



## DLSU unveils state-of-the-art Enrique K. Razon Jr. Hall

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY INAUGURATED THE ENRIQUE K. RAZON JR. HALL, a state-of-the-art facility that underscores the university's commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and environmental sustainability.

The inauguration of the facility at DLSU Laguna Campus, held on December 5, was attended by Mr. Enrique K. Razon Jr., Chairman and President of International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI), including officers from ICTSI, DLSU administrators and stakeholders.

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DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC led the celebration, emphasizing the profound impact of the Enrique K. Razon Hall on the university's vision: "This hall represents more than just a physical space; it embodies our collective dedication to creating an environment that fosters innovation, collaboration, and transformative education. It is a beacon of hope and progress, serving not only the Lasallian community but also the industries and societies we aim to impact."

In his address, Mr. Razon conveyed his heartfelt gratitude to the Lasallian community, emphasizing a shared commitment to advancing education. He stated: "Today is not just about opening a new space, but the start of myriad possibilities to learn, grow,

innovate, and achieve ... it is about the community we are building together. Together, we will make this school a force for positive change."

The Enrique K. Razon Jr. Hall will serve as the home of the Enrique K. Razon Logistics Institute, strengthening DLSU's leadership in supply chain management, transportation, and warehouse operations. It features state-of-the-art spaces, including a learning commons, a collaborative lecture hall, student services, modern classrooms, research rooms, and a function hall—designed to inspire collaboration and innovation.

# JRIG LAUNCHES PROGRAM TO EMPOWER YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS

**DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY - JESSE M. ROBREDO INSTITUTE OF GOVERNANCE, WITH THE INTERNATIONAL REPUBLICAN INSTITUTE**, launched the Strengthening the Foundations of Political Parties in Youth Democratic Spaces Project last December 3 at the Verdure, 4/F Henry Sy, Sr. Hall.

The project aims to equip aspiring young leaders with the knowledge and skills to establish, expand, manage, and maintain strong student political parties and other forms of youth political formations as a base for their political campaigns and advocacies.

Many young leaders emerging from student councils and non-governmental organizations are often seen as future leaders. Lacking distinct ideologies and coherent platforms, these organizations have found it challenging to mobilize support, maintain relevance, and influence national politics.

The program will target around 30 participants in each major geographic area of the Philippines: Luzon (Manila City), Visayas (Bacolod City), and Mindanao (Ozamis City). The training program implementation will start in February 2025 for Luzon Leg and March 2025 for Visayas and Mindanao Leg.

For the past years, De La Salle University - Jesse M. Robredo Institute of Governance has been encouraging young Filipinos to participate in politics through various programs and partnerships.

"De La Salle University strongly advocates active youth participation in our democratic spaces. As an academic institution, we encourage our students to be aware of and be involved in social issues and concerns. Through our various academic, research, and extension offices, we develop programs that engage the youth and strengthen their participation in active Citizenship." DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC said in his welcome message.





# UNIVERSITY IMPROVES STANDING IN QS SUSTAINABILITY RANKINGS

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY HAS IMPROVED ITS STANDING IN THE QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS: SUSTAINABILITY 2025. This year, the university is placed in the 911-920 bracket, up from 981-1,000.

DLSU is also ranked 716th in overall performance in environmental impact, 1,001+ in governance, and 1,001+ in social impact.

Now in its third year, the rankings evaluate the social and environmental impacts of HEIs as centers of education and research. Indicators measure a university’s ability to tackle environmental, social, and governance (ESG) challenges.

1,743 HEIs were included in this year’s Sustainability Rankings. DLSU Sustainability Hub Executive Director Antonio Maralit said, “The rankings are reflective of the collective efforts of the different university sectors in localizing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as enfleshing the call of Laudato Si, i.e. caring for our Common Home.”

“With DLSU’s Golden Jubilee goals, it is our hope that the transformation of our partner communities will also be reflective of our own formational journey, towards the realization of our Lasallian ministry of reaching out to the least, the lost and the last,” he added.



For more information, visit:  
<https://www.topuniversities.com/sustainability-rankings>

## 2024 Magsaysay Future Engineers/ Technologists Awardees

PART-TIME ECE FACULTY MEMBER AND BS-MS ECE ALUMNUS MARCK HERZON BARRION WON 2ND PLACE in the Magsaysay Future Engineers/ Technologists Award 2024 (MFET2024) for his work on “Advancing Swarm Robotics Security: A Two-Factor Blockchain Consensus Framework for Environmental Surveillance”. The awarding ceremony was held last month in Alabang, Muntinlupa City.

Mentored by ECE faculty Dr. Argel Bandala, Engr. Jose Martin Maningo, Dr. Raouf Naguib, and Academician and University Fellow Dr. Elmer Dadios, Barrion proposes use of a robust Two-Factor Blockchain Consensus (2-FBC) framework to fill the gap on security vulnerabilities in swarm robotics. Swarm technology systems are used in disaster response, environmental monitoring, and search and rescue operations.



Meanwhile, MEM faculty member and BS-MS MEM alumnus Joseph Aristotle De Leon was also an MFET2024 finalist. He received a Special Citation for his work “Development of Novel Urban Subsurface Imaging System for Monitoring Soil Liquefaction Events,” which was mentored by Dr. Ryan Vicerra.

The Magsaysay Future Engineers/ Technologists Award aims to encourage young Filipino students to pursue a career in science, engineering, and technology and to

recognize outstanding research outputs on engineering and technology at the collegiate level.



Barrion

# La Salle sends rep at the International Congress on the Future of Theology

**DLSU’S DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND DIRECTOR OF THE LASALLIAN INSTITUTE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS**

**DR. LYSANDER RIVERA** participated in the International Congress on the Future of Theology: Legacy and Imagination in Rome on December 9-10, 2024.

Organized by the Dicastery for Culture and Education, the historic event brought together over 500 theologians from around the world to discuss the future of theology in the Church and society.

Focused on the legacy and imagination of theology, the congress explored key questions, through a synodal methodology and process, about the "where," "how," and "why" of theology today, with a special emphasis on interdisciplinarity, inclusivity, and a global perspective.

The event was a unique opportunity to reflect on how theology can continue to shape both academic research and the life of the Church.



Dr. Lysander Rivera (4th from left) with fellow Filipinos Fr. Andrew Recepcion, Dr. Estela Padilla, Dr. Levy Lanaria, and Dr. Ruben Mendoza at the Vatican. Photo credit: Fr. Andrew Recepcion

# SYMPOSIUM PUSHES FOR RESILIENT HYPER-CONNECTED LOGISTICS

**DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY HOSTED THE PHYSICAL INTERNET (PI) NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM (PINS 2024)**

last November 28-29, which centered on the theme, “Physical Internet Transformation of Freight and Logistics Systems in Emerging Economies.”

PINS2024 brought together experts, industry leaders, researchers, and academics to explore how PI can revolutionize logistics, particularly in emerging economies.

DLSU Vice President for Research and Innovation Dr. Raymond Tan and Undersecretary Elmer Francisco Sarmiento of the Department of Transportation opened the event.

Keynote speakers included Prof. Benoit Montreuil (H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering, Georgia Tech), who discussed global PI development and challenges, Dr. Fernando Liesa (The Alliance for Logistics Innovation through Collaboration in Europe or ALICE), who shared updates on the Physical Internet roadmap in Europe, Prof. Russell Thompson (The University of Melbourne), who addressed PI's role in hyper-connected



city logistics, and Tadashi Mizutani (Nomura Research Institute), who highlighted logistics innovations in Japan.

Issues on Philippine logistics vis-a-vis international developments were discussed in a roundtable session facilitated by Prof. Greg Foliente (University of Melbourne and DOST Balik Scientist) with panelists Prof. Thompson, Christian Go of DHL, and Walter Yu of AC Logistics. Foliente also moderated another roundtable session on PI R&D and capability development challenges in the Philippines.

Technical sessions during Day 1 focused on PI and governance and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).

Dr. Ethel Ong, dean of the DLSU College of Computer Studies, welcomed the

participants on Day 2, which was dedicated to PI capability development in the Philippines. Prof. Benoit Montreuil delivered a live online talk on global PI capability development while Dr. Fernando Liesa presented European insights and projects in support of the ALICE roadmap. Prof. Russell Thompson, Dr. Joel Ilao, and other local academics also shared their perspectives on the topic. The event wrapped up with a workshop facilitated by Prof. Foliente.

The event was organized by the DLSU Advanced Research Institute for Informatics, Computing, and Networking, in collaboration with the University of Asia and the Pacific, the University of the Philippines, and the University of Melbourne.

To read more about PINS 2024, visit: <http://natpisym.dlsu.edu.ph/>



# DLSU RESEARCH ON DICT MODEL PRESENTED IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

HIGHLIGHTING DLSU'S ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND ITS COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING CRITICAL FIELDS SUCH AS CYBERSECURITY, a team of faculty members from the Department of Computer Technology shared a paper at the International Conference on Future Data and Security Engineering (FDSE) 2024 held on November 27–29 at the Vietnamese-German University, Ben Cat, Binh Duong, Vietnam.

DLSU faculty member Keinaz Domingo served as the presenting author. His co-authors included Daenielle Cruz, Ma. Enrica Clarisse Dio, Kaye Rapadas, Paula Beatrice Rebenque, and Jerome Gutierrez.



The paper is titled “Analysis of the Adoption and Implementation of DICT’s Six-Stage Cybersecurity Incident Response Model in Philippine Government Agencies.”

FDSE is a prestigious forum that gathers researchers and practitioners worldwide to discuss cutting-edge advancements in data,

information, knowledge, and security engineering. The conference proceedings are indexed in Scopus, Springer Ei Compendex, DBLP, and the Conference Proceedings Citation Index (CPCI) of Thomson Reuters, underscoring its global relevance and academic significance.

## Faculty members appointed to CHED Technical Panels

**THE COMMISSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION RECENTLY RECONSTITUTED TECHNICAL PANELS FOR VARIOUS DISCIPLINES, APPOINTING A NUMBER OF DLSU FACULTY RESEARCHERS.** Consisting of experts in their respective fields, these technical panels are tasked to develop roadmaps for the programs they are associated with.

Those appointed to their respective disciplines will serve a 4-year term beginning January 1, 2025 until December 31, 2028. They join fellow members of the academic community as well as government and industry representatives to further the interests of their programs for policy reforms.

Dr. Francisco Magno of the College of Liberal Arts, who previously served as Head of the Technical Panel for Political Science in 2020, has been reappointed to continue his leadership for another term.

Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business Professor Dr. Benito Teehankee has also been renewed as Technical Panel member for business management and entrepreneurship education.

Among other DLSU faculty appointed as Technical Panel members who will be contributing their knowledge and experience to their respective fields are Dr. Ernesto Carandang II and Dr. Rhoderick Nuncio for Philippines Languages, Dr. Rochelle Irene Lucas for Foreign Languages, Dr. Jazmin Llana for Performing Arts, Dr. Cheryll Ruth Soriano for Broadcasting, Communication, and Journalism, and Fr. Maxell Aranilla for Philosophy.

The formation of these groups of experts seeks to develop a strategic roadmap towards the policy direction set by the Commission. Over 70 technical panels were publicly presented by the Commission last December, who altogether took oath with CHED Chairman Prospero de Vera.

“To deal with young people very harshly is to forego all hope of bringing about any good.”

*De la Salle*



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1st Semester Events  
DLSU Team Standings

CHAMPION

- Men’s Taekwondo

3rd PLACE:

- Women’s Judo
- Women’s Swimming
- Women’s Taekwondo
- Men’s Judo
- Poomsae

5th PLACE:

- Women’s Badminton
- Men’s Badminton
- Men’s Football

7th PLACE:

- Women’s Beach Volleyball

2nd PLACE:

- Women’s Chess
- Women’s Football
- Men’s Swimming
- Men’s Basketball

4th PLACE:

- Women’s Table Tennis
- Women’s Athletics
- Men’s Table Tennis
- Men’s Chess

6th PLACE:

- Men’s Beach Volleyball
- Women’s Basketball

8th PLACE:

- Men’s Athletics

Individual Awardees

Season Most Valuable Players:

- Bernalyn Bejoy – Women’s Athletics
- Karl Kevin Quiambao – Men’s Basketball
- Johnson Lloyd Rosario – Men’s Taekwondo

Men’s Basketball Mythical Five:

- Karl Kevin Quiambao
- Michael Christian Phillips

Rookie of the Year Awardees:

- Mikaela Talisog – Women’s Swimming
- Hannah Quisenth Mira – Women’s Judo
- Maria Danielle Tandangco – Women’s Football
- Dhivine Iriz Quine Lerado – Women’s Taekwondo

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2401 (twen'te fôr'o, wun) 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.

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