La Salle*  
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# FACTS and FIGURES



The DLSU Integrated School SHS hosts the annual *Bansayan at Pandayan*, a two-day Young Artists' Workshop for private and public senior high school students, under the mentorship of renowned Filipino artists.

The program includes the publication of the participants' revised creative pieces, an online recital, and an online exhibition of visual and multimedia arts.

# 50

DLSU student participants in 2022

# 350

partner organizations - project beneficiaries

# 134

individual beneficiaries

### *Sustainable Development goal(s) addressed by the completed projects*

**SDG 4:** Quality Education  
**SDG 10:** Reduce Inequalities  
**SDG 16:** Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions  
**SDG 17:** Partnerships for the Goals

### *4 USEF Strategic Goals Addressed by the Completed Project*

**USEF Goal 1:** Localize the UN SDGs  
**USEF Goal 2:** Initiate industry partnership for social engagement  
**USEF Goal 3:** Promote research-based social engagement projects and/or public policies  
**USEF Goal 4:** Initiate partnerships for joint online Global Service-Learning

***Bansayan at Pandayan 2023 will be held on June 1-2.***

For details, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/DLSUSHSBansayanAtPandayan>

Source: DLSU IS through the Center for Social Concern and Action



2401 (tweñ'te fôr, o, wun) is a landmark number along Taft Avenue. It is the location ID of De La Salle University, home to outstanding faculty and students, and birthplace of luminaries in business, public service, education, the arts, and science. And 2401 is the name of the official newsletter of DLSU, featuring developments and stories of interest about the University.

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