



DOST-NCR honors DLSU as Technology Generator

THE DLSU INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY OFFICE (DITO) was recognized by the Department of Science and Technology–National Capital Region (DOST-NCR) as one of the country’s top technology generators during the 2025 NCR Innovation and Technology Transfer Summit held last June 23–24 at Green Sun Hotel, Makati City.

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DLSU was cited alongside the UP Diliman, Mapúa University, and UP Manila as one of only four higher education institutions in Metro Manila whose government-funded technologies have successfully undergone the Fairness Opinion Assessment (FOA)—a key requirement for commercialization under Republic Act No. 10055, or the Technology Transfer Act of 2009.

The recognition highlights two DLSU-developed technologies, X-LIPAD and CATCH-ALL, which were supported through DOST’s research and development and commercialization initiatives. Both technologies have been deemed ready for market adoption following technical and ethical evaluations.

This milestone was made possible through the efforts of the DITO team composed of Atty. Christopher Cruz, Peter Immanuel Tenido, Paulo Luis Lozano, and Michell Jonson.

The initiative was facilitated by the DLSU Intellectual Property Office (DIPO), which tapped DITO to take the lead in the negotiation of licensing agreements on behalf of the university.

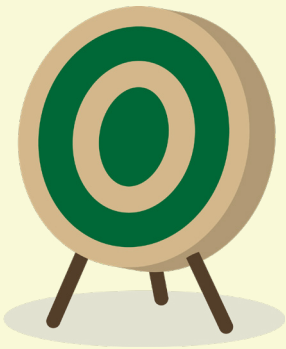
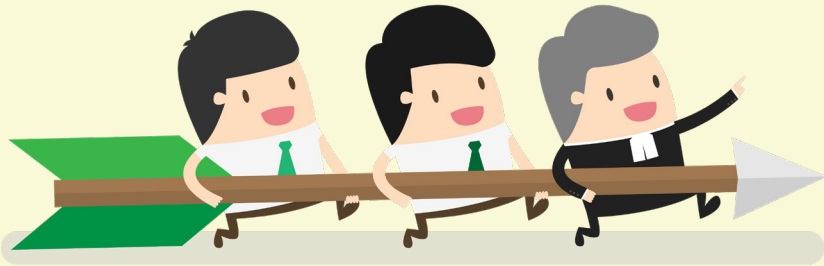


With the theme “*TECHGROW: Bridging Government, Industry, and Academe to Accelerate Innovation*,” the summit provided a venue for showcasing mature technologies, exploring funding opportunities, and strengthening partnerships across sectors to drive innovation.

UNIVERSITY STRATEGY BRIEF

In May 2024, the University launched the Jubilee Strategy and Performance Management Program, which provides training and coaching as part of a University-wide initiative to improve unit-level performance. Under the guidance of Gagement, a Melbourne based consultancy, unit heads and their leadership teams are equipped with tools, routines, and skills to formulate structured actionable plans and deploy them to ensure the University delivers on its A.Y. 2023-27 Jubilee Strategy.

BUILDING CONNECTION THROUGH SHARED GOALS



A DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATING IN THE STRATEGY AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM is starting to experience shifts in how faculty collaborate and align with broader goals.

To support their goal of increasing research output, the team introduced regular paper-sharing sessions — a space for faculty to present drafts and exchange feedback. With over 80% of faculty participating in this engaging format, a department leader shared, “Our Faculty are talking to each other more about what they’re doing and it’s building a culture of support for each other.”

While the initiative has gained traction, the department acknowledges that not all faculty are in the same place just yet. Navigating competing priorities and differing levels of engagement remains part of the journey. Even so, there is growing openness to new habits of collaboration and more active participation in shared objectives.

Faculty are increasingly engaged in conversations about how to measure progress, with a noticeable shift toward collective ownership of goals. The team is also adapting their approach as they learn what works best in their context.

“We’re working on things together,” the leader said. “Not just for ourselves but for the department, and for the university.”

This story is a glimpse into what’s possible when departments take ownership of their strategy and start turning goals into action. It’s also a reminder that flourishing together means building trust, nudging each other forward, and creating space to lead differently.

TAPER retains Q1 ranking in Social Sciences and Citation Index



FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, *The Asia-Pacific Education Researcher (TAPER)*, a De La Salle University journal published by Springer, is ranked Q1 in the Social Sciences and Citation Index (SSCI) Education and Educational Research Category, with a journal impact factor of 4.6.

DLSU Publishing House (DLSUPH) Executive Publisher Dr. David Jonathan Bayot said that *TAPER*'s ranking in the latest Journal Citation Reports marked "a distinction that even journals in the same category and owned by top universities in the world continue to aspire to." He cited *TAPER* Editor-in-Chief Prof. Timothy Teo, describing how "his leadership, vision, and staunch work for the growth of *TAPER* over the years." Bayot also expressed his gratitude to Springer editor Lawrence Liu Yifa and their editorial associates.

He further shared that Teo and his *TAPER* editorial team recently received from *Springer Nature* the Editor of Distinction Award, particularly for their editorial contribution and author service.

DLSU-published journal APSSR ranked Q1 in Scopus

DLSU-PUBLISHED JOURNAL *The Asia-Pacific Social Science Review (APSSR)* is ranked Q1 and included in the top 8.1% among 1,850 journals published worldwide and indexed under the History category on Scopus.

DLSUPH Executive Publisher Dr. David Jonathan Bayot cited the support and dedicated service to the journal of the following: *APSSR* Editor-in-Chief Dr. Ma. Caridad Tarroja, Managing Editor Dr. Joseph Ching Velasco, Associate Publisher Dr. Jose Isagani Janairo, and his assistant in journal publication Joanne Castañares, Vice President for Research and Innovation Dr. Raymond Tan, and College of Liberal Arts Dean and former *APSSR* EIC Dr. Ador Torneo.



GCOE GRAD STUDENT BAGS BEST PAPER PRESENTATION AWARD

A GRADUATE STUDENT OF THE DLSU GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING RECEIVED A BEST PAPER PRESENTATION AWARD at the 4th International Conference on Engineering and Agro-industrial Technology (iCEAT 2025) held from March 12–14 at the University of the Philippines Los Baños.

MS EEM student Engr. Kim Ahmed Sadol received recognition in the Waste Treatment and Resource Recovery category for his paper "Effect of Initial pH, Initial Concentration and Current Intensity on Ciprofloxacin Removal from Pharmaceutical Water using Homogeneous Electro Fenton."

The paper was co-authored by Brian Gerald Bueno, Johara Capingian, and Dr. Arnel



Beltran from the Department of Chemical Engineering.

Co-organized by the University of Philippines Los Baños, UPLB College of Engineering and Agro-industrial Technology, and UPLB Interdisciplinary Life Cycle Analysis Laboratory, this year's edition of the conference had the theme "Enhancing

Structural Resilience, Reducing Carbon Footprint, and Integrating AI-driven Innovations Toward a Sustainable Future."

The event served as a platform to explore the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities in creating resilient and sustainable systems, while also producing actionable solutions that can be applied to future projects.

STUDENTS SHINE IN ACADEMIC INNOVATION CHALLENGE

STUDENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONIC AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING GARNERED THE 2ND PLACE OVERALL in the recently concluded Academic Innovation Challenge organized by R.G. Manabat & Co. (KPMG in the Philippines), held on June 17 during the MAP x KPMG Technological Summit at Bonifacio Hall, Shangri-La The Fort.

The team of Amsterdam Tomas, Chico Andre Olaguer, and Crissel Ignacio



developed and pitched a student help desk AI chatbot powered by Microsoft Copilot Studio and aimed at exploring and leveraging low-code technology in digital transformation. They competed

against various teams across 27 universities. Now in its second year, the Academic Innovation Challenge aims to empower students to apply emerging technologies in solving real-world challenges.

PHL clinicians, biomedical engineers’ new org elects DLSU prof as president

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR DR. NILO BUGTAI, founder of the Evelyn D. Ang - Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Health Technologies (EDA-IBEHT), was recently elected as the president of the newly formed Philippine Society of Clinicians and Biomedical Engineers (PSCBE).

PSCBE is a pioneering government-recognized professional organization that brings together medical professionals and engineers in a unified platform for collaboration, innovation, and effective healthcare solutions.

The induction ceremony was held on June 6, during the 9th International Symposium and 16th Annual Scientific Conference of the Metro Manila Health Research and Development Consortium (MMHRDC), held at Palms Country Club, Alabang.

Aside from Bugtai, other DLSU faculty members who were sworn in to PSCBE posts were School of Innovation and Sustainability Dean Dr. Fides del Castillo as secretary and Assistant Professor Dr. Francisco Emmanuel Munsayac, Jr. III as treasurer.



Other elected officials were Karl Holdings Group President Dr. Luis Ramon Rodriguez who was chosen as vice president; Asian Hospital Chief Medical Officer Dr. Jose Acuin as public relations officer; and Manila A.M.C. Machinery Corporation General Manager Engineer Art Ledonio as auditor.

Themed "Juan Health Research: Bridging Science, Technology and Society," this year's conference focused on the interdisciplinary synergy and the future of healthcare in the Philippines.

Featured among the plenary speakers were Bugtai, who talked about "Bioengineering Research Applications in Clinical Medicine," and DLSU Distinguished Professor and Vice President for Research and Innovation Dr. Raymond Tan, who shared "Approaches in Managing the Health Impact of Microplastics in the Environment."

Barangay Bokashi Barkada visits Pacita Organic Garden

MEMBERS OF THE BARANGAY BOKASHI BARKADA from the DLSU Center for Social Concern and Action's partner barangays in Malate visited the Pacita Organic Garden for a learning tour last June 26. Bokashi is a Japanese term referring to a method of fermenting food waste.

The group witnessed firsthand how the food waste collected from their communities was transformed through composting. In return, they received nutrient-rich compost soil and free seedlings to support their urban gardening efforts.



Each collection cycle sees a steady increase in food waste gathered, a clear sign of their growing commitment to climate action and sustainable practices. To further support this initiative, DLSU COSCA donated vegetable seedlings (3 okra, 3 eggplant, and 3 tomato plants) and 20kg of loam soil to help them jump start their own gardens. The event was hosted in collaboration with DLSU's partner, Soilmate Collective Inc. (COSCA FB)

Gunita highlights Lasallian legacy on Golden Jubilee Year



DLSU CELEBRATED ITS 114TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS UNIVERSITY CHARTER FROM JUNE 16 TO 27, with various sectors of the community participating in various activities.

With the theme, *Gunita: 50 Years of Empowering Visions, Fulfilling Missions*, the festivities emphasized the Lasallian legacy as members of the community journey together with meaning and purpose.

The weeklong celebrations opened with a Eucharistic Celebration at both the Manila and Laguna campuses.

Members of the Lasallian community in Manila celebrated the University Charter Jubilee on the grounds of the DLSU Henry Sy, Sr. Hall, with special performances from DLSU Culture and Arts Groups, Gian Magdangal, Noel Comia, Jr., and Lola Amour.

An LED wall, donated by the DLSU Parents of University Students Organization (PUSO), was also unveiled as part of the festivities.

Other activities included seminars, Gunita Fest, which focused on Lasallian talents, an e-sports competition dubbed E-tramurals, and a cultural showcase of local crafts and heritage archives.

The celebrations also featured a blood donation drive, advocacy fair, PUSO Family Day, and alternative classes held across campuses in Manila and Laguna. The Glow Arcade, bazaar, and sponsors' booths were also well participated throughout the week.

A highlight of the festivities was the inauguration of the Sustainability Forum, a symposium on practices for a more sustainable living, organized by the University Sustainability Office.

The annual Animusika featured performances by sought-after artists Orange & Lemons, Allmo\$t, Cup of Joe, and Ben&Ben, among others.

At DLSU Laguna, the opening program featured messages from School of Innovation and Sustainability Associate Dean Dr. Fides del Castillo and Laguna Campus Student Government President Nauj Agbayani.

One of the highlights of the week was the ceremonial turnover of a scholarship donation from The Store @ Laguna Campus, which is under the Office for Strategic Communications. The one million-peso donation, which was presented to the Lasallian Mission Office (LMO) - Laguna Campus, will go to the Lasallian Scholarship Fund, particularly to support the Lingap Scholars.

Present during the turnover were STRATCOM Internal Marketing and Merchandise Coordinator Karen Escamillas and Laguna Campus Marketing Director Roy Sy, who turned over the check to LMO–Laguna Campus Executive Director Margarita Perdido.

A communal Kainang Bayan at the One Mission Park was also held to cap the Gunita opening day in Laguna.



“How to correct others depends on knowledge and discernment of character.”

De La Salle

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- 192,159 Titles including open access

Print Journals

- 4,104 Titles

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- 117,849 Titles

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- 253

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- 13,351 CDs and DVDs

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(submitted by Anino Repository)

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