





For his part, Br. Bernie highlighted the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the University Charter, happening on AY 2025 to 2026, with focus on three main goals: Partners, Knowledge Ecosystem, and Impact.

Br. Bernie pointed out that the first goal is about making the members of the Lasallian community more Mission-focused and higher-performing, which will ultimately lead to higher levels of fulfillment. This goal covers greater accountability, higher drive for academic research, and improvement in support services.

For the second goal, the University commits its contribution to the national knowledge ecosystem – wherein industry players will be tapped deliberately. DLSU will offer valuable research outputs and services for businesses, educational policy-making, social impact, and efforts on SDG City. For the third goal, DLSU aims to be a global leader in impactful research.

Br. Bernie ended his presentation with a message of hope, “*Habang pinagmamasdan kong binubuo ang ating bagong Strategic Plan, di ko rin mapagkaila na tila di nalalayo ang ating mga pangarap. Lalo tuloy tumitindi ang aking paniniwala na gumagalaw ang Espiritu Santo sa ating mga indibidwal na saloobin at pinagsamang-gawa.*”

Additionally, he underscored the shared mission of the members: “*Halina’t ipagtibay natin ito, ipagpatuloy natin, nang buong pagtitiwala, pagkasigasig, at banal na pagsasama.*”

After the President’s Address, a fireside chat dubbed as “Animo Chat” with Br. Bernie, University Fellow Dr. Allan B.I. Bernardo, and Department of Economics Chair Dr. Mariel Sauler was held to discuss the main features and next steps for the new strategic plan.



From left to right: LSIG Director Dr. Ador Torneo, DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC, CG VADM Joseph Coyme, and CG COMMO Genito Basilo

CG VADM Joseph Coyme presents the PCG seal to Br. Bernard Oca FSC

PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD, DLSU INK PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT PHL BLUE ECONOMY

WITH THEIR SHARED COMMITMENT TO NATION BUILDING AND GOVERNANCE THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and De La Salle University signed a Memorandum of Understanding last August 17 at the Villavicencio Boardroom of the DLSU Henry Sy, Sr. Hall.

Signing for DLSU was President Br. Bernard Oca FSC, while standing for Commandant CG Admiral Artemio Abu was CG VADM Joseph Coyme, commander of the Maritime Safety Services Command.

The MOU identified areas of collaboration between the two parties, including research projects and publications; development of new systems relevant to their respective missions; organizing dialogues, joint conferences, seminars, and workshops; faculty, staff, and students’ visits; and on-the-job training of the graduating students and Research Fellows.

The partnership was facilitated by DLSU’s La Salle Institute of Governance (LSIG) under its director, Dr. Ador Torneo.

Following the MOU signing, LSIG hosted a roundtable discussion on “The Philippine Blue Economy: Emerging issues, diverse views, and impacts,” which was part of a series of public engagements intended to examine the pressing issues related to Philippine maritime domain, toward possible joint initiatives as well as courses of action for policy and program development.

Two presenters came from the DLSU Department of Political Science and Development Studies — professional lecturer Jess Lorenzo, who gave a presentation on the blue economy and food security in coastal communities in the Philippines, and Associate Professor Dr. Sherwin Ona, who talked about the impact of AI and cyber technology on the maritime domain and lessons for the country. Another presenter, Tanggol Kalikasan Inc. Senior Legal Adviser Atty. Asis Perez, focused on resilience, sharing strategies for coastal communities in times of conflict.

Serving as panel reactors were Dr. Gary Dionisio, dean of the School of Diplomacy and Governance of De La Salle College of Saint Benilde, and CG LTJG Gerald Cordero, commander of the Marine Environmental Protection Force National Capital Region-Central Luzon.



SOCIAL SCIENTISTS TACKLE UN SDGs IN DLSU CONFERENCE

OVER 180 DELEGATES COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ACADEME, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND ORGANIZATIONS FROM ASIA AND EUROPE participated in the inaugural DLSU International Social Sciences Conference, or DISSCON, held last August 11 and 12 in Boracay, Malay, Aklan, to tackle the role of A.R.E.A.S. – academics, research, engagement and advocacy, and synergy – in attaining the United Nations’ 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Convened by the DLSU College of Liberal Arts, the Social Development Research Center, and the Jesse Robredo Institute of Governance, the event centered on the theme “Sustainable Development Goals and the Social Sciences: Strengthening Key A.R.E.A.S. of Integration.”

Welcoming the participants were DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC and Vice President for Research and Innovation Dr. Raymond Tan.

The conference featured five keynote speakers: Dr. Edwine Carrie, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in the Philippines; Dr. Idham Badruzaman, head of the International Relations Office at Universitas Muhammadiyah, Yogyakarta; and from DLSU—Dr. Allan B.I. Bernardo, Academician, University Fellow, and Distinguished Professor of the

Department of Psychology; Dr. Francisco Magno, Department of Political Science and Development Studies professor; and Dr. Mary Janet Arnado, Department of Sociology and Behavioral Sciences Professor.

The event also featured a panel discussion on “Best Practices: Integration of SDGs into Basic and Secondary and Higher Education”, with Dr. Henry Magahis, Principal, Enzotech/Enrique Zobel Foundation, Inc.; Dr. David Michael San Juan, DLSU Departmento ng Filipino professor; and Dr. Charles Gallagher of the Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, La Salle University Philadelphia and DLSU Visiting Professor.

At the closing ceremony, three best paper presentations were awarded a cash prize, and ten papers were selected for publication in DLSU’s internationally refereed journal the Asia Pacific Social Science Review.

History Professor Dr. Farish Noor of the University of Malaya, in his closing remarks, expressed hope that the delegates were up to the challenge of the complex analysis that development demanded, to enable the young to understand where they are in the world today.

FINALISTS IN PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERING SCHOOLS TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS



TWO FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, Full Professor Dr. Andres Winston Oreta and Assistant Professor Engr. Paolo Ian Lucero, have been selected as finalists in the Philippine Association of Engineering Schools (PAES) Teaching Excellence Awards.

Oreta teaches at the Department of Civil Engineering’s Structural Engineering Division. He was the CE Department. QA Coordinator (2014-2015) and GCOE Quality Assurance Office Director (2015-2016).

He was the lead person of the CE Dept. in the implementation of Outcomes Based Education in the department. He has conducted action research and presented papers on civil engineering education.

Meanwhile, Lucero has research interests in transportation planning and sustainable transport.

PAES is composed of higher education institutions in the Philippines offering engineering programs. Its main objective is to ensure the high quality of engineering education through sharing of best practices among members in an annual general membership meeting and conference; faculty development activities; and engaging faculty members and students in research and innovation, and in extension services.



Fairwork PH Ratings 2023

PROTECTING WORKER SAFETY AND SECURITY

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FILIPINO GIG WORKERS SUFFER FROM FINANCIAL INSECURITY, HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS, RESEARCH SHOWS

GIG WORKERS SPEND LONG HOURS ON THE ROAD EVERYDAY. BUT AFTER FACTORING IN THE COST OF GAS, MOBILE DATA CREDIT, vehicle maintenance and repair costs, alongside loan payments for their vehicles, most workers cannot meet the basic minimum wage—all of this while also facing dangerous working conditions, a lack of safety nets, and long-term financial insecurity.

These are the main findings of the ‘Fairwork Philippines Ratings 2023: Protecting Worker Health, Safety, and Security in the Philippine Platform Economy’ report, launched last August 16 at De La Salle University in partnership with the University of Oxford.

The report studied the health, safety, and security of gig workers from 10 platforms belonging in the ride hailing and delivery sectors: Angkas, Borzo, GrabCar, Grab Food/Express, Foodpanda, Joyride, Joyride Car, Lalamove, Maxim, and TokTok.

Despite government and market forces continually promoting gig work as a viable livelihood opportunity for Filipinos, the findings of the Fairwork Philippines Ratings 2023 report shows no improvement in the

conditions of workers in comparison to last year. The report shows that many platform workers are left to suffer conditions of financial insecurity and major safety risks due to limited protections.

Principal Investigator and DLSU Professor Dr. Cheryll Soriano pointed out: “Many studies on platform labor assume that gig workers already have their own cars or motorbikes. In countries like the Philippines, many workers are attracted to the gig economy and go into loan and debt arrangements to gain access to vehicles, helmets, onboarding costs, and mobile devices, with the hope that they can recover these costs through gig work.”

Atty. Jayvy Gamboa, Fairwork PH legal consultant and policy associate at Manila Observatory, highlighted three policy recommendations: (1) to establish a legal framework that grants gig workers, regardless of their employment status, rights, benefits, and protections equivalent to traditional employees, most especially the assurance of living wages after cost; (2) government-mandated social security and health insurance; and (3) compensation and insurance coverage for work-related illness and injury.

The ‘Fairwork Philippines Ratings 2023’ report is now available on the Fairwork website.

Lasallians bag championship awards in USA dance competition

TEN DLSU STUDENTS, MEMBERS OF THE LEGIT STATUS DANCE GROUP THAT REPRESENTED THE PHILIPPINES, bagged the championship in the World Hip Hop Dance Championship 2023 held in Mullet Arena, Arizona State University last August 6.

Around 4000+ dancers in the competition, with 46 teams in the Megacrew Division, and 67 in the Adult Division competed for around two weeks to the finals. The competition took three rounds on August 3 -6.

Members of the team are Luigi Gabriel Mendoza, Maria Angela Atayde, Randel Claude Diaz, Giro Antonio Tuliao, Fernando Miguel Dy IV, Kyla Warikai, Jose Alejandro de los Reyes, Alexis Nickole Enciso, Fernando Raphael Esguerra, and Gabrielle Nicole Cruzado.

Meanwhile, RVRCOB alumni Zion Wuxinyi and Diego Aviles, which competed under the team HQ, also won first place in the adult division of the said competition.



Legit Status Dance Group



SDRC STUDY ON DSWD CASE MANAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR INTEGRATED SYSTEM, COLLABORATION

**A STUDY FROM THE DLSU SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH
CENTER (SDRC) PROVIDING AN IN-DEPTH MAPPING AND ANALYSIS**

of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) case management system underscored the need to have an integrated system and to strengthen collaboration with DSWD partners.

Entitled “Comprehensive Mapping, Assessment and Enrichment of the DSWD Case Management Systems and Practices in the Philippines”, the research was presented by DLSU SDRC Research Fellow and Department of Psychology Associate Professor Dr. Homer Yabut during the DSWD Research Forum 2023 last June 30 at the DSWD Auditorium.

The study sought to identify the strengths, structural gaps, challenges, and opportunities of the case management systems vis-à-vis the social welfare programs and services implementation, with a particular focus on child protection.

Data showed varying degrees in case management processes across LGUs as well as in the competence and experience among social workers and the social service workforce. The study pointed out that the next logical case is for the department to have an integrated electronic case management system.

One of the panel reactors, Council for the Welfare of Children Planning Officer Aiza Cabrera, recommended a more systematic and holistic approach to institutional arrangements; strengthening of inter-agency collaboration to address uncoordinated approaches in responding to issues; and the institutionalization of communities of practice.

Another reactor, Ronald Castro, OIC-Division Chief Social Services Delivery and Management Division of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, likewise noted the need to strengthen collaboration with partners like UNICEF as well as the Philippine National Police and judicial and medical agencies. He also raised the idea of establishing family service centers within barangays and looking into the impact of an integrated electronic case management.

The blended (online and onsite) research forum, conducted by the DSWD Policy Development and Planning Bureau’s Research and Evaluation Division, had as this year’s theme “Advancing Social Protection System: Innovations, Challenges and Opportunities.” It was attended by representatives from the DSWD and nearby Field Offices (NCR and IV-A), NGAs, NGOs, LGUs and the academe.

University Sustainability Office established

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT RECENTLY ANNOUNCED the creation of the University Sustainability Office (USO) effective immediately.

USO’s primary mandate is to ensure that DLSU’s green initiatives are “attuned to a sustainable Earth” by coordinating sustainability projects in the areas of education, research, social engagement, and campus operations.

Antonio Carlos “Nonoi” Maralit will serve as the USO executive director, with Joseph Rosal as director of the Sustainability Hub - Manila (formerly Campus Sustainability Office) and Karen Hebron as director of the Sustainability Hub - Laguna.

The USO and its units will be directly under the Office of the President and will also tap the expertise of Presidential Adviser on Sustainability, Full Professor Dr. Anthony Shun Fung Chiu, to ensure the scientific soundness of DLSU’s green initiatives and policies.

Chiu and Maralit shall co-chair the University Sustainability Committee and the Multi-sectoral Committee on Sustainability.

“ You can perform miracles by touching the hearts
of those entrusted to your care. ”

Bela Falle

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DLSU Service-Learning

Service-learning at DLSU enables students to apply academic learning to real world situations. It is a credit bearing, curriculum-based educational experience in which students participate in activities that support various communities.



UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC/DEGREE PROGRAMS WITH SL COMPONENT As of July 2022

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- College of Science 13
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GRADUATE ACADEMIC/DEGREE PROGRAMS WITH SL COMPONENT As of September 7, 2023

- Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC College of Education 5
- Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business 2



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