

International Studies hosts visiting scholars

IN LINE WITH THE UNIVERSITY'S PUSH FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION, the International Studies Department and the Yuchengco Center recently hosted two notable scholars in the Asia-Pacific region.

Dr. Brendan Howe of the Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans University, Korea, stayed at De La Salle University from July 19 to August 10. He conducted research about human security and development in Mindanao. He presented the preliminary findings of

his research to the DLSU community on August 6.

Also, Prof. William Case of the Department of Asian and International Studies, City University of Hong Kong gathered data for his research on comparative legislatures during his stay at DLSU from July 30 to August 16. His concentration is on the legislative performance in Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines.



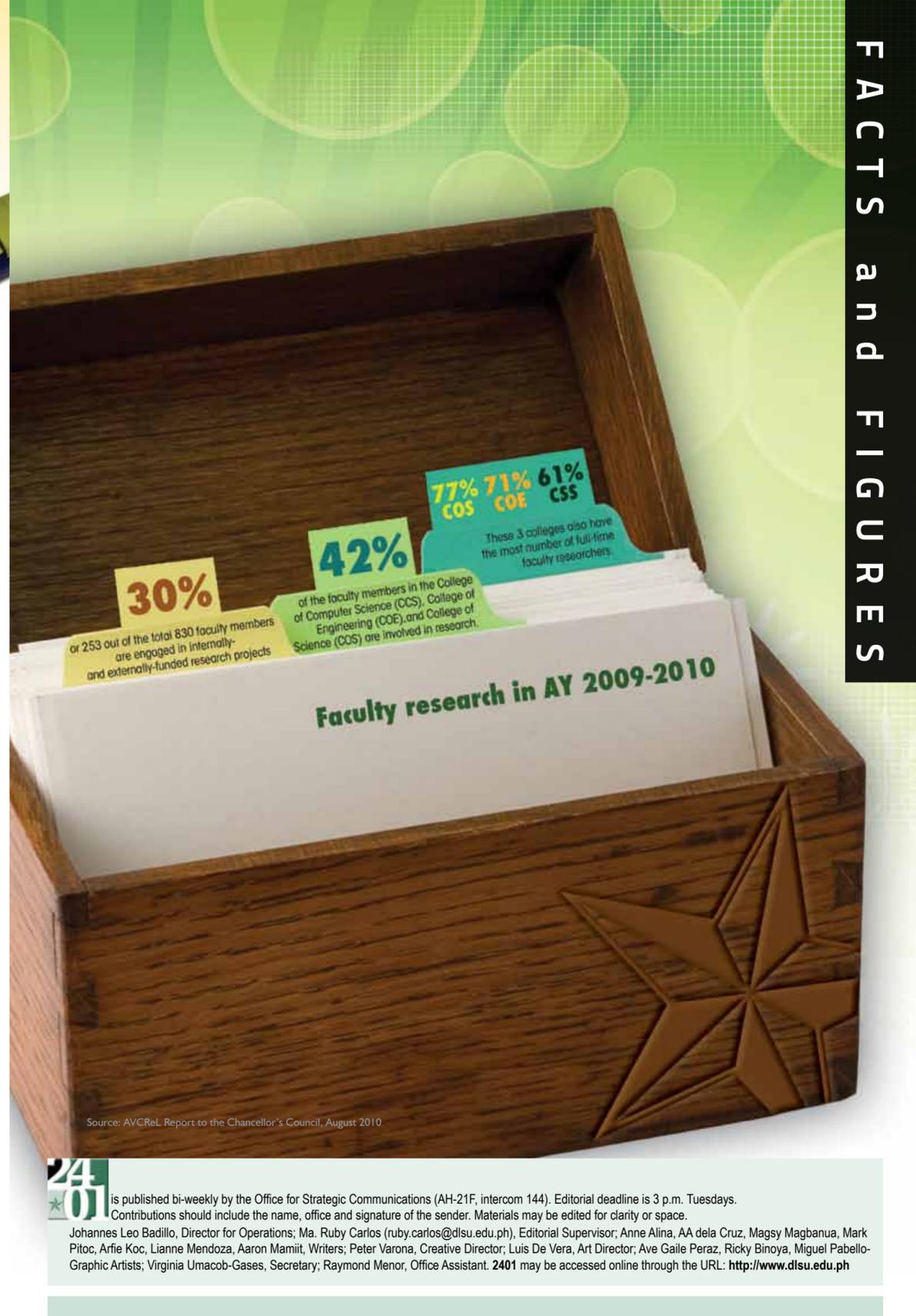
Engineering students attend Singapore confab

TO PROMOTE THEIR GLOBAL CONNECTION AND EXPLORE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS, 36 Mechanical Engineering students of DLSU attended a regional conference of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) from August 26 to 28 at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Singapore.

Hosted by the ASHRAE Singapore Chapter, the event carried the theme, "Green Buildings: Development and Technologies." Technical presentations featured a paper on green building technology, a study on Singapore's first zero energy building, and another paper on Singapore's first energy efficiency program employing ASHRAE guidelines.

The students, led by DLSU ASHRAE Student Chapter President Mareus Aguilar, conducted plant visits and technical tours, and engaged in socio-cultural activities with students from other chapters. They visited the Krugerfan Industries, NEWater Purification Plant, and Singapore's first zero energy building in the BCA Academy compound.

The DLSU student delegates were accompanied by Engrs. Efrén dela Cruz and Martín Ernesto Kalaw, DLSU Student Chapter advisers, and by the ME Department Chair, Dr. Alvin Chua.



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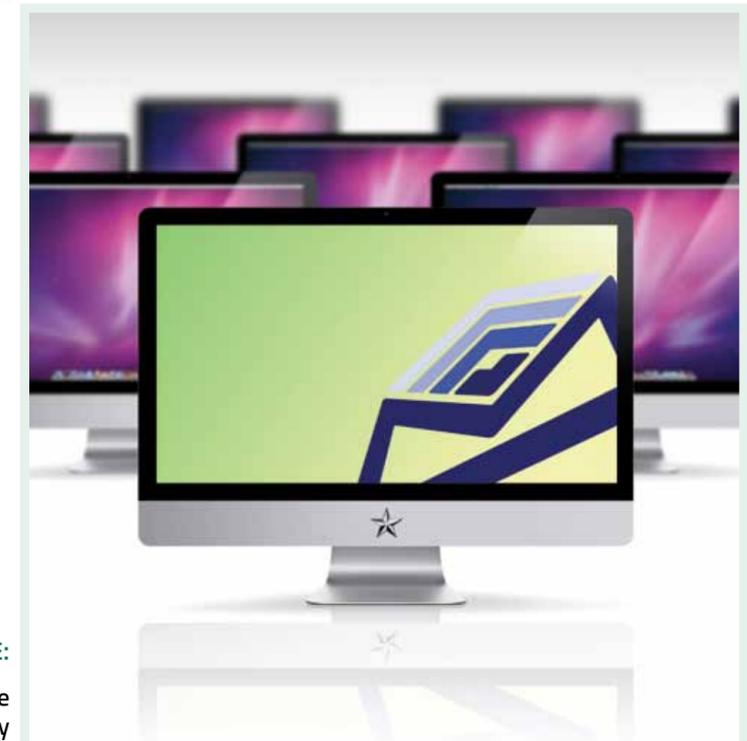
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CCS professor wins Metrobank Outstanding Teacher Award



The Metrobank Outstanding Teacher of the Philippines medal given to DLSU University Fellow Dr. Raymund Sison

DR. RAYMUND C. SISON, full professor of the DLSU College of Computer Studies (CCS), has been named one of this year's Ten Outstanding

Teachers of the Philippines by the Metrobank Foundation. The University Fellow and former CCS

2401 (tweñ'te fó'r'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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dean obtained his Ph.D. in Computer Science from the Tokyo Institute of Technology in Japan, and his M.S. and B.S. degrees in Computer Science from DLSU. He is currently working toward a Ph.D. in Education, major in Educational Leadership and Management, also at DLSU. He has undergone postgraduate training at the German Research Institute for Artificial Intelligence in Germany, and the United Nations University International Institute for Software Technology in China.

Sison's academic interests are in software engineering, artificial intelligence, and computer science education.

He also leads a community of volunteers who introduce to college freshmen the life of St. La Salle as well as the Lasallian and Gospel values of faith, zeal, and love. He hopes to someday establish a primary school and design for it a curriculum that is both faith- and science-based.

The Search for Outstanding Teachers represents Metrobank Foundation's commitment to promote a culture of excellence in education. Its aim is to recognize the best mentors who can be upheld as models not only for educators but also for other community members.

University honors faculty for service, achievements

MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY WERE LAUDED for their excellence and loyal service during the annual faculty recognition rites held last July.

College of Computer Studies Full Professor Dr. Raymund Sison was announced 2010 University Fellow. Sison's academic interests are in software engineering, artificial intelligence, and computer science education.

Two faculty members were named recipients of the St. Miguel Febres Cordero Research Award: Dr. Lakangiting Garcia of the Filipino Department and Dr. Ronaldo Mactal of the History Department.

Dr. Cornelio Bascara of the History Department, Dr. Auxencia



Limjap of the Science Education Department, and Dr. Romeric Pobre of the Physics Department were all assigned Full Professor status.

Over 70 other faculty members were also recognized for 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of faithful service to the University.

Lasallians tackle educational assessment

FACULTY, GRADUATE STUDENTS, AND ALUMNI of De La Salle University participated in the Second National Conference on Educational Measurement and Evaluation (NCEME) held last August 4 to 6 at the CSB Hotel.

The conference was organized by the Philippine Educational Measurement and Evaluation Association (PEMEA) and the Center for Learning and Performance Assessment (CLPA) of De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde. DLSU faculty member Dr. Carlo Magno is a member of the PEMEA board.

Dr. Anders Jonsson from Malmo University in Sweden delivered the keynote in the first plenary session and also facilitated a workshop on assessing the competencies in teacher education. Other discussions in the three-day conference focused on the evaluation

practices and standards about teacher competencies across Asia and the development of psychometrics as a field in the Philippines.

Serving as resource for the event were DLSU faculty members who shared their studies, experiences, and insights on topics such as language assessment, item response theory, motivational and social cognitive assessment, and writing a learner-centered course syllabus.



Globe Android Challenge winner

DLSU'S UNIVERSITY TEAM

composed of students Mark Leonard Tan, Carl Morano, Terry Lim, Yuyu Lai, and Vida Katalbas recently won in the Android Developer Challenge sponsored by the Globe Labs of Globe Telecom.

The team, mentored by Sherwin Ona and Marivic Tangkeko of the Center for ICT for Development of the College of Computer Studies, won 1st Place in the Productivity Category of the competition. The company staged the event as a way of tackling the increasing number of Android handsets being available in the Philippines.

There were only five categories in the Android developer competition, the other four being Games, Messaging and Communications, Entertainment, and Social Networking. The winning team received prize money and the opportunity to get funding for the mobile application development.

Facebook game on social accountability

DLSU COLLEGE OF COMPUTER STUDIES Game Development Laboratory, together with the La Salle Computer Society, recently launched a Facebook game about social accountability.

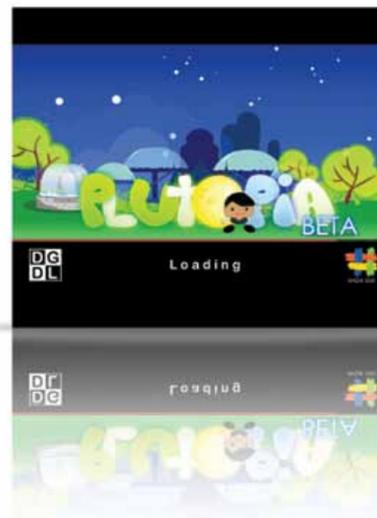
Dubbed "Plutopia," the interactive citizenship game encourages citizens to monitor how their respective governments do their job of providing public service honestly, efficiently, openly, and with genuine concern for the people.

For the past year, CCS has been in partnership with the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in East Asia and the Pacific (ANSA-EAP), a regional network established in 2008 to help cultivate the way of doing social accountability by upholding the region's culture and norms.

Social accountability, according to ANSA-EAP Networking Officer Dondon Parafina, refers to actions initiated by citizen groups to hold public officials, politicians, and

service providers to account for their conduct and performance.

To further encourage the country's youth sector to be involved and to be promoters of social accountability, ANSA-EAP asked support from Solomon See, head of CCS's Game Development Laboratory, in creating Plutopia, which can now be accessed and played at <http://apps.facebook.com/plutopia>.



A challenge for media to make their mark

WITH THE THEME "MAKE YOUR MARK," De La Salle University's annual Lasallian Scholarum Awards honored the country's outstanding print, photo, broadcast, and campus journalists for their remarkable reportage on various youth and education issues last August 27 at The Conservatory of The Peninsula Manila Hotel in Makati City.

The award for outstanding feature story on youth and education went to "Pinoy in thoughts, in words - and in games!" by Rachel Barawid of the *Manila Bulletin*. Barawid was recognized for her excellent story on the preservation of traditional Filipino street games.

Outstanding photograph went to Mark Balmores of the *Manila Bulletin* for capturing, in a vivid range of colors, a split-second image of a youth's desire to learn despite great difficulty. A special citation was given to Joy Torrejos of *The Philippine Star* for her poignant photograph of a child escaping from fire.

Karen Davila's *The Correspondents* (ABS-CBN) episode on youth in sports, entitled "Batang Bida," was chosen outstanding

Scholarum winners and judges with DLSU administrators (from left): Jose Mari Magpayo, Br. Bernie Oca FSC, Stephanie Bagulbagul, Paola Siosoco, Karen Davila, Rina Lopez-Bautista, Mark Balmores, Ronald Lim, Rachel Barawid, and Br. Ricky Laguda FSC. Not in photo are Board of Judges Chair Rico Hizon and members Diether Ocampo and Marites Vitug.



television feature for its optimism and for championing youth development.

Top award for feature article in a school organ went to Stephanie Bagulbagul and Maria Paola Margarita Siasoco of *The Scholastican*, St. Scholastica's College Manila, for their article "Silent war: Human rights violations in the Philippines."

Manila Bulletin's Ronald Lim won the outstanding feature story on De La Salle University for his feature on SIKAT, the country's second solar car, which was made by DLSU students.

International scientific journal launched

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATIONAL MEASUREMENT AND EVALUATION (NCEME) has launched its official scientific journal entitled *Educational Measurement and Evaluation Review (EMEReview)* which is an internationally refereed and abstracted journal.

DLSU Counseling and Educational Psychology Department faculty member Dr. Carlo Magno serves as the journal editor, together with Dr. John Hattie, president of the International Test Commission.

NCEME participants at the launch of the international journal, EMEReview

The journal is now abstracted and indexed in the Asian Education Index, Social Science Research Network, Google Scholar, Open J-Gate, and NewJour, and can be accessed at: <http://pemea.club.officelive.com/vol1.aspx>



In your profession, you ought to combine zeal for the good of the Church with that for the good of the State.

---St. John Baptist de La Salle

