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DLSU-D and TUPC Forge Research Partnership

De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) and Technological University of the Philippines, Cavite (TUPC) are strengthening their academic ties through a newly formed research partnership. On November 5, 2024, representatives from both institutions met to explore potential areas of research collaboration.

The meeting, led by Dr. Jonny Ching, DLSU-D's Deputy Provost for Research, and Dr. Myrna Tepora, TUPC's Capus Director, identified key areas of research cooperation. These include sharing expertise, joint publications, collaborative research, organizing academic events, exchanging information, and mutually endorsing initiatives.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Jose Aims Rocina, Director of the DLSU-D University Research Office, Mr. Jaime Zeus Agustin (Research Communication, Dissemination, and Utilization Coordinator/Intellectual Property Officer), and Ms. Irish Bautista (Research Implementation, Monitoring, and Evaluation Coordinator). The TUPC Research Team included Prof. Jean Rose Esguerra (Assistant Director for Research and Extension), Prof. Edmundo Frias (Extension Head), and Prof. Robert Rodriguez (Research Coordinator).



November 6, 2024:

The Scholarship Unit of De La Salle University-Dasmariñas held a ceremonial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing for its Lasallian SPOON (Support Program and Opportunity for Oneness through Nourishment) program. This program aims to provide free meals to DLSU-D scholars for one academic year amounting to over three hundred thousand pesos, ensuring nourishment for students as they pursue their studies.

Present at the signing were Br. Sockie de la Rosa, Dr. George Francisco, Dr. May Mojica, donors and sponsors headed by POLCA President Dr. Jenneth De Guia, and food concessionaires: Cafe Museo, Darlyn's Catering, Mila's Diner, and Hiraya. This partnership will ensure the availability of meals to scholars under the program.

The Lasallian SPOON initiative reflects the university's commitment to fostering student well-being and academic success through comprehensive support.



November 7, 2024:

In an inspiring move to support education and student welfare, Verveland Properties, the company operating ONE Dasma Place Condominium, has continued its partnership with De La Salle University - Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) to offer free housing to ten (10) deserving scholars.

The initiative will provide students with fully subsidized accommodations at ONE Dasma Place for the next four years. This arrangement aims to support DLSU-D scholars who live far from the university, alleviating the financial and logistical challenges that come with daily commutes.

The meeting to finalize this collaboration was attended by key representatives from both organizations, including Ms. Maria Maya Apo from Verveland Properties, along with Dr. George Francisco and Dr. May Mojica from DLSU-D.

"This initiative underscores our commitment to education and student welfare," said Ms. Apo. "We hope that by providing these accommodations, we're creating a more conducive learning environment for scholars who might otherwise struggle with long travel times and housing costs."

For DLSU-D, this partnership represents a significant step toward making higher education more accessible. Dr. Francisco expressed his gratitude, noting the positive impact the program will have on students' academic and personal lives. Dr. Mojica added, "This is a huge opportunity for our scholars to focus on their studies without the burden of housing expenses." The free housing initiative reflects both Verveland Properties' commitment to corporate social responsibility and DLSU-D's ongoing efforts to support student success, marking a hopeful step forward for education accessibility in the region.



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Exchange students from Europe, Southeast Asia, and East Asia, currently studying at De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D), recently embarked on an enriching cultural immersion program that explored significant historical and cultural sites across Cavite and Manila. This activity, organized by the university's Linkages and Scholarship Office, aims to provide the students with a deep appreciation of Filipino heritage and society. The students, along with members of the Linkages Office — Dr. Nor Cachuela, Ms. Rachele Arbiol, and Ms. Agnes Olarte — visited iconic sites including the Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite, a historical landmark known as the birthplace of Philippine independence. They also explored the National Museum and Luneta Park in Manila, delving into the country's artistic, historical, and cultural legacy. The tour provided the exchange students with the opportunity to witness first-hand the symbols and spaces that embody Filipino identity, history, and cultural pride. As they moved through exhibits and memorial sites, students gained valuable insights into the Philippines' colonial past, independence movements, and vibrant artistic traditions.

According to Dr. Nor Cachuela, the cultural immersion experience is a crucial aspect of the exchange program at DLSU-D. "We believe that to truly understand the Philippines, it is essential to experience our culture, values, and history. This activity allows students to engage with Filipino society on a meaningful level, beyond academics," she shared.

The program forms part of DLSU-D's efforts to promote global understanding and cultural exchange, fostering relationships with international students by bridging cultural gaps and building mutual respect. For the exchange students, the experience was not only educational but also personally transformative, allowing them to connect with the rich cultural heritage of the Philippines and bringing them closer to the local community. DLSU-D's cultural immersion program continues to play a key role in nurturing international ties and fostering a deep appreciation of Filipino society, history, and traditions among its exchange students.



November 9, 2024:

De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) recently announced a new scholarship initiative following the signing of a memorandum of understanding between DLSU-D President Br. Sockie de la Rosa VI FSC and RGO CEO Ms. Maerrol Ormas. The partnership, formalized on November 11, 2024, aims to support students in the field of psychology.

As part of the agreement, Ms. Ormas pledged to fund scholarships for five psychology students, beginning in the second semester of the 2024-2025 academic year, and another five for the succeeding semester. This initiative aligns with DLSU-D's commitment to making quality education accessible to more students.

"This partnership will open doors for deserving students who show promise in the field of psychology," said Br. Sockie. Ms. Ormas expressed enthusiasm, emphasizing her commitment to supporting the educational journey of students and their future contributions to the field. The new scholarship program is expected to encourage and enable more students to pursue their studies with reduced financial burdens.



November 8, 2024:

The Tree House Mansion restaurant has partnered with the Linkages and Scholarship Office to support the SPOON program, which provides assistance to university scholars. The program, designed to offer financial support to students in need, received a boost with a donation canister now placed at the restaurant, encouraging patrons to contribute to the cause. The canister was personally received by Ma. Cielito Pulido, Operational Manager of Tree House Mansion, who expressed his commitment to helping scholars achieve their educational goals. This partnership underscores the restaurant's dedication to community support and youth empowerment through education.



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November 20, 2024:

De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) reaffirmed its commitment to community development and social responsibility with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bukal ng Kapayapaan, a local non-profit organization in Trece Martires City.

The ceremonial signing, held today, was graced by Br. Sockie de la Rosa FSC, President of DLSU-D, and Br. Estaneslao Mahomoc representative of Bukal ng Kapayapaan. The partnership aims to strengthen collaborative efforts in empowering underprivileged communities through education, sustainable livelihood programs, and values formation.

In his speech, Br. Sockie de la Rosa emphasized the Lasallian mission of reaching out to marginalized communities. "This partnership embodies our commitment to being of service to others, especially those who need it most. Together with Bukal ng Kapayapaan, we aim to create a positive and lasting impact on the lives of the people in the community.

The MOU highlights key areas of collaboration, including the implementation of community-based projects, training workshops, and student volunteer opportunities. Both parties believe this partnership will not only uplift the local community but also provide meaningful learning experiences for DLSU-D students as they engage in outreach initiatives.

This agreement is a testament to DLSU-D's steadfast commitment to fostering partnerships that promote social justice, peace, and sustainable development. It serves as a reminder of the vital role that educational institutions play in driving change and building a brighter future for all.



November 21, 2024:

DLSU-D's Basic Education Division and various colleges (College of Professional Studies and Graduate Studies, College of Business Administration and Accountancy, College of Liberal Arts and Communication, College of Science, and International Development Studies Program) had the privilege of meeting with Ms. April German and Ms. Michelle Kong from UCAM Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia, Spain. This fruitful discussion focused on exploring potential partnerships in student and faculty mobility, study abroad programs, and transnational higher education. Together, we aim to enhance academic collaboration and broaden opportunities for our students.



November 28, 2024:

The Spanish Embassy in Manila warmly received De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) exchange students in an event held to strengthen ties and promote cultural and academic collaboration.

Beatriz Ortas, Education Advisor of the Spanish Embassy, and Álvaro García, the Embassy's First Secretary, led the reception. They were joined by Br. Dan Sanding, FSC, and Dr. George Francisco from DLSU-D, who also participated in an orientation session about the educational opportunities facilitated by the embassy.

The orientation highlighted a variety of programs available to Filipino students, including lecture series, Spanish language courses, scholarships, and other cultural activities. These initiatives aim to deepen the academic and cultural partnership between DLSU-D and the Spanish Embassy.

"This collaboration underscores the importance of international partnerships in education and cultural exchange," said Ortas. "We hope to inspire more students to explore opportunities in Spain, fostering mutual understanding and growth between our nations."

Br. Dan Sanding expressed gratitude for the embassy's support, stating, "The programs offered by the Spanish Embassy align with DLSU-D's vision to provide our students with global opportunities that enrich their academic and personal development."



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November 28, 2024:

Dr. Nor Cachuela and Ms. Rachele Arbiol from the Linkages and Scholarship Office represented our institution at the esteemed International Office Conference held from November 28 to 30, 2024, at the Royal Ambarrukmo Hotel in Yogyakarta. This year's conference focused on the Foundations of Sustainable International Partnerships.

The conference emphasized the importance of fostering cooperation and achieving common objectives among academic institutions worldwide. Participants engaged in workshops about sharing resources, enhancing academic opportunities, and navigating the challenges that often arise in international partnerships.



November 30, 2024:

DLSU-D's Internationalization Program Wins in Indonesia!

Congratulations to Dr. Nor Cachuela and Ms. Rachele Arbiol from the Linkages and Scholarship Office for being recognized as Best Presenters at the International Office Conference 2024 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on November 29th!

The presentation, "DLSU-D Creating Possibility through IZN (Internationalization)," showcased DLSU-D's strategic focus on internationalization and its significant impact on institutional growth and global development. This accolade underscores our university's dedication to a creative, cohesive, programmatic, and strategic approach to internationalization.

DLSU-D's success in Indonesia reflects its dedication to creating opportunities for holistic education, cultural awareness, and knowledge-sharing across borders. The achievement serves as a testament to the university's vision of becoming a premier institution in the region, committed to academic excellence and global impact. This milestone further solidifies DLSU-D's position as a leader in internationalization efforts, inspiring more initiatives that promote global education and sustainable development.

