



International conference tackles education and research for peace and sustainability

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONALIZATION (OVPERI) hosted the 2025 Network for Education and Research on Peace and Sustainability (NERPS) International Conference, in partnership with Hiroshima University. The event was held on campus last March 5-7.

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NERPS 2025 marked the 10th anniversary of adopting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It brought together distinguished keynote speakers and scholars who presented across multiple parallel sessions, covering a wide range of SDG-related topics.

DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC in his welcome remarks acknowledged Prof. Shinji Kaneko, executive vice president and director of NERPS at Hiroshima University, who served as conference chair.

He also cited the main contributors of the event, including DLSU Vice President for External Relations and Internationalization Dr. Anthony Shun Fung Chiu; DLSU Jesse M. Robredo Institute of Governance and SDG City Project Leader Dr. Francisco Magno; Special Assistant to the NERPS Director Masatoshi Sato; and Associate Professor of Peace and Security at Hiroshima University Dr. Dahlia Simangan.

Br. Bernie underscored the University's commitment to localize the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), sharing a number

of DLSU initiatives, among them the creation of the SDG City model in key cities and provinces across the country, as well as DLSU's three-year term as Chair and Secretariat of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) - Philippines, which is composed of more than 30 universities and knowledge institutions,

Likewise, Minister and Consul General Hanada Takahiro from the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines and Department of Environment and Natural Resources Undersecretary Dr. Carlos Primo David delivered welcome remarks in the event.

Keynote speakers for the event were Rector of the United Nations University and UN Under-Secretary-General Prof. Tshilidzi Marwala, who underscored the urgent need to work together for peace, security, and sustainability vis-a-vis the possibilities of AI and digital technologies; and Prof. Alvin Culaba, Commissioner on Science and Technology at the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines and DLSU University Fellow, who shared about UNESCO's role in the promotion of science and technology.

AUN-QA RELEASES INSTITUTIONAL REASSESSMENT REPORT

IN A MESSAGE TO THE LASALLIAN COMMUNITY RELEASED LAST

MARCH 11, De La Salle University President Br. Bernard Oca FSC announced the successful completion of DLSU's Institutional Reassessment by the ASEAN University Network (AUN-QA).

The AUN-QA team's site visit last November has yielded a report citing DLSU's strengths across 15 criteria, most notably in Leadership and Strategy, Financial and Physical Resources, Quality Assurance System, and Financial and Market Results. As ever,

these are paired with recommendations for our continuous improvement as an institution.

Br. Bernie acknowledged those who contributed to this successful reassessment: the AUN-QA Assessor Team, led by Prof. Dr. Satria Bijaksana of the Institut Teknologi Bandung; the DLSU Trustees, University Fellows, administrators, faculty, students, support staff, alumni, and external partners.

He also expressed gratitude to the staff of the Strategic Management and Quality

Assurance Office (SMQA), and to the team of Dr. Wyona Patalinghug, Dr. Kimberley Migallos, Dr. Julita Robles, and Dr. Gerardo Largoza, who oversaw preparations of DLSU's Self-Assessment Report (SAR).

"We trust that these increasingly international accreditation and assessment milestones, along with data from global rankings that highlight research productivity and social impact, will renew our Mission focus and spur us, on our Golden Jubilee year, to set even higher standards for our learning, research, and service," he said.



DLSU WELCOMES FOUR GOLDEN JUBILEE HONORARY PROFESSORS



Dr. John Frederick Tapia, Prof. Dominic Foo, Prof. Greg Foliente, Prof. Raymond Tan, Prof. Anthony Chiu, Prof. Wei-Hsin Chen, Prof. Alvin Culaba, Prof. Aristotle Ubando, and Dr. Ivan Henderson Gue before the welcome luncheon meeting hosted by the OVPERI.



Prof. Heriberto Cabezas delivers a lecture on sustainable development.

DLSU HOSTED FOUR OF THE NINE NEWLY APPOINTED GOLDEN JUBILEE HONORARY PROFESSORS

in the first quarter of 2025: Prof. Heriberto Cabezas (Széchenyi István University, Hungary), Prof. Wei-Hsin Chen (National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan),

Prof. Greg Foliente (University of Melbourne, Australia), and Prof. Dominic Foo (University of Noattingham, Malaysia).

This program is intended to boost the global outlook and competitiveness of DLSU research by allowing the faculty and students

to work closely with elite-level international talent. During their respective visits, the Golden Jubilee Honorary Professors gave talks based on their research expertise and held brainstorming discussions with DLSU researchers.

Br. Bernie shares DLSU initiatives in ASEAN Universities Forum

DLSU PRESIDENT BR. BERNARD OCA FSC JOINED THE ASEAN UNIVERSITIES FORUM held last February 17 in Japan, which centered on the theme, “New initiatives and collaborations in higher education”.

The forum tackled the latest technological developments such as Artificial Intelligence, bio- and nanotechnology, digitization, robotics, and other advancements summarized in the term Industry 4.0, or the Fourth Industrial Revolution, and their impacts on education.

For his part, Br. Bernie talked about the core values of the University, i.e. Spirit of Faith, Zeal for Service, and Communion in Mission, as it navigates the future with these technologies.

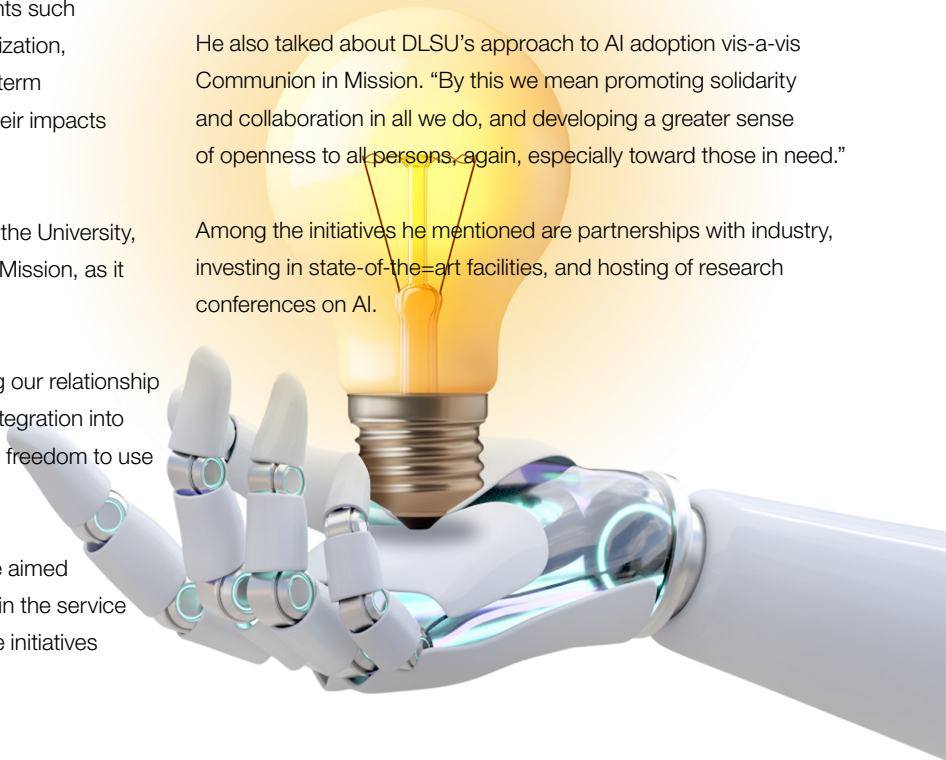
He said that AI, for instance, can be useful in enriching our relationship with God. He shared that DLSU created a unit for AI integration into the curriculum, and that faculty and students are given freedom to use these AI tools within certain parameters.

Likewise, Br. Bernie said that DLSU faculty’s works are aimed at using AI, data science, and other new technologies in the service of others, especially the most vulnerable. Among these initiatives

are a series of research using machine learning to analyze large datasets for DepEd policy-making. Another is geared to improve city traffic, to reduce the estimated USD 22.9 billion lost annually in foregone revenue and wasted expenses on account of traffic congestion.

He also talked about DLSU’s approach to AI adoption vis-a-vis Communion in Mission. “By this we mean promoting solidarity and collaboration in all we do, and developing a greater sense of openness to all persons, again, especially toward those in need.”

Among the initiatives he mentioned are partnerships with industry, investing in state-of-the-art facilities, and hosting of research conferences on AI.



PHL'S TOP PRIVATE UNIVERSITY IN 2025 EDURANK

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY RETAINS ITS RANKING AS THE LEADING PRIVATE HEI IN THE 2025 EDURANK

list of 100 Best Universities in the Philippines. DLSU placed 1,728th among 14,131 evaluated universities globally, improving 20 places from 2024.

The University is ranked first in the country in the academic fields of Business, Computer Science, Mathematics, and Psychology.

DLSU is also the top Philippine private university in Art and Design, Chemistry, Economics, Engineering, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and Physics.

La Salle also leads in the rankings of the various sub-fields of the above-mentioned areas such as International Relations and Diplomacy, Education, International Law, Political Science, Philosophy, Robotics, Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Data Science, Software Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, Biochemical Engineering, Clinical Psychology, Social Psychology, and Marketing, among others.

EduRank is a metric-based ranking of universities from 183 countries. For the overall rankings, its indicators consist of the HEI's research performance, non-academic prominence, and alumni score.

For more information and full rankings, visit www.edurank.org

Partnership with USLS promotes Lasallian social entrepreneurship

AS PART OF ITS COMMITMENT TO ADVOCATE FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

among higher education institutions, De La Salle University through the Lasallian Social Enterprise for Economic Development (LSEED) Center signed a three-year Memorandum of Understanding with the University of St. La Salle (USLS) in Bacolod through its BALAYAN-Social Development Center and Yu An Log College of Business and Accountancy. The ceremony was held on March 3 at the USLS Boardroom.

The partnership involves the localization of SDGs in USLS based on the LSEED social entrepreneurship model. The LSEED Center will provide technical assistance to USLS in integrating social entrepreneurship into the curriculum, research, and social engagement.

For their part, the BALAYAN-Social Development Center and Yu An Log College of Business and Accountancy will work together with communities in creating and sustaining social enterprises. Moreover, faculty members will be trained as mentors/coaches of students and community partners.

Present during the signing were DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC, Vice President for Lasallian Mission Fritzie Ian De Vera, and LSEED Center Director Dr. Norby Salonga.

Representing USLS were its President, Br. Joaquin Severino Martinez FSC, Chancellor Minnie Chua, Vice Chancellor for Mission and Development Mark Christopher Dueñas, Dean of Yu An Log College of Business and Accountancy

Dr. Noreza Causing, BALAYAN-Social Development Center Director Teresa Barcoma, Center for Linkages and International Affairs Director Dr. Sheilla Trajera, and Museo de La Salle Director Lyn Marie Mapa.





MANILA CAMPUS INAUGURATES M LHUILLIER BOTANICAL GARDENS

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY PROUDLY INAUGURATED THE M LHUILLIER BOTANICAL GARDENS on March 1.

This newly renovated open space on the Manila campus is a biodiversity sanctuary, serving as a tribute to the natural world and the Lasallian mission.

The event was led by Mr. Michel Lhuillier, a distinguished alumnus of DLSC HS ‘59 and BSBA ‘64, alongside Mr. Michael Lhuillier, CEO and President of M Lhuillier Financial Services Inc., and key members of the Lhuillier family. They were joined by DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC, university administrators, faculty, students, and esteemed guests.

The ceremony commenced with a ribbon-cutting and blessing of the gardens, followed by the unveiling of commemorative

markers. The M Lhuillier Botanical Gardens encompass the Amphitheatre, Marian Quadrangle, and Brothers Memorial Garden.

In his message, Mr. Michael Lhuillier shared his inspiration for the project, dedicating it to his father’s lifelong advocacy for environmental sustainability. “I wanted to do something that’s a natural piece of what my dad does, and I wanted it to be botanical in nature. Half of the plants that you see here were actually traveled from his backyard (in Cebu) and planted here, that’s something that he’s been doing for a very long time,” he remarked.

Meanwhile, Michel Lhuillier reflected on his Lasallian roots and the challenges he faced during his early years. “It was a baptism of fire when I came to Manila, I was 7 years old, and I lived in Pasay. I learned how to survive.

It’s hard work for me, I struggled all my life... I really learned a lot from La Salle,” he shared.

DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC underscored the university’s commitment to sustainability, thanking the Lhuillier family for their generosity and lasting impact. “Through the Lhuillier family’s selfless act of generosity, they have not only bestowed upon us a sanctuary of beauty and tranquility but have also enriched the Lasallian community with a legacy that will endure for generations to come,” he shared.

With the unveiling of the M Lhuillier Botanical Gardens, DLSU continues to champion environmental stewardship and sustainable development, ensuring that future generations of Lasallians will benefit from this legacy of nature, learning, and faith.

La Salle hosts DOLE-Education Industry Tripartite Council Meeting



DLSU PRESIDENT BR. BERNARD S. OCA FSC WELCOMED THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE)-EDUCATION INDUSTRY TRIPARTITE COUNCIL MEETING held on the Manila campus last January 21.

Attending the event were DOLE Manila Field Office Director Atty. Joel Petaca, DOLE and Union officers, as well as management representatives of different colleges and universities in Manila.

The DLSU Employee Association hosted the event in partnership with DOLE.

The activity sought to foster collaboration among various stakeholders in the academe and to promote employee-management dialogues toward needed reforms that benefit all.

In his message, Br. Bernie urged the participants to work actively together, learn from each other, and explore innovative ways to handle the ever-growing complexities at the workplace.

“Receive Jesus today with respect and thanksgiving.”
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DLSU is among the world's best in 11 subjects



De La Salle University is ranked among the world's best higher education institutions in eleven subjects according to the 2025 QS World University Rankings by Subject.

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401-450

Chemical Engineering

201-250

Communication & Media Studies

Top Philippine university

301-350

Education & Training

451-500

Electrical & Electronic Engineering

201-250

Linguistics

501-575

Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing Engineering

Top Philippine private university

401-450

Business & Management Studies

401-450

Economics & Econometrics

201-250

English Language & Literature

601-650

Computer Science & Information Systems

Also ranked in

301-400

Politics

Broad subject areas of:

401-450

Arts & Humanities

451-500

Social Sciences & Management

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