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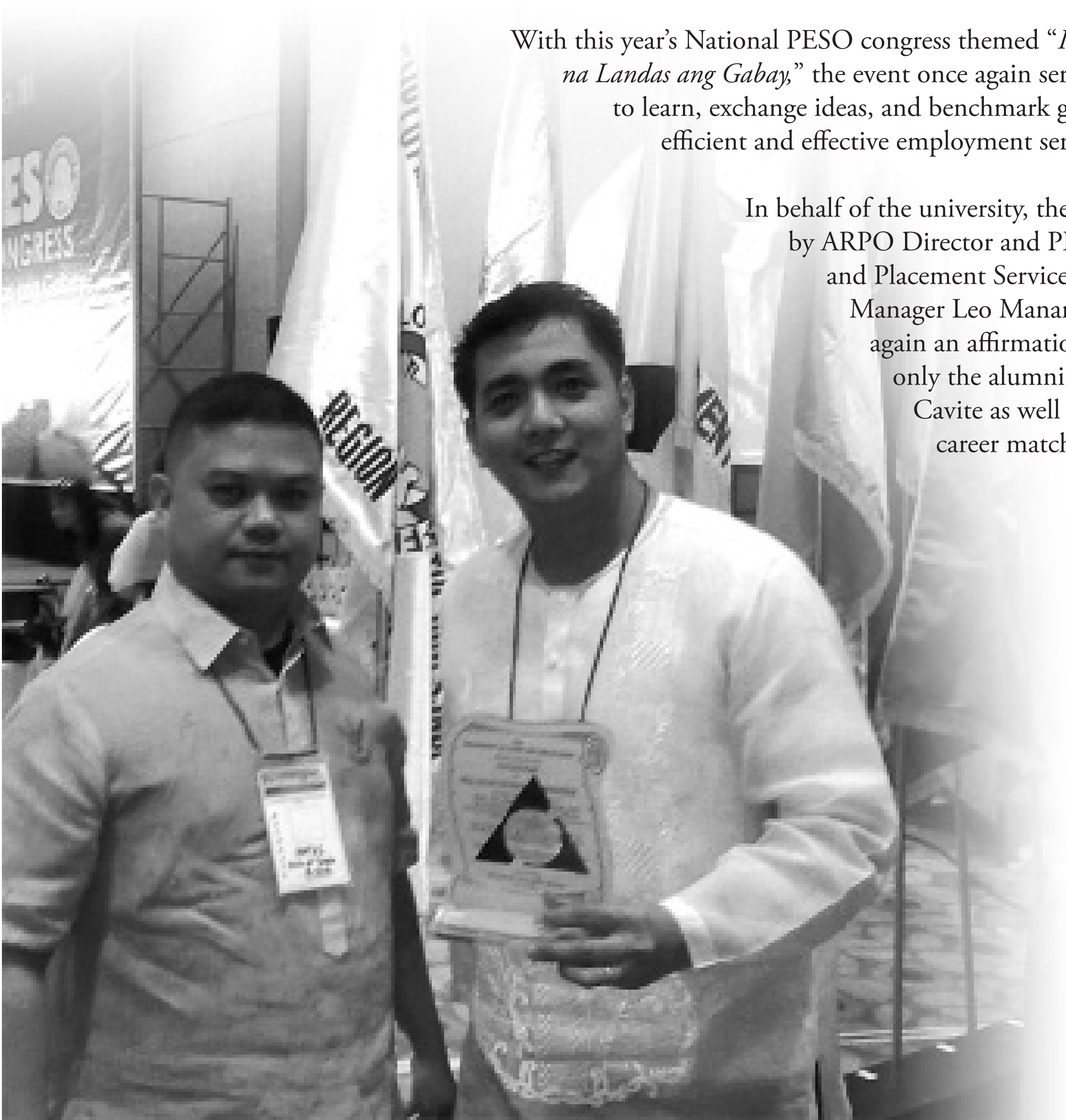
ARPO grabs Regional Best PESO

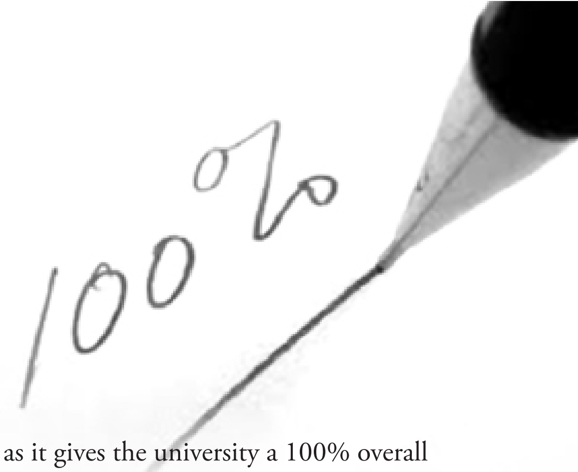
The Alumni Relations and Placement Office (ARPO) was adjudged for two consecutive years as the "Best Academe-based Public Employment Service Office in Region IV-A. The award was bestowed by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) during the 10th National Public Employment Service Office Congress recently held at Taal Vista Hotel, Tagaytay, City. ARPO was also one of the five finalists for the national level under the State Universities and Colleges/Non-government Organizations category.

With this year's National PESO congress themed "*Isang Dekada ng Tagumpay, Tuwid na Landas ang Gabay,*" the event once again served as a venue for PESO managers to learn, exchange ideas, and benchmark good practices on the provision of efficient and effective employment services.

In behalf of the university, the plaque of recognition was received by ARPO Director and PESO manager Nathaniel Golla and Placement Services Coordinator and Deputy PESO Manager Leo Manansala. "The award we received is again an affirmation of our commitment to serve not only the alumni of the university but the people of Cavite as well in the areas of job opportunities and career matching," Golla explained.

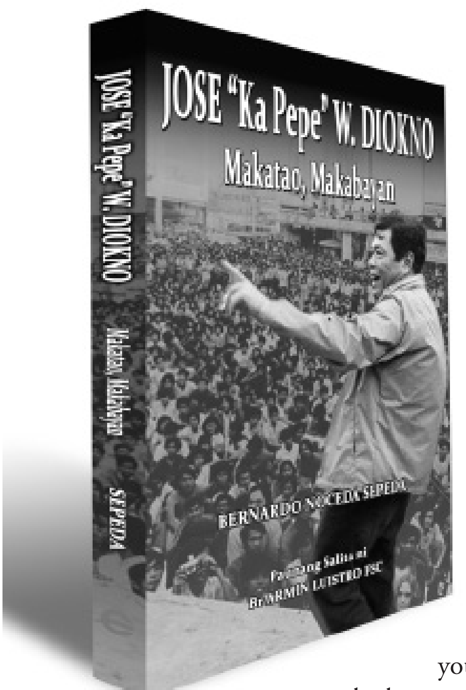


DLSU-D posts 100% in CPA board exam



Once again, the Accountancy Department proved that it produces the cream of the crop as it gives the university a 100% overall passing rate and a national passing rate of 48% in the October 2010 Certified Public Accountant Licensure Examination.

The new CPAs from DLSU-D are Raymond Alpas, Kristel Mariz Bayot, May Centeno, Randel Chavez, Maricris Fabreag, Maria Rita Glorioso, Coleen Ann Guintu, Jho-Anne Layugan, Mikkael Jeudiel Malabanan, Julio Santiago Martinez Santiago Martinez, Joanna Marie Matel, Winnie Anne Mirasol, Clariza Anne Muralla, Ramil Joseph Solis, Charmaine Rose Sumile, and Pomela Shermayne Villena.



A book on "Ka Pepe," now out

Jose "Ka Pepe" W. Diokno, authored by Religious Education Department faculty Dr. Bernardo Sepeda, was recently launched at the Yuchengco Building Lobby of De La Salle University-Manila with the presence of highly acclaimed writers Dr. Isagani Cruz and F. Sionil Jose, among others.

Jose W. Diokno, or more commonly called "Ka Pepe," is a stranger to the ears of today's youth despite his many influential advocacies for the human rights of the Filipinos during his lifetime. He is a hero not as popular as Ninoy Aquino is to the majority of the youth, or make it to the majority of the Filipino people. While he was alive, however, Ka Pepe had a dream and he battled with all his bravery while he was still alive to achieve that dream. Sepeda's *Jose "Ka Pepe" W. Diokno* is a step towards realizing Ka Pepe's dream—his dream for this country to become the nation for and of the Filipino children.

Jose "Ka Pepe" W. Diokno is published by the De La Salle University Publications Office and C&E Publishing Inc. Part of the proceeds will go to the Br. Ceci Hojilla Scholarship Fund. The late Br. Ceci is the Brother and friend who first introduced Ka Pepe to Dr. Sepeda.

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The Filipino Diaspora

When martial law was declared in 1972, the total deployment of Filipinos abroad was only 14,366 with 38 percent going to the US and trust territories while 26 percent were working in high seas as seafarers. In 1973, total deployment reached 36,418 and in 1974, 33,157.

By the end of the Marcos regime in 1986, gross deployment from 1975 hit 2,372,506 contract workers.

- The Filipino Diaspora: A Historical and Critical Perspective by Atty. Jaime N. Soriano, CPA, MNSA

etc. features tips and trivias about anything and everything under the sun.

One of BPI's Ten Outstanding Expat Pinoy Children is from DLSU-D

Sharing the heart of a Lasallian, John Jefferson Besa, BS Biology major in Human Biology student, made it as one of Bank of the Philippine Islands' (BPI) Search for Ten Outstanding Expat Pinoy Children 2010.

Here are excerpts from Besa's winning essay, "Darating Din Ang Araw…"

Darating Din Ang Araw...

John Jefferson V. Besa
DLSU-D BS Biology student

Maliwanag pa sa akin ang pangyayari. Alas-tres ng madaling araw, nakasindi ang maliwanag na ilaw, nakalabas lahat ang mga damit at nakabukas ang isang malaking lalagyanan. Unti-unting sinisilid ng isang lalake ang mga bagay na nakalatag sa kama—damit, personal na kagamitan, pasaporte. Nandoon ako sa isang tabi. Nagmamasid. Nag-iisip. Bigla na lang bumulalas ang mga katanungan sa aking bibig.

"Daddy, bakit po ba kailangan pang umalis ka pa? Hindi ba pwedeng dito ka na lang mag-trabaho?"

"Kung pwede nga lang. Pero hindi, anak. Ito ang kinagisnan kong trabaho. Nasa ibang bansa ang pera."

"[…] Kaya ikaw, anak, mag-aral ka nang mabuti. Magtapos ka ng pag-aaral at maging doktor ka para hindi mo na kailangang mangibang bansa para mapag-aral at mapakain ang mga magiging anak mo."

Mas tumindi ang luhang umaagos mula sa aking mga mata.

“Babalik din si Daddy. I love you, anak.”

Huling mga patak ng luha na iyon. Hindi na ako muling nagpadala sa nais isabog ng aking damdamin at isipan. Pitong taong gulang pa lang ako noon. Labing-pitong taong gulang na ako ngayon.

Ang lumaki na walang ama ay isang bagay na hindi ko iniiyakan taun-taon. Naging manhid na siguro ako. Nasanay na ako sa ganitong klase ng buhay. Palaging nandyan ang ina, bihirang makapiling ang ama. Bilang sa daliri ang mga Pasko at kaarawang kasama namin siya. Madalang ang mga panahong nandyan ang isang ama upang makisalo sa kasiyahan ng pamilya. At ano ang resulta? Tila hindi buong pamilya, emosyonal na pasakit, malalim na kauhawan para sa edukasyon, masidhing kagutuman para sa pagbabago at matayog na pangarap.

Oo! Hindi nagsilbing hadlang ang kalungkutan ng pagkakaroon ng Expat na magulang. Hindi naging balakid ang pangungulila sa pisikal at emosyonal na presensya ng isang ama. Bagkus, lahat ng ito ay nagudyok sa akin upang mangarap, magsipag at magpunyagi.

Bilang isang anak ng Pinoy Expat, ang papel ko sa pagpapaunlad ng pamayanan ay nalilimitahan lamang sa kung ano ang kaya kong gawin sa kasalukuyan. Alam ko rin na hindi ko kayang baguhin at mapaunlad ang ating pamayanan sa isang iglap lamang. Bagama’t ganito ang sitwasyon, alam ko rin na hindi ito hadlang upang maging walang silbi ang aking magagawa. Naniniwala ako sa kinatigan ng ating pambansang bayani na ang kabataan ang pag-asa ng bayan.

Bilang tagapagtaguyod ng aking kapakanan, naniniwala ang aking mga magulang, lalo na ang aking ama, na edukasyon ang isa sa mga susi upang magkaroon ako ng maginhawang buhay. Ganito rin naman ang aking paniniwala kaya nga’t labing-apat na taon ng buhay ko ay iginugol ko sa pagsusunog ng kilay.

Bilang doktor sa hinaharap, ninanais kong gamitin ang aking mga natutunan dito sa Pilipinas. Ayaw kong mangibang bansa sapagkat nais kong paglingkuran ang aking kapwa Pilipino na hindi biniyayaan ng kakayahan upang magpagamot. Mukha mang hindi makatotohanan at mapangarapin ang aking hangarin, ito ay resulta lamang ng kalagayang dinadanas ko ngayon—ang pagkakaroon ng Expat na ama. Kailanman ay di ko pipiliing mawala ang aking mga anak sa aking mga bisig at hindi ko nanaising maudyok ang aking kapwa Pilipino na mangibang bansa dahil sa hirap ng buhay. Sa aking pahayag na ito ay hindi ko inaalisan ng karangalan ang mga bagong bayani ng ating bansa sapagkat alam kong walang kapalit ang kanilang mga sakripisyo upang matulungan ang kanilang mga pamilya at ang bansa. Nais ko lamang ipahayag ang aking sentimiyento na sana, dumating ang araw na wala nang magulang ang mangingibang bansa. Nais kong ibulalas, na sana, lahat ng Paskong dadaan ay kumpleto ang pamilyang Pilipino. At nais kong hilingin, na sana, wala nang anak ang luluha dahil sa pangungulila.

Sabi sa Mateo 5:16, “Lumiwanag na gayon ang inyong ilaw sa harap ng mga tao; upang mangakita nila ang inyong mabubuting gawa, at kanilang luwalhatiin ang inyong Ama na nasa langit.”

Sa pamumuhay ko nang malugod ayon sa nais ng Diyos, nilalayon kong makakita ng bahid ng liwanag sa aking buhay ang mga kabataang nawawalan ng pag-asa. Nais kong madama nila ang presensya ng Panginoon sa aking pamumuhay. Gusto kong malaman nila

na ang mga pagsubok sa buhay ay di mawawala ngunit kagaya nito, hindi rin mawawala ang Diyos sa ating piling. Dumating man ang mga bagyo at hagupit ng buhay, mananatiling bukas ang bisig ng Panginoon, handang tumanggap at yumakap sa mga nangangailangan. Sa pakikisangkot ko sa mga isyung panlipunan at pagabot ko ng kamay sa aking kapwang nangangailangan, nais kong makita nila ang isang aktibong Kristiyano—dinamiko at puno ng prinsipyo. Sa gayon, kapag nasilayan nila ang liwanag na taglay ng Diyos, muling tutubo sa kanilang mga puso ang pag-asa. Kanilang mapagtatanto na dapat silang mag-aral nang mabuti, makapagtapos at makakakuha ng trabaho. Sa gayon, magiging miyembro sila ng pwersa ng kabataang nag-aalab ang hangarin sa pagbabago at kaunlaran sa lipunan.

Hindi ko man mabago ang lipunan sa isang iglap, limitado man ang kakayahan ko at maliit man ako kung maituturing, hindi ito hadlang upang ako’y kumilos at mag-ambag sa pagbabago sa ikabubuti ng ating Inang Bayan. Ayon nga sa Lasalyanong panalangin, “Hindi man ako ang liwanag, maaari naman akong maging mitsa. [Even if I am not the light, I can be the spark.]”

BPI’s search recognizes the children of Overseas Filipino Workers who excel in academics, business and sports and display leadership qualities in the community. According to inquirer.net, the search also reflects the bank’s commitment in supporting and recognizing the efforts and sacrifices of Expat Pinoys and their children as they go beyond borders for their families.

Three against poverty

DLSU-D, DLS HSI forge MOA with Gawad Kalinga

In their unyielding commitment to make a dent against poverty, DLSU-D, through the Lasallian Community Development Center, and De La Salle Health Sciences Institute (DLS HSI), through the Office of Lasallian Mission and Linkages, signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Gawad Kalinga Community Development Foundation.

The renewal of MOA, this time in tripartite agreement with DLS HSI, opens an opportunity for the three parties to work together on community issues facing health, education and nation building as a whole. Their distinctiveness further encourages a venue for learning, resource sharing and maximizing of contribution to society.

With knowledge and commitment, the three institutions are confident that this venture will help build better lives, create greater opportunities and restore dignity to struggling communities.

AEA connects with Dasma City library through puppetry

Exploring and sharing the unique and enchanting world of puppetry with young and eager library staff, Ricky Clores, Behavioral Sciences Department faculty, facilitated the puppetry workshop for the library staff of the Aklatang Panglungsod ng Dasmariñas (APD) held at the newly-built city library building.

"The puppetry workshop is [a part of the City of Dasmariñas' continuing attempt to provide informative, educational and entertaining methods of teaching values formation to] the youth of the City of Dasmariñas," Vanessa Ezra Olaes, APD officer-in-charge.

Olaes furthered that the workshop is also a part of the city's plan to heighten the interest and ignite the passion of the city's youth in reading books thus integrating puppetry in the Library Bus that the city plans to come up with.

All the participants, with such pure enthusiasm, went through the rudiments of setting-up a puppetry show – from building the stories, creating the puppets and performing their prepared stories using the different types of puppets.

The would-be puppeteers animated the official city mascots like *Das Sipag*, *Mar Dunong*, *Inas Sipag* and the puppet versions of City of Dasmariñas Mayor Jenny Barzaga and Congressman Pidi Barzaga.

Oops!

In the article "SSD commemorates Nationalism Month" of vol. 20 no 6 issue of Newsette, it should read Hugo Yonzon III, director for Public Affairs of the Department of Agrarian Reform. Newsette regrets this error.

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