GLOBAL RANKINGS HIGHLIGHT DLSU AS A LEADING HEI IN THE REGION

UNDERSCORING ITS COMMITMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND IMPACTFUL INITIATIVES, De La Salle University emerged as one of the leading universities in the region and the world in two global rankings, namely, the 2023 Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings and the QS World University Rankings.
TWO PROFESSORS FROM DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY ARE INCLUDED IN RESEARCH.COM’S 2023 RANKINGS of the best scientists in the world based on D-index (discipline-filtered h-index).

Prof. Raymond Tan and Prof. Anthony SF Chiu, both University Fellows and Distinguished Full Professors of the Departments of Chemical Engineering and of Industrial and Systems Engineering, respectively, are the only scientists from the Philippines in their respective disciplines.

Tan is listed in the subject area of Engineering and Technology, ranking 1,043 in the world. Chiu, on the other hand, is listed in Social Sciences and Humanities, ranking 3,518 in the world. They also both appeared in the 2022 edition of the list. That same year, DLSU was the top-ranked university in the country.

According to Tan, “The presence of a handful of local researchers in this list shows the potential for Philippine research to be truly world-class. However, our country is also badly underrepresented compared to other nations in a similar developmental stage, which underscores the need for our universities to ramp up efforts to develop globally competitive scientists.”

For more information, visit: https://research.com/scientists-rankings/engineering-and-technology and https://research.com/scientists-rankings/social-sciences-and-humanities

LA SALLE PROFESSORS AMONG THE WORLD’S TOP SCIENTISTS

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING FULL PROFESSOR DR. JOSEPH AURESENIA AND DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY FULL PROFESSOR DR. DAVID PENALOZA, JR., have been included in the 2023 Asian Scientist 100 list, which recognizes the region’s award-winning researchers for their achievements across the different scientific disciplines.

Auresenia and Penaloza are among 14 Filipinos included in this year’s list.

Started in 2016, the Asian Scientist 100 is published by Asian Scientist Magazine, a Singapore-based publication dedicated to providing researchers, educators and students, healthcare professionals, and government agencies, with news about science and technology.

Among Asia’s best universities

De La Salle University is among the leading universities in the region in the 2023 Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings, placing in the 501-600 bracket.

The rankings use the same research-intensive indicators as THE’s World University Rankings, but are adjusted to reflect the attributes of the region’s higher learning institutions. The universities were assessed in the following areas: teaching (learning environment), research (volume, income, and reputation), citations (research influence), international outlook (staff, students, and research), and industry income (knowledge transfer).

In a statement, Vice President for Research and Innovation Prof. Raymond Tan said that “University research enriches education and improves alumni career prospects. The THE Rankings give us an external yardstick to gauge the potential benefits to our stakeholders.”

This year, 669 universities from 31 territories met the rankings criteria.

Higher standing in World University Rankings

De La Salle University remains as one of the world’s leading HEIs, according to global higher education analyst Quacquarelli Symonds (QS).

DLSU improved its rankings in the 2024 edition of the QS World University Rankings, placing in the 681-690 bracket after being in the 801-1,000 bracket for five consecutive years. The University is also the country’s top ranked HEI in the citations per faculty indicator.

Moreover, it also improved in both the academic reputation and employer reputation indicators this year.


ASIAN SCIENTIST 100 LIST INCLUDES TWO FACULTY MEMBERS

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UNIVERSITY FELLOW RECEIVES PAASE AWARD

UNIVERSITY FELLOW AND DISTINGUISHED FULL PROFESSOR DR. ANTHONY SF CHIU RECEIVED THE 2023 SEVERINO & PAZ KOH LECTURESHIP AWARD FOR ENGINEERING, which was conferred by the Philippine-American Academy of Science & Engineering (PAASE) in recognition of his significant contribution to the field.

He received the award during the Annual PAASE Meeting and Symposium this June. PAASE bestows Awards on its members who have outstanding scientific and technological accomplishments. These are given in honor of late PAASE co-founder Dr. Severino Koh and his wife Paz, who made significant contributions to the development of the organization and its members.

Chiu is Distinguished Professor and Research Fellow of the Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering of the Gokongwei College of Engineering. He is also a member of the United Nations Environment International Resource Panel; member of the Pollution Adjudication Board of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in 2004-2016 and 2022; and Secretary-General of the International Foundation for Production Research since 2019. He has also served as editor-in-chief of Elsevier Cleaner & Responsible Consumption (Scopus) and J of PIIE (abstracted).

PAASE is a non-profit organization composed of over 230 university professors, government and academic research scientists, policy makers, and lecturers in world-class academic institutions in the U.S., the Philippines, Europe, Australia and Asia.
DLSU bags international award for SDG initiative

HIGHLIGHTING DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY’S EFFORTS TO LOCALIZE THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS), the Accreditation for Entrepreneurial and Engaged Universities (ACEEU) Triple E Awards named the University 1st runner-up in the SDG Initiative of the Year for Asia Pacific. The awarding was held last June 26 in Barcelona, Spain.

ACEEU is an international and the only body specializing in acknowledging and fostering entrepreneurial and engaged potential of universities on institutional and divisional levels.

LA SALLE FOOD AND WATER INSTITUTE HEAD ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF PHILIPPINE COFFEE GUILD

LA SALLE FOOD AND WATER INSTITUTE (LSFWI) DIRECTOR AND FACULTY MEMBER OF THE CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT DR. EMMANUEL GARCIA HAS BEEN ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE PHILIPPINE COFFEE GUILD.

An advocate of research-based development of the country’s coffee and cacao industry, Garcia is currently leading a collaborative research project under the Food Authenticity and Traceability Program of the DOST Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development to help boost local farming.

One of the major initiatives that he led as the new chair of the Philippine Coffee Guild was the Philippine Coffee Expo 2023 held last June 2-4 at the World Trade Center in Pasay City, which cast the spotlight on the coffee varieties unique to some regions of the country.

More than 6,700 industry players and enthusiasts gathered for the Expo activities, which included plenary sessions, a trade fair, exhibits, and competitions, to experience the wide range of exciting local products and to check the potential of the growing coffee and cacao industries.

The Lasallian Social Enterprise for Economic Development (LSEED) Center developed the programs in localizing SDGs through community-led social entrepreneurship.

LSEED Center Director Norby Salonga, who received the award on behalf of DLSU, was also named the Entrepreneurship Educator of the Year.

The award recognizes an initiative that significantly differs from standard practice and has created exceptional results for achieving the UN SDGs.

During the event, the DLSU team showcased their study “Stable Isotope and Multi Elemental Profiling of Coffee and Cacao Beans in the Philippines by IRMS and XRF for Origin Identification.” The research seeks to provide feedback for local producers to improve the quality of their crops as well as contribute to policy recommendations that will protect them against fraud and adulteration of coffee and cacao products.

“Leveraging on a strong industry-academe partnership, we have carried out numerous activities, projects, and initiatives to respond to the biggest challenges in the local coffee industry: one, lack of coordination among industry stakeholders; and two, gaps in collection and distribution of research and technical knowledge,” Garcia said.
DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY RECENTLY CONCLUDED ITS VISION-MISSION WEEK, ALSO KNOWN AS UNIVWEEK, WHICH WAS HELD FROM JUNE 16-30. The theme for this year’s Vision-Mission Week was “Kislap: Liwanag ng Bukang Liwayway,” which aimed to commemorate the admission of the first women students in DLSU five decades ago, and honor the enduring service of the Lasallian community to marginalized sectors of society.

The two-week celebration started off with an opening mass, followed by the program “Kwentong Babae, Kwentong Lasalyana”, which created a platform for Lasallian women from different generations to share their inspiring stories as members of the DLSU community, celebrating their achievements and highlighting the progress made towards gender equality.

Other notable activities and events in the DLSU Vision-Mission Week 2023 included The Bazaar, Golden Jubilee Concert, Blood Donation Drive, Lasallian Showtime, Himig Worship Concert, Battle of the Bands, College of Liberal Arts Grand Alumni Homecoming, AKBAY Advocacy Summit, Bayanihan Lasallian, A Souful Night, PelikuLa Salle, Queer Euphoria: Celebrating Pride at Prom, and Sinag Pride Concert.

To conclude the celebration, Animusika was held on June 30. The much-awaited grand finale featured renowned OPM bands and artists such as The Itchyworms, Zack Tabudlo, Zild, Munimuni, and many more.

This event spearheaded by the Office of the Vice President for Lasallian Mission and organized by the University Student Government, Lasallian Pastoral Office, Culture and Arts Office, The Lasallian Student Ambassadors for Graduate Education, Graduate Student Council, PRISM, DLSU SHS Student Council, The Center for Social Concern and Action, Council of Student Organizations, Parents of University Students Organization, and Student Discipline Formation Office. (Ezekiel Wilson Doromal)

“Listen to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit and not so much to your dislikes and difficulties.”

Letter 45 - To Brother Robert in Darnetal, 1709
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2016
The campus was rebranded to become De La Salle University Laguna Campus to underscore the importance of its location and identity amid the fast-growing developments in the bustling city of Biñan.

2011
During the centennial year of De La Salle University in the Philippines, De La Salle Canlubang was renamed to De La Salle University Science and Technology Complex.

2003
The inaugural opening of the campus on May 15, 2003 marked four significant events:
- The unveiling of the commemorative marker of the Milagros R. del Rosario Building, led by then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
- The oath-taking of Br. Rolando Dizon FSC as the Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education
- The launch of the DLSU bonds by Mr. Rommel Leuterio
- The launch of the FeCaSAA Benigno S. Aquino Award for Nationalism by Mr. Jose Kalaw, with a response from former President

1998
The groundbreaking of the campus, then called De La Salle Canlubang, was held.

1970s
The idea to have a campus in Laguna began as early as the 1970s, when Leandro V. Locsin and Cecilia Yulo-Locsin donated part of Canlubang Estates to De La Salle University.

2023
The campus launched the School of Innovation and Sustainability, underscoring a unique and progressive teaching paradigm with the Challenge-Based Learning framework.

2012
The integration saw an influx of changes for the campus in terms of program development, infrastructure, and organizational process, among others.

2001
2401 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.