



University honors Tiu family legacy with commemorative markers

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY HELD A CEREMONY TO UNVEIL THE COMMEMORATIVE MARKERS of the Carlos L. Tiu School of Economics (CLTSOE) and Carter Carlos Tiu Mechanical Engineering Laboratory last November 29.

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The ceremony, attended by members of the Tiu Family alongside University administrators, faculty, student leaders, and guests, continued with the unveiling of the Carlos L. Tiu School of Economics markers, located on the ground floor of St. La Salle Hall, the CLTSOE Dean's Office on the second floor, and the CLTSOE Department Office on the third floor.

Mr. Carlos L. Tiu is a philanthropist and visionary leader dedicated to empowering Filipino youth through education. As chairman of Akari Lighting and Technology Corporation, his guiding principle, "to transform the lives of every Filipino, one bulb at a time," reflects his commitment to fostering economic innovation and research.

In his message, Mr. Christopher Tiu, CEO of Akari Lighting and Technology Corporation, shared a heartfelt reflection: "These markers will not only serve to remind us of the names etched in the corners of this University but, more so, as a reminder of our family's steadfast commitment to endlessly uphold the mission, vision, and core values of De La Salle."

Br. Bernie emphasized how this tribute—timed to coincide with Mr. Carlos Tiu's 86th birthday—reflects the family's dedication to academic excellence, innovation, and sustainability. These values, he noted, align seamlessly with DLSU's mission to advance global excellence and build a greener future.

A video presentation recapped the event, highlighting the Tiu Family's transformative contributions. Adding to the festive spirit, a video of the Animo Christmas 3D wall mapping display, powered by NXLed, was shown, symbolizing the University's dedication to innovation, creativity, and its enduring Lasallian values.



DLSU SETS RECORD AS THE ONLY PHL PRIVATE HEI WITH TWAS FELLOWS



DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY MARKS ANOTHER MILESTONE as University Fellow and Vice President for Research and Innovation Dr. Raymond R. Tan became the first Filipino engineer to be elected into The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), a merit-based academy formed in 1983 by UNESCO to promote scientific excellence in the developing world.

Tan, who is also an Academician of the Philippine National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), is the second DLSU professor to be recognized as a TWAS Fellow, following the election of

University Fellow, Distinguished Professor and NAST Academician Dr. Allan B.I. Bernardo in 2022. The 2025 list of Fellows consists of 74 scientists from both developed and developing countries. Upon Tan's induction in 2025, there will be only eight Filipinos among the more than 600 Fellows of TWAS.

Both Tan and Bernardo are included in the Scopus list of the top 2% of the world's researchers. Tan is known for his expertise on process systems engineering with applications to carbon management and process integration. He is also the only

Filipino in the Reuters 'Hot List' of the world's 1000 most influential climate researchers.

Bernardo's research applies to cognitive psychological and sociocultural perspectives on various societal concerns including student learning, well-being of vulnerable groups, socioeconomic inequality, and intergroup relations. He is currently the leader of a DLSU research team feeding evidence-based policy recommendations to the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM 2).

LA SALLE CELEBRATES AWARD-WINNING WRITERS

TWO MEMBERS OF THE LASALLIAN COMMUNITY WERE AMONG THE BIGGEST STARS in the 2024 Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature after they were inducted into the Palanca Hall of Fame, a distinction given for winning five First Place medals in the regular categories.

Eros Sanchez Atalia, a faculty member from the Department of Literature, garnered the grand prize in the *Nobela* category for his work, *Thirty Virgins*. He also won the third prize in the category *Tula para sa mga Bata* for his poetry collection titled, *“Add to Cart at Iba Pang mga Tula”*.

Alumnus Joshua Lim So, who is taking an MFA in Creative Writing also at DLSU, won

First Prize in the *Dulang May Isang Yugto* category for *“Pagkapit sa Hangin.”*

They have joined the elite circle of Palanca Hall of Famers from DLSU, which include National Artist for Literature Cirilo Bautista, Buenaventura S. Medina, Jr., Elsa Coscolluela, and Isagani Cruz. Only 30 writers have been inducted into this group since its establishment in 1995.

The Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature (Palanca Awards) was established in 1950 to commemorate the memory of Don Carlos Palanca, Sr. through an endeavor that would promote education and culture in the country.

In another news, writer and DLSU faculty member Genaro Gojo Cruz, together with illustrator Beth Parrocha, bagged the 46th Catholic Mass Media Award for Best Children’s Story for their book *Titser Nanay*.



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Department of Philosophy launches Karunungan Lecture Series

THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY OF DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY RECENTLY HELD THE FIRST KARUNUNGAN LECTURES, marking the start of the department’s Golden Jubilee celebrations this AY 2024-2025.

The event honored the department’s legacy and paid tribute to its pioneering journal *Karunungan*, founded by distinguished faculty and luminaries of Filipino philosophy like Emerita Quito, Claro Geniza, Romualdo Abulad, and Florentino Timbreza. This year also commemorates 40 years since the journal’s first issue.

Organized by the department’s student organization, Samahan ng Lasalyanong Pilosopo, the lectures were attended primarily by students taking GEETHIC, THINKIN, and other philosophy courses. The event featured speakers from different fields: Department of Philosophy faculty member Dr. Jeremiah Joven Joaquin; Department of Biology faculty member Dr. Elis Maghirang; and concurrent Vice President for Research and Innovation and Department of Chemical Engineering Full Professor Dr. Raymond Tan.

Joaquin in his talk entitled “Why be Moral? An Introduction to Moral Philosophy” introduced moral philosophy by dealing with the principles of morality. He divided the question “Why be moral?” into first and second order moral philosophy. He also touched upon the topic of supernaturalism, which is the view that our moral principles are grounded on God’s will.



Maghirang in his “Biomedical Ethics” focused on the values that lead to an acceptable, right, moral behavior with regards to the preservation of health and life. He also talked about the codes, oaths and directives of Catholic bioethics.

Tan in his “Moral Hazard in Climate Change Mitigation Discourse” focused on Carbon dioxide removal (CDR), a technology that offers a potential solution to climate change, but which has also sparked ethical concerns. While proponents argue that CDR is essential to reach net-zero emissions and allows businesses to offset their carbon footprint, critics worry that it may encourage companies to continue polluting instead of investing in cleaner technologies. This “moral hazard” debate underscores the complex ethical implications of CDR and the need for careful regulation to ensure its responsible use in climate mitigation efforts.

To continue the jubilee celebrations, the Department of Philosophy will also be holding the 10th Undergraduate Philosophy Conference in March 2025 and another installment of the Karunungan Lecture series, among others.



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DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY KICKED OFF LAST NOVEMBER 27 ITS ANIMO CHRISTMAS! celebrations with the lighting of a 16-meter Christmas tree and a video projection show at the iconic St. La Salle Hall on its Manila campus.

DLSU campuses in Laguna and BGC simultaneously held their Advent Season opening program and Christmas tree lighting ceremony. The activities centered on the

theme, “Diwa ng Pasko, Nasa Puso ng Bawat Lasalyano,” to bring focus on God’s gift of love and the essence of Jesus’ birth. Advent activities commenced with a Holy Mass, followed by a program, performances of DLSU culture and arts groups, and culminated with a Christmas concert by OPM artists.

In his message, DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC urged the Lasallian community to

continue to embody the spirit of Christmas and the example set by Jesus Christ. The Brother President added: *“Gaya ng mga kulay at liwanag ng mga dekorasyon sa loob ng campus, magkaroon nawa ng ningning at gana ang bawat isa para sa nalalapit na Pasko. Maging kaisa nawa tayo ng ating mga kapatid, lalo na para sa mga nangangailangan sa atin. Magningning tayo nawa tulad ng pag-asa, pananampalataya, at pag-ibig ngayong Kapaskuhan.*

Engineering team wins Swiss Innovation Prize Competition 2024

A TEAM OF BS ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING STUDENTS FROM THE DLSU GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING was declared First Place in the Swiss Innovation Prize Competition 2024 under the Digitalization Innovation Stream.

Composed of Kate Zyrll Plantilla, Sean Francis Natividad, Erwin Bonto, and Marci Angelo Lara, and mentored by Dr. Gerald Arada, the team emerged as the winner. There were 162 submissions nationwide, screened and judged by the selection committee composed of CEOs of Swiss companies in the Philippines and officials from the Swiss Embassy. The event was held at Somerset Central, Makati City from November 19 to 22.

There were three innovation streams in the competition, namely, digitalization, sustainability, and prosperity. The team’s winning proposal is titled “DapatWatt: IoT-based Energy Metrics System for Energy Optimization through AI.”

The Swiss Innovation Prize Competition, now in its second year, fosters innovation and supports new ideas with the potential to drive economic growth and improve society. This platform allows young

scholars, entrepreneurs, startups, and researchers to showcase their solutions and secure initial funding.

Participants can also access mentorship, internships, and resources to help advance their projects into meaningful endeavors.” The Swiss Cultural Fund Philippines sponsors this under the Embassy of Switzerland in the Philippines.



ENGINEERS LICENSURE EXAMS TOPNOTCHERS

DLSU IS ONE OF THE TOP PERFORMING SCHOOLS IN THE NOVEMBER 2024 CHEMICAL ENGINEER LICENSURE EXAMINATION, achieving a 100% passing rate against the 72.34% national passing rate.

Among the board topnotchers, three Lasallian alumni made it to the list: Marc Dylan Lipit placed third with a rating of 90.40%, Tommie Daniel Cruz was ranked fourth with 90%, and Aeron Estrada in seventh with 89.10%.

In the November-December 2024 Civil Engineer Board Exam, Steven Royce Austria Zeng was ranked No.6 with a rating of 92.05%. DLSU registered a 67.09% passing rate while the national passing rate was at 37.07%.

FULBRIGHT-PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ELECTS DLSU PROFS TO EXECUTIVE ROLES



THREE DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS WERE ELECTED TO EXECUTIVE POSTS in the Fulbright-Philippine Agriculture Alumni Association last November 19 at the Astoria Plaza in Pasig City.

Department of Mechanical Engineering Full Professor Dr. Aristotle Ubando was elected president, Department of Biology Full Professor Dr. Ma. Carmen Lagman

as treasurer, and University Fellow Prof. Susan Gallardo as public relations officer.

FPAAA has over 250 Filipino members who are located in the Philippines and United States of America. The FPAAA members participated in the Fulbright-Philippines Agriculture Scholarship Program offered by The Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF).

PAEF is the oldest continuing Fulbright Commission in the world that administers the flagship foreign exchange scholarship program of the United States of America in the Philippines. The program aims to modernize the Philippines' agriculture and fisheries sectors by promoting educational exchange between the Philippines and the USA.

ECE team wins top prize in Electronics Engineers national competition

STUDENT TEAMS FROM DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY WON MAJOR AWARDS at the National Student's Summit 2024, organized by the Institute of Electronics Engineers of the Philippines (IECEP) Education and Student Affairs at University of the Philippines - Diliman recently.

Winning the championship at the Technological Pitching competition was the team of ECE majors composed of Crissel Ignacio, Josh Matthew Delloro, Kiether Nathan Antonio Grageda, and Vito Gamboa. They beat 16 other teams from various schools nationwide.

The team that joined the Mathematics Olympiad was awarded second runner-up. Team members included Chico Andre Olaguer, Kiera Riona Cañelas, and Xyrus Simone San Agustin. Likewise, the ECE Quiz Bee Team was awarded 1st runner-up during the second day of the summit. Members of the team were: Mark Lawrence Velasco, Christian Anabeza, Alyssa Joie Tablada, Skyler De Gala Tapang, Sean Manuel Gutierrez, and Nathaniel Dale Crisaldo.

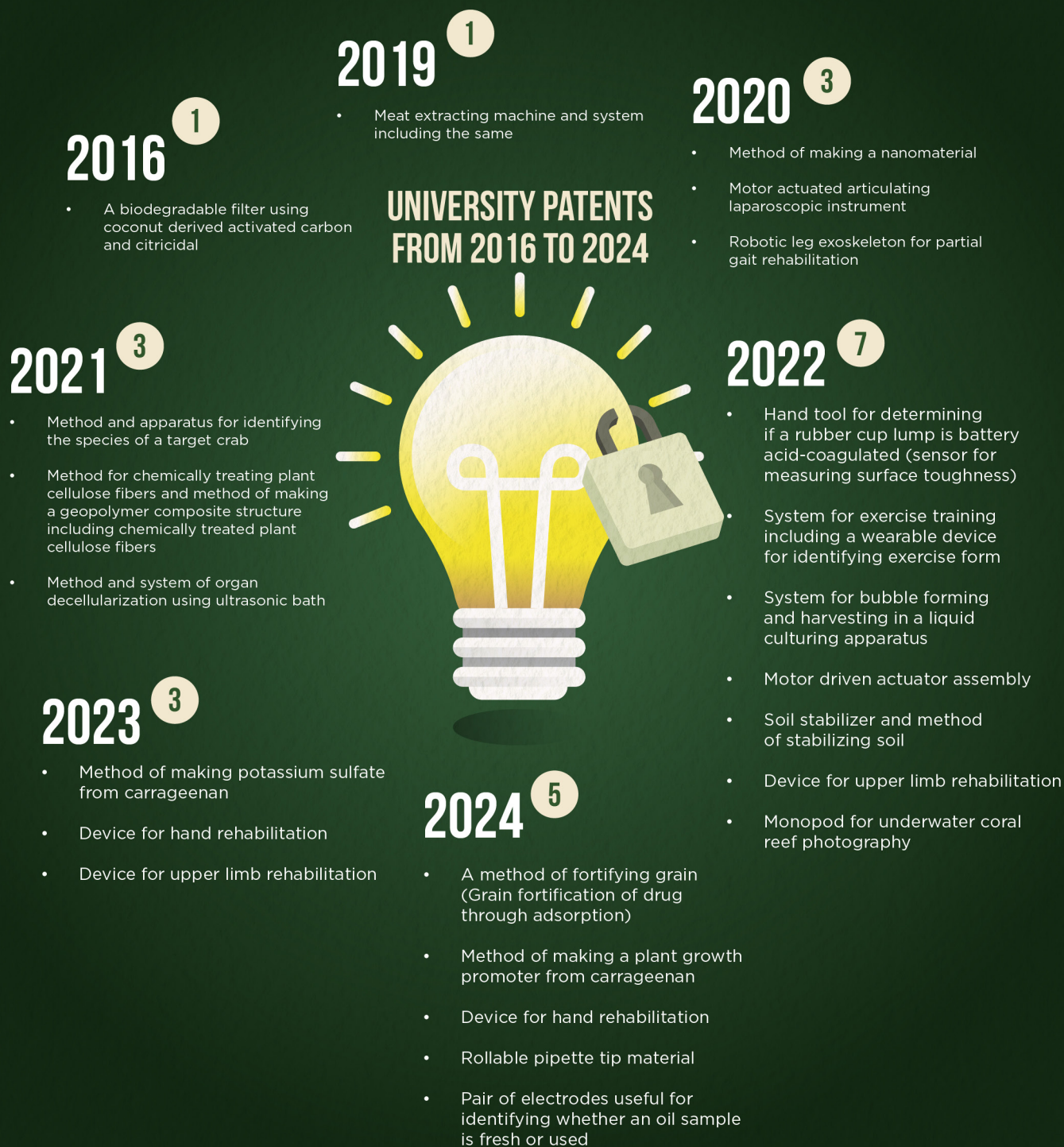
Engr. Dino Dominic Ligutan and Engr. Jose Martin Maningo served as coaches of the teams.

“ Show the great love you have for Jesus
by being eager to talk with him in prayer.”

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