



## 10th DITECH promotes inclusivity in innovation, creativity, and sustainability

De La Salle University in cooperation with the Lasallian schools in the Philippines held the 10th DLSU Innovation and Technology Fair (DITECH 2023) and the 4th IOPHL-DLSU Intellectual Property and Innovation Research Conference last April 26 to 28 at The Verdure, Henry Sy, Sr. Hall.

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For the first time since the pandemic, DITECH was held in person. The event theme “Women, Youth, and Indigenous Peoples: Towards Inclusivity in Innovation, Creativity, and Sustainability” sought to affirm the important contributions of groups traditionally underserved by the intellectual property system.

Through keynote addresses, plenary sessions, panel discussions, exhibits, and a design thinking competition, the 10th DITECH Fair celebrated the sustainable innovation and creativity of women, youth, and members of indigenous communities.

The event was in line with the celebration of World IP Day by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the National

Innovation Day Celebration in the Philippines, and DLSU’s 50th year of being a co-ed institution.

DITECH also marked a decade of celebrating the creative and innovative endeavors of the Lasallian community. In his welcome message, DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC expressed hope that the event would inspire more meaningful conversations and collaborations, and contribute to the development of policies, practices, and strategies that promote inclusivity and sustainable growth.

# INNOVATIVE TROLLEY WINS FIRST PRIZE IN DITECH FAIR 2023



**A TEAM OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING STUDENTS FROM DLSU BAGGED THE TOP PRIZE** for their project called LIFT (Lifting Innovative Functional Trolley), chosen among works of 18 student teams from various institutions that participated in the recent DLSU Innovation and Technology (DITECH) Fair 2023.

The all-women team was composed of 4th year students Alyana Nicole Abad, Armeila Khiyana Cunanan, Angelee Mari

Gabatin, Mary Gale Soan, and Kathleen Tejano, with their mentor Dr. Alma Maria Jennifer Gutierrez.

DITECH Fair 2023 featured works of researchers, inventors, creators, and entrepreneurs that aligned with the theme, “Women, Youth, and Indigenous Peoples: Towards Inclusivity in Innovation, Creativity, and Sustainability.”

Participating institutions included the University of the Philippines Los Banos,

De La Salle Zobel, De La Salle Lipa, College of St. Benilde, and De La Salle University-Manila, professors and research professionals, were selected to showcase their work.

Among them, two teams were from the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, which exhibited the products from their product design lab (LBYIE3G).

# DLSU COLLABORATES WITH MANILA LGU, UNIVERSITIES ON SDG POLICY



## DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY (DLSU) IN COLLABORATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT (LGU) OF MANILA

led a consortium of 16 colleges and universities for the localization of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the city.

The consortium, set to be formally launched this coming June, seeks to support the creation of an “SDG City”, which is anchored on SDG 17, otherwise known as Partnership for the Goals.

DLSU and the LGU signed a Memorandum of Understanding in November 2020 for the initial phase of the SDG City project. Virtual meetings with the Manila universities were conducted in December 2021 and June 2022 to discuss the rationale for the alliance,

as well as the roles and responsibilities of members.

The first physical meeting of the consortium was held last February 28 on the DLSU Manila campus, with institutional support from the Office of the Vice President for Lasallian Mission and the La Salle Institute of Governance.

Participants of the meeting shared the importance of scoping the problems and challenges, monitoring development interventions, and recommending policy strategies that would help lead to the attainment of SDG outcomes.

Fritzie Ian de Vera, Vice President for Lasallian Mission, emphasized the importance of integrating barangay

development and community engagements of universities with city-level initiatives. On the other hand, Joy Dawis-Asuncion, Assistant City Administrator of Manila, urged the universities to allocate time to conduct research that are relevant to the city.

The participating university are Adamson University, De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde, DLSU, Lyceum of the Philippines University, Mapua University, National University, Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, Philippine Christian University, Philippine Normal University, Philippine Women’s University, Polytechnic University of the Philippines, St. Scholastica’s College, Universidad de Manila, University of Santo Tomas, University of the East, and University of the Philippines Manila.

## DLSU LAGUNA CAMPUS UPDATE

# DLSU Laguna Campus holds Laboratory Building Topping Off Ceremony

**UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS LED BY DLSU PRESIDENT BR. BERNARD OCA FSC WITNESSED THE TOPPING OFF CEREMONY** for a laboratory building on the DLSU Laguna Campus last March 9.

The design of the new facility is in line with DLSU’s thrust on sustainability and the development of a green campus. It will employ solar energy and will house sustainability research, projects, and other activities.

Aside from Br. Bernie, attending the ceremony from the DLSU Administration were: Executive Director for Campus Development Office Dr. Jason Ongpeng; Vice President for Laguna Campus

Dr. Jonathan Dungca; Senior Vice President Ramon Trajano; and Br. Bong Servando FSC, La Salle Brothers’ representative.

Also gracing the event were external partners Engr. Mariano See Diet of Monolith Construction, Architect Jose Siao Ling of Jose Siao Ling & Associates, and Architect Sonny Salvacion of Design Coordinates.



# TAÑADA-DIOKNO SCHOOL OF LAW HOLDS WORKSHOP ON DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

AS PART OF THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE OF DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY UNDER THE BITUIN PROGRAM, a team from the Tañada-Diokno School of Law (TDSOL) led by Dean Atty. Virgilio Delos Reyes attended a Data Gathering Workshop last March 31 at the DLSU Rufino Campus.

The BITUIN Project Team facilitated the activity with two partners, namely, Technopoly, Inc., represented by Dennis Beng Hui and Indra Philippines, represented by Marijo Condes.

TDSOL's workshop aimed to improve its Student Lifecycle (SLC) Processes by identifying "pain points" and potential "quick wins", as well as the requirements for the development of the Student Lifecycle Architecture.

Workshop participants included Atty. Rebecca Khan, Associate Dean; Rochelle Tabirao, Academic Programming Officer; Reggie Reyes, Continuing Legal Education Legal Secretary; Ronel Saligumba, Administrative Assistant for Admissions and Scholarships; Melchor Allauigan Jr., Administrative Assistant for Bar Operations; Jenny Tecson-Gonzales, Administrative Assistant for Faculty Hiring; and Andylyn Simeon, Coordinator for Lasallian Formation. The group covered topics on degree program, curriculum, and subject management. They also discussed processes on the administration of grades, shifting, and leaves of absence.



Participants identified the following features to improve Student Lifecycle: 1) Enable course equivalency setup; 2) Enforce course prerequisite conditions; 3) View Program Information via a Dashboard; 4) Track out-of-sequence Students; 5) Define a grading system that is different from other DLSU Colleges; and 6) Allow a mass selection of students for a change of grades.

In terms of finance-related support and information, the feedback from the participants prompted the Office of the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to schedule the release of the comprehensive P&L (profit and loss) statement to TDSOL this May.

## Kurso sa Komunikasyon at Kultura para sa Mag-aaral ng Tokyo University of Foreign Studies



**PITONG MAG-AARAL MULA SA TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES (TUFS)** ang kumuha ng kursong Komunikasyon at Kultura (KOMFIL1) noong Pebrero at Marso sa Manila campus ng Pamantasang De La Salle.

Ang KOMFIL1 ay isang espesyal na kurso sa wikang Tagalog/Filipino at kulturang Pilipino para sa mga banyagang mag-aaral na nagnanais na matutong magsalita ng wikang Filipino bilang pangalawang wika.

Bahagi nito ang eksposur sa kultura at lipunang Pilipino sa pamamagitan ng pagpunta sa iba't ibang lugar sa Maynila at iba pang bahagi ng bansa. Kabilang dito ang Divisoria, Quiapo, Binondo, Escolta at Intramuros upang maranasan ang pamimili sa Pilipinas, pagsakay sa pampublikong transportasyon, matikman ang pagkaing Pilipino, at matuto ng mayamang kasaysayan ng bansa mula sa pagbisita sa mga museo, simbahan at iba pang makasaysayang lugar.

Ang kurso ay isa sa programa ng bagong tatag na DLSU Sentro sa Pagsasalin, Intelektuwalisasyon, at Adbokasiya (SALITA), at bukas para sa mga mag-aaral ng TUFS bilang bahagi ng Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) sa pagitan ng dalawang institusyon.

Sa Agosto at Setyembre ay may panibagong batch ng mag-aaral ng TUFS ang inaasahang mag-reenroll sa nasabing programa.

# DLSU STUDENTS VIE FOR THE 2023 FLOURISH PRIZES



**FOUR STORIES WRITTEN BY DLSU STUDENTS EMERGED AS FINALISTS IN THE 2023 FLOURISH PRIZE**, a competition under AIM2Flourish—an initiative of the Fowler Center for Business as an Agent of World Benefit at the Weatherhead School of Management of Case Western Reserve University.

The works are among the 78 stories from 32 universities in 25 countries written under the guidance of 35 different professors. They were chosen from among 694 student-written, inspiring innovation stories from all corners of the globe published at AIM2Flourish.com platform in 2022.

Using the UN Global Goals as their lens, students researched and identified a positive business innovation and interviewed a business leader about it.

Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business faculty member Pia Manalastas of the Department of Management and Organization mentored the following finalists from DLSU:

Greener Packaging for everyday life featuring Oikos PH in the Philippines, written by MBA student Ruben Alvarez Jr. (SDG 12, 14, 16)  
Your Affordable Home within the City featuring CitiHub in the Philippines, written by MBA student Grace Tiong from De La Salle University under the direction of Pia Manalastas (SDG 3, 5, 8, 10, 11)

Bridging the Gap: Education and Future Generations featuring Edukasyon.ph in the Philippines written by Applied Corporate Management students Jason Alcalde, Sophia Marie Deverala, Andrea Denise Tan, and Joshua John Sison (SDG 3, 4, 5, 10, 17)

Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation for the Present and Future Generation featuring Manila Water Company, Inc. in the Philippines, written by MBA student Melody Padilla (SDG 6, 9, 11, 10, 14)

Their stories can be accessed at <https://mailchi.mp/aim2flourish/2023-flourish-prize-finalists?e=d8c6e6182f> The winners will be announced at the Flourish Prizes Award Ceremony in early June. #2023FlourishPrizes

## Lasallian Giving offers easier way to support the Mission

**LASALLIAN GIVING ([HTTPS://WWW.DLSU.EDU.PH/GIVE](https://www.dlsu.edu.ph/give)), DLSU'S NEW ONLINE DONATION FACILITY** maintained by the Advancement and Alumni Relations Office, encourages members of the Lasallian community, including alumni and partners, to support the Lasallian Mission.

The portal underscores the University's thrust to make Lasallian education accessible to the country's outstanding youth, in line with its mission to be a leading resource for the country and the region.

Lasallian Giving accepts 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.

The Lasallian Giving portal

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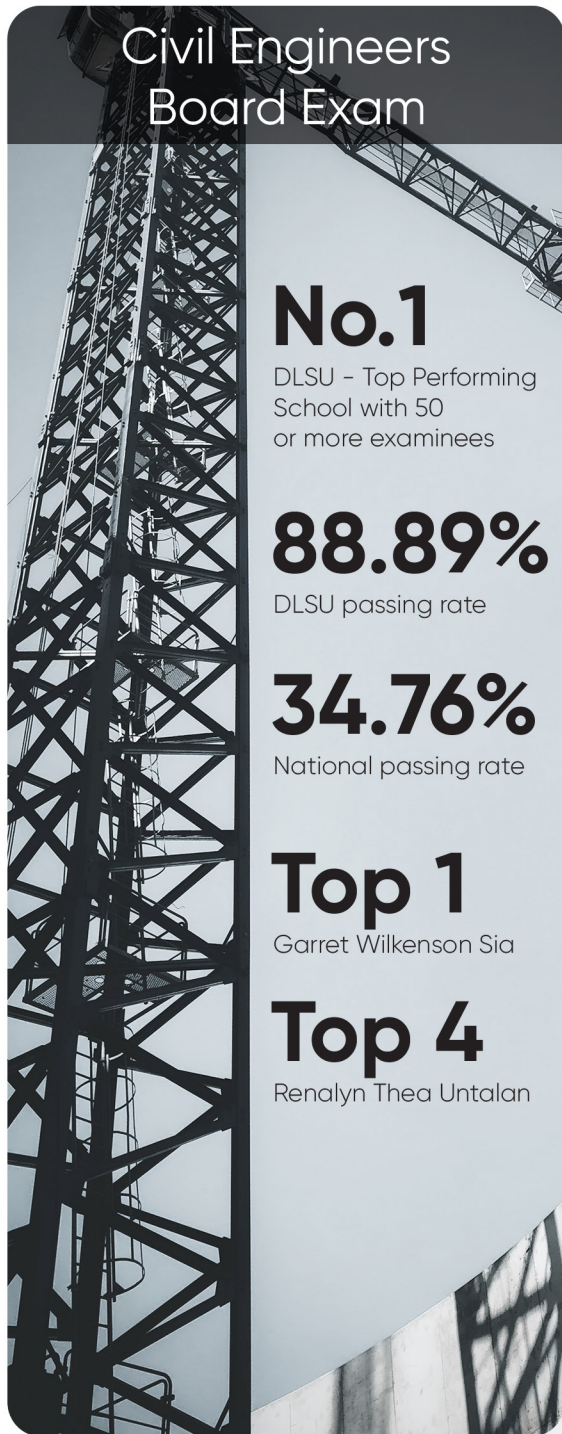
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“Be warm-hearted to everyone, speaking to others in a gentle and respectful way.”

*De La Salle*

St. John Baptist de La Salle (Letter 105)

## DLSU Gokongwei College of Engineering April 2023 Licensure Exams Performance



### Civil Engineers Board Exam

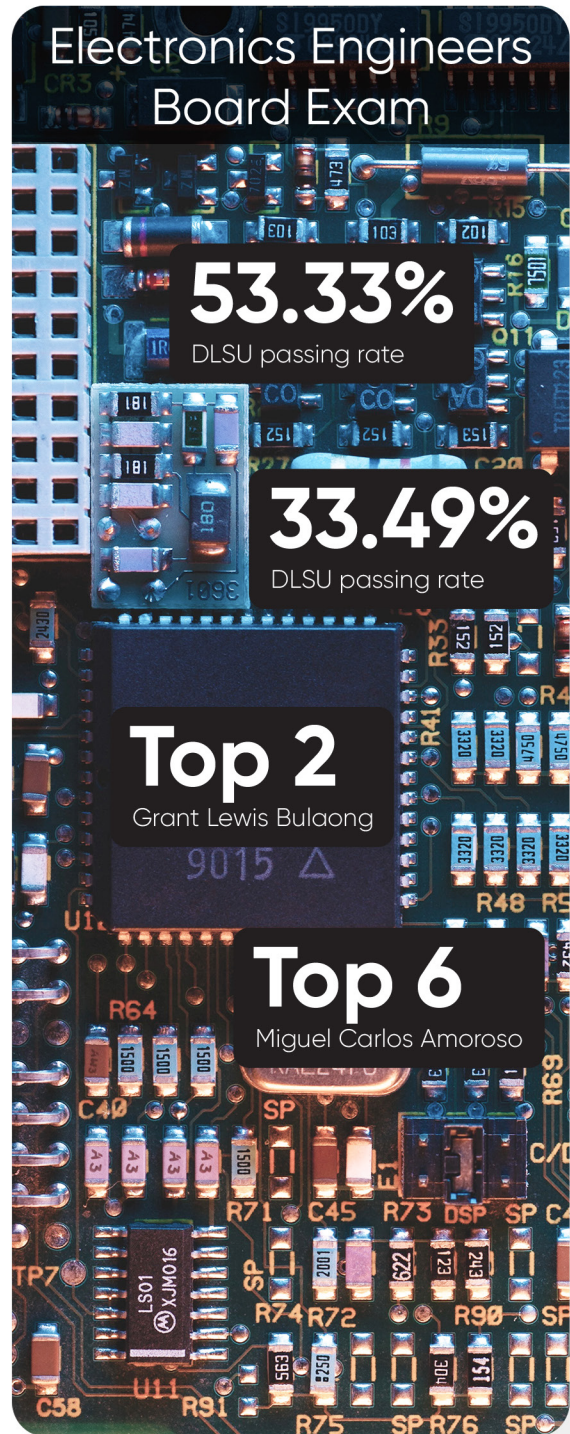
**No.1**  
DLSU - Top Performing School with 50 or more examinees

**88.89%**  
DLSU passing rate

**34.76%**  
National passing rate

**Top 1**  
Garret Wilkenson Sia

**Top 4**  
Renalyn Thea Untalan



### Electronics Engineers Board Exam

**53.33%**  
DLSU passing rate

**33.49%**  
DLSU passing rate

**Top 2**  
Grant Lewis Bulaong

**Top 6**  
Miguel Carlos Amoroso

Source: Professional Regulation Commission



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