



# DLSU, ADMU ink partnership for social entrepreneurship

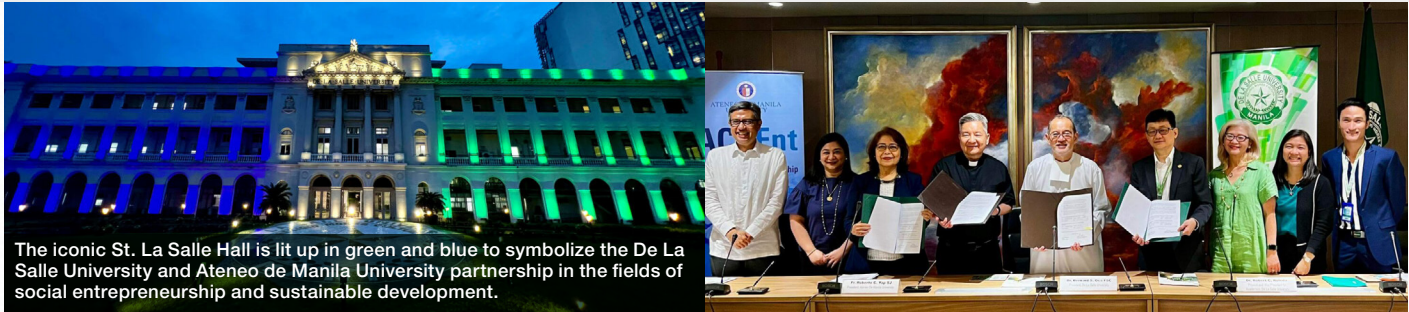
IN A SYMBOLIC EVENT, DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY AND ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY formalized a three-year partnership in the fields of social entrepreneurship and sustainable development through a Ceremonial Signing of Memorandum of Understanding last September 5, held at De La Salle University campus in Manila.

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The iconic St. La Salle Hall is lit up in green and blue to symbolize the De La Salle University and Ateneo de Manila University partnership in the fields of social entrepreneurship and sustainable development.

Through the Lasallian Social Enterprise for Economic Development (LSEED) Center and Ateneo Center for Social Entrepreneurship (ACSEnt), both academic institutions have agreed to explore joint efforts in the promotion of social entrepreneurship and sustainability among higher education institutions, mobilization of internal and external stakeholders, and sharing of good practices.

LSEED Center is a pioneer of community-student partnership in formation and social enterprise development in the country with over 70 social enterprises and 350 social entrepreneurs as part of its portfolio under 11 local and international programs. LSEED Center, which has received a number of awards for its initiatives, is currently chair of the National Association of Social Enterprise Educators and Administrators and a member of ASEAN Learning Network and Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization.

ACSEnt is the Ateneo de Manila University’s center committed to foster social transformation and contribute to nation-building by cultivating a vibrant social entrepreneurship sector in the Philippines. As the first university social entrepreneurship center in the Philippines, ACSEnt has been at the forefront of social enterprise development in the country through programs like the BPI Sinag

University Awards, Social Impact Clinics and the annual National Social Enterprise Conference among others. ACSEnt is also co-chair of the Institute for Social Entrepreneurship in Asia (ISEA) - a regional center undertaking research, education and platform building on social entrepreneurship.

Both universities are members of the PRESENT Coalition which is an alliance of social enterprise stakeholders lobbying for the passage of the Poverty Reduction through Social Entrepreneurship (PRESENT) Bill.

The event was attended by key officials of both universities. DLSU attendees included Br. Bernard Oca FSC (President), Dr. Robert Roleda (Provost), Dr. Laurene Chua-Garcia (VP for External relations and Internationalization), Fritzie Ian De Vera (VP for Lasallian Mission), Johannes Leo Badillo (Executive Director of Strategic Communications Office), and Dr. Norby Salonga (Founding Director of LSEED Center). Ateneo officials who participated in the event were Fr. Roberto Yap, SJ (President), Dr. Maria Luz Vilches (VP for Higher Education), Dr. Roberto Martin N. Galang (Dean of JGSOM), Maria Teresa D. Villanueva (Director of UMCO), and Ana Marina A. Tan (Director of ACSEnt).

# DLSU BAGS BEST PAPER AWARD IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**A PAPER CO-AUTHORED BY MEMBERS OF THE DLSU DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES DEPARTMENT** recently won the Best Research Paper award given by the Asian Political and International Studies Association (APISA), in partnership with the Rosenberg Institute for East Asia of Suffolk University in Boston.

APISA, a leading academic organization in Asia dealing with political and international studies, gave the award during the 17th annual APISA conference held at the Warmadewa College in Bali, Indonesia last June 29-30.

Dr. Francisco A. Magno, DLSU full professor, and Yasmin Abdurahim Tagorda, PhD candidate, won for their paper titled “Unveiling the local turn in Peacebuilding: Exploring the roles and contributions of Bangsamoro civil society organizations in Mindanao peacebuilding for the common good.”

The paper was presented in the conference, which carried the theme of “Towards New Modalities of Governance in Asia: E-democracy, Civil Society, and Human-Centered Policymaking.”

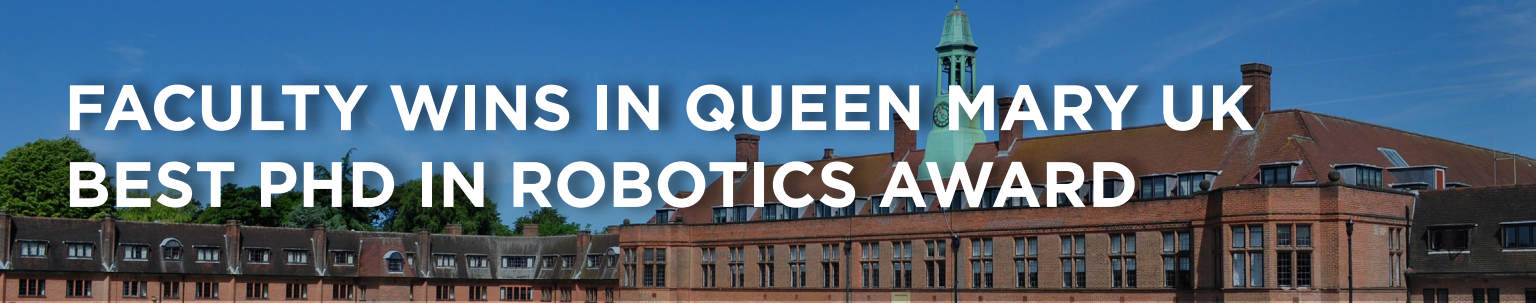
During the award ceremony, Tagorda represented the co-authors in receiving

the top prize from Dr. Roberto Dominguez, professor of International Relations and senior fellow of the Rosenberg Institute at Suffolk University, who served as the chair of the selection panel.



Tagorda at the awarding ceremony





# FACULTY WINS IN QUEEN MARY UK BEST PHD IN ROBOTICS AWARD



Image from [www.hope.ac.uk](http://www.hope.ac.uk)

**DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBER** Dr. Alexander Abad from the Department of Electronics and Computer Engineering, Gokongwei College of Engineering garnered the second spot in the prestigious Queen Mary UK Best PhD in

Robotics Award sponsored by the Centre for Advanced Robotics @ Queen Mary (ARQ).

He is the first Filipino student to finish in the top three in the competition's history.

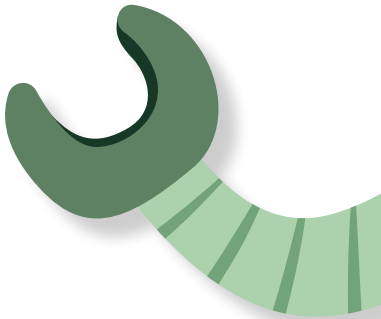
For his PhD research, Abad focused on the development of a novel sensor—a multimodal, fine-grained visuotactile system that could be used in telemedicine and telerobotics, especially in remote sensing applications such as search and rescue and space exploration.

His thesis, titled “Fine-grained Haptics: Sensing and Actuating Haptic Primary Colours (force, vibration, and temperature)”, was completed under the program PhD in Computer Science and Informatics at Liverpool Hope University, UK, which he pursued with support from the Department of Science and Technology - Engineering Research and Development for Technology (DOST-ERDT) Foreign PhD scholarship and Mme. Maillefer Study Program of DLSU. The competition was open to those who

attended their PhD program in the field of robotics at a UK university. Their works were reviewed by international experts and members of the Excellence Committee.

Abad presented his research last September 14 at the 2023 TAROS Conference, which is the longest running UK-hosted international conference on robotics and autonomous systems.

He conducted his PhD research under the supervision of Dr. Anuradha Ranasinghe. He likewise expressed gratitude to Director of Studies, Professor David Reid, as well as DOST-ERDT and DLSU.



## 2023 IE Luminaries of the Philippine Institute of Industrial Engineers awardees

**TWO UNIVERSITY FELLOWS FROM THE GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING** have been selected as recipients of the 2023 Industrial Engineering (IE) Luminaries of the Philippine Institute of Industrial Engineers (PIIE).

Dr. Anthony SF Chiu and Dr. Rosemary Seva, both from the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, will receive the award on the 25th PIIE Anniversary celebration which will coincide with the 18th PIIE National Congress and IE Research Conference to be held at New World Makati Hotel on October 27.

Given only once every five years, the recognition has previously been awarded to other prominent and respected figures, including Department of Interior and Local Government Secretary Jesse Robredo+, Department of Science and Technology Secretary Fortunato de la Peña, Department of Public Works and Highway Secretary Rogelio Singson, and Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chairman Emeritus Francis Chua.



Chiu

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# ACCOUNTANCY SCHOLARSHIP GRANT ESTABLISHED



**DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY SIGNED A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT** for the establishment of the Standard Insurance DLSU Accountancy Scholarship Grant last August 9 at the Villavicencio Boardroom of the Henry Sy, Sr. Hall.

DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC signed for the University while Standard Insurance was represented by its executives, Patricia Echauz-Chilip (BSA '93), Chairman & CEO; Sophia Echauz-Chua (BSA '97), Executive Vice President & CFO; and Magali Echauz (BSA 2019), Accounting Associate.

Standing as witnesses to the MOA signing were Associate Dean of the Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business Dr. Cynthia Cudia for Dean Dr. Emilina Sarreal, and Don Therone Gueco.

The grant shall cover the full amount of tuition and fees, with monthly stipend, for two (2) accountancy scholars from the first year until graduation. The grant will have its first scholar beginning with the academic year of 2023 - 2024.

The initiative was made by the family's patriarch, Ernesto T. Echauz (DLSC HS 1964 and BS Chemical Engineering 1969), to honor his three daughters who are Accountancy graduates of DLSU. He is a recipient of the 2002 Lasallian Achievers Award in Banking and Finance given by the DLSU Professional School of Business and the De La Salle Alumni Association.

Standard Insurance has been constantly engaged in various corporate social responsibility programs. With his leadership, he fosters a sense of pride among its employees by personally involving them to give back and to make an impact in their communities through "Bayanihan Fundraising". For every peso contributed by their associates to their chosen community, Standard Insurance will match that donation. As the company celebrates its 65th year in the business, Standard Insurance has channeled its growth back into the local community and instilled the values of humility, gratitude and excellence among its stakeholders.

In his message, Br. Bernie expressed his appreciation to the Echauz family for entrusting DLSU with the scholarship grant. "I believe that combining our resources and expertise will create meaningful opportunities for the next generation of CPAs and business leaders."

Other DLSU administrators who graced the event were Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Ramon Trajano, Advancement and Alumni Relations Office Executive Director Edwin Reyes, Office for Admissions and Scholarships Director Grichelle Prado, and Chair of the Accountancy Department Dr. Jerwin Tubay.

## GCOE faculty elected head of the Philippine Institute of Chemical Engineers



### FULL PROFESSOR FROM THE DLSU GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING'S DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Dr. Nathaniel Dugos was inducted as the national president of the Philippine Institute of Chemical Engineers (PIChE) last September 8, during the 20th Asian Pacific Confederation of Chemical Engineering Congress and 84th PIChE National Convention.

PIChE is the country's premier organization of chemical engineering professionals, with

about 1,800 members registered under its many chapters located all over the country.

Dugos is an ASEAN Engineering Professor and Research Fellow, and holder of the Tan Yan Kee Foundation Professorial Chair in Chemical Engineering as well as the Carlos Palanca Sr. Professorial Chair in Production Engineering Management. He is head of GCOE's Tissue Engineering Laboratory.

Meanwhile, another faculty member from the department, Dr. Vergel Bungay, was elected as national treasurer of the Institute.

During the convention, University Fellow and former GCOE Dean, Dr. Servillano Olaño, Jr., was awarded PIChE President Emeritus.





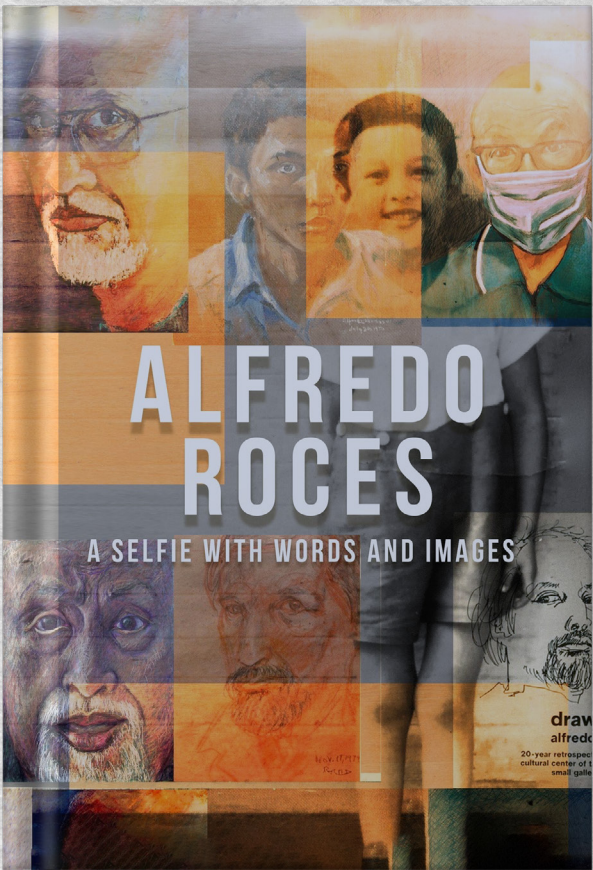
# DLSU PUBLISHING HOUSE TO LAUNCH ALFREDO ROCES MEMOIR

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY PUBLISHING HOUSE IS  
RELEASING A NEW BOOK, *Alfredo Roces: A Selfie with Words  
and Images*. The author of this memoir volume, Alfredo Roces,  
is a prominent name in the history of Philippine art and culture.

As a painter, he received his art education from the University  
of Notre Dame and had taken private classes with Dominador  
Castañeda in the Philippines and George Grosz in New York. As  
an author, four of his more than 20 books have received the National  
Book Awards from the Manila Critics Circle.

Roces was a recipient of the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM, in  
Humanities) award in 1961 and was named a Hall of Fame awardee  
by the Filipino Australian Artists and Cultural Endeavor Society  
in 2011. In 2014, Roces was awarded the Pamana ng Pilipino Award  
by President Benigno Aquino III at the Malacañan Palace.

His most recent books are *Braving the Odds: Far Eastern  
University's Journey and Legacies* (2021) and *Alfredo Roces:  
Digital Paintings*, edited by David Jonathan Bayot (2022).



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Stephen Fernandez; and one of the first females on campus, Bel  
Villavicencio, who studied LIA-COM Behavioral Sciences  
and Business Administration, together with classmate Mon Trajano,  
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As of September 2023

**17** Early Childhood Care and Development/  
Day Care Centers Public Schools

**24** Special Education Centers

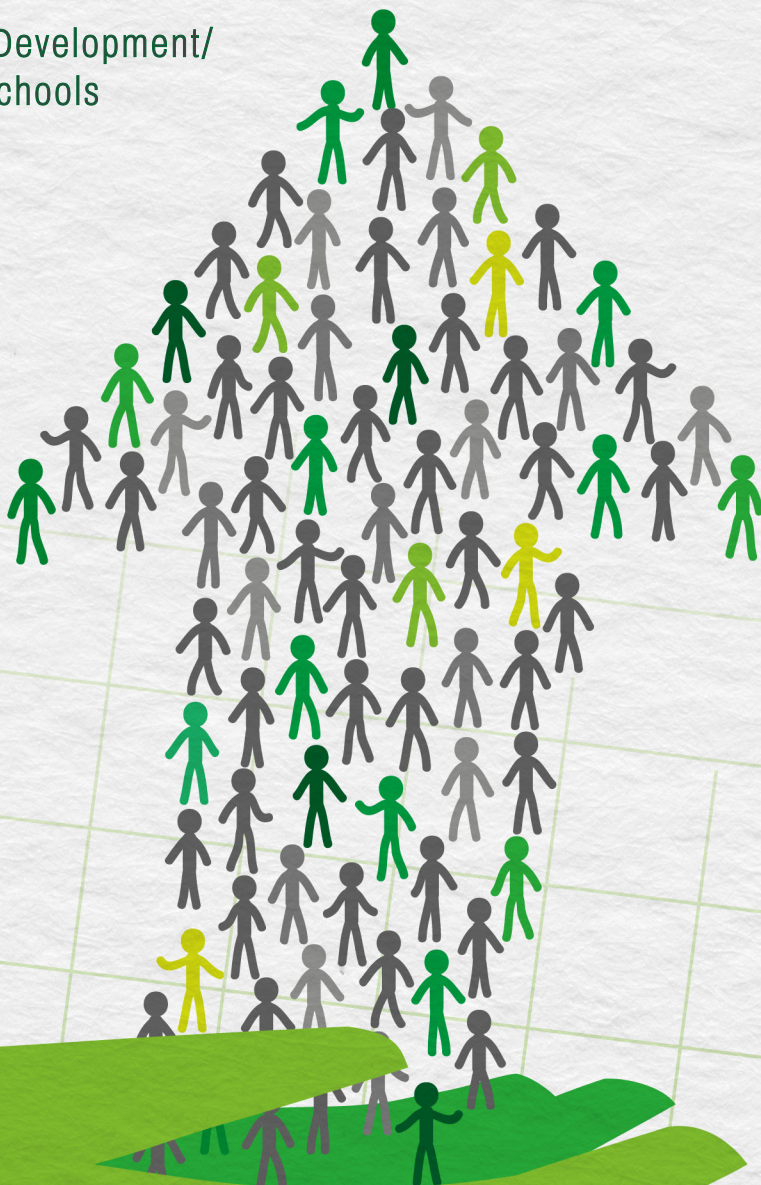
**1** Faith-based Organization

**26** Peoples Organizations

**7** Cooperatives

**30** Non-governmental  
organizations

**15** Local government units



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