IN AN EFFORT TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, De La Salle University hosted a dinner reception for the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce last January 30. The event was dubbed as “Knowledge Partnerships for Sustainable Development.”

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce delegation led by President Randy Peers was on an official trade mission in the Philippines. Other key attendees were Consul General of the Philippine Consulate in New York Senen Mangalile, Cebu Institute of Technology–University President Engr. Bernard Nicolas Villamor, Toon City Animation, Inc. President and CEO Miguel Del Rosario, Maharlika Investment Corporation President and CEO Rafael Jose Consing Jr., DLSU Board of Trustees, university administrators, business leaders, media, and alumni.
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DLSU FACULTY MEMBERS RECENTLY RECEIVED RECOGNITION FROM THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC) FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS.

In the field of Psychology, Dr. Maria Caridad Tarroja, professor at the Department of Psychology, was presented with the PRC 2023 Outstanding Professional of the Year Award last December 10. Tarroja is a former director of the DLSU Social Development Research Center. She is a licensed Clinical Psychologist, and a certified Assessment and Clinical Psychologist of the Psychological Association of the Philippines.

Last November 30, Dr. Josephine Borja of the Department of Chemical Engineering received the Professional Regulatory Board of Chemical Engineering Recognition Award and the PRC Service Award. Borja has been involved in various research projects in the area of hazardous waste treatment and production of bioethanol. She is also very active in the Philippine Institute of Chemical Engineers (PICHE). She is one of the advisers of the Metro Manila Academe Chapter and is a member of PICHE College of Fellows Governing Council.

The PRC recognizes outstanding DLSU profs

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BOAC, MARINDUQUE entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) providing for advanced educational opportunities to Marinduque’s teachers through specialized graduate programs offered by the Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC College of Education (BAG CED).

The partnership was formalized last January 23 at the Henry Sy, Sr. Hall, with DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC and Bishop Marcelino Antonio Maralit, Jr. signing for their respective institutions. BAG CED Dean Dr. John Addy Garcia and Fr. Martin Puertollano, Jr., a parish priest of the Diocese, served as witnesses.

The graduate programs will cover relevant education courses, addressing the specific needs of Marinduque’s educators. These programs aim to equip teachers with advanced pedagogical techniques, leadership skills, and subject-specific expertise, eliminating geographical barriers to make higher education more accessible.

The collaboration envisions academic enrichment and the creation of a supportive learning environment, fostering collaboration among teachers. DLSU will leverage its faculty’s expertise to deliver high-quality instruction, considering the unique challenges and opportunities in Marinduque.

DLSU and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boac anticipate that this innovative approach to extending graduate programs will serve as a model for similar collaborations between academic institutions and other dioceses.

MOA WITH DIOCESE OF BOAC EXTENDS GRAD PROGRAMS TO MARINDUQUE TEACHERS

PRC RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING DLSU PROFS

Mentored by faculty member Engr. Jose Antonio Catalan from the Department of Electronics and Computer Engineering, the team composed of ECE majors include Angelo Casimiro, Lois Raniel Closa, Juan Miguel Sanchez, and Pierre Randell Yao. They received a certificate of recognition and a cash prize of P15,000.

Unlike existing microgrid solutions, PnP-MEDER allows individuals to join a peer-to-peer microgrid pool, enhancing affordability and system reconfiguration based on specific requirements. The study highlights the advantages of the PnP-MEDER system.

With its features that encourage individuals to participate in the implementation, the PnP-MEDER system aims to empower microgrid communities and optimize DER utilization. It ultimately seeks to contribute to the efforts of sustainable development and improvement of energy access in rural regions.

The study focuses on addressing the challenge of providing electricity to rural areas by developing a plug-and-play remote DC microgrid system called PnP-MEDER. The system incorporates modular components that can be easily configured to meet various electrification needs.
THE DLSU LAGUNA CAMPUS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED ITS BIKE-SHARING PROGRAM, Padyak Lasalyano last January 22, making eco-friendly and convenient transportation for students, faculty, and staff.

Padyak Lasalyano provides bicycles for those who need to navigate between the different facilities within the Laguna campus, while promoting a healthy and sustainable lifestyle.

At the same time, members of the community are encouraged to bring their own bicycles when commuting to campus. Through this initiative, DLSU Laguna Campus seeks to foster a sense of shared responsibility for environmental well-being, and towards reducing reliance on cars and contributing to a cleaner and healthier campus community.

Bike stations are located at the Milagros R. Del Rosario Building and George S. K. Ty Advanced Instrumentation Building.

CHAMPIONS IN AUTOMATHIC 2024

GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING STUDENTS EMERGED AS CHAMPIONS in AutoMATHic 2024: A National Intercollegiate Mathematics Quiz Contest.

Hosted by the University of the Philippines Civil Engineering Society, the national intercollegiate mathematics quiz was held last February 10 at University of the Philippines, Los Baños.

Team DLSU is composed of Jan Joshua Cruz (ChE), Edric Castel Hao (CpE), Mark Lawrence Velasco (ECE). Faculty members Engr. Dino Dominic Ligutan and Engr. Jose Martin Maningo served as their coaches.

AutoMATHic 2024 featured engineering students from more than 30 universities and colleges nationwide. The competition aims to foster analytical and critical thinking skills by adapting elite-level mathematical concepts.

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