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# FOUNDATION

## *Anniversary*

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# 13TH NATIONAL CONGRESS OF VETERINARY MEDICINE STUDENTS

The university hosted the 13th National Congress of Veterinary Medicine Students (NCVMS) last February 1 - 3. The congress, with this year's theme "Building Bridges and Breaking Barriers", is an annual gathering of aspiring veterinarians across the country that features quiz contests, various seminars, and teambuilding activities. The last time that the university hosted the congress was in 2010, under the leadership of Dr. William Coo.

In his welcome message to the congress delegates, President Dr. Santos urged the candidates "to work collaboratively, and to do so in the spirit of camaraderie, cooperation, and community to ensure continued progress in the field". One of the guest speakers of the event, Dr. Samuel Rebong from Royal Canin PH, echoed this and added that students must not only strive for academic excellence, but also develop interpersonal and leadership skills through extra-curricular activities as these are essential in the workplace. Dr. Rebong is a DLSAU alumnus.

At the congress' closing ceremonies, the new National Executive Council officers were elected, headed by Jules Tongco of Central Mindanao University as the 14th NCVMS



National Director. During last year's NCVMS at Isabela State University, two of our CVMAS students were elected in the NCVMS National Executive Council: Alyana Zen Rodriguez as National Director and Ciera G. Masaudling as Secretary General.

The NCVMS is the first and only organization of Veterinary Medicine students in the Philippines. For the 14th NCVMS in 2018, the congress will be held at Central Mindanao University in Bukidnon.

## NATIONAL YOUTH BUSINESS CONVENTION

Two of our BSBA students attended the National Youth Business Convention (NYBC) 2017 last January 12 - 14. The three-day convention, with the theme "Ignite Innovation, Change the Nation", was organized by the University of the Philippines (UP) Business League. One of our delegates, Mr. Raphael Macero, won 2nd runner-up in the Branding Campaign for ABS-CBN Competition that was held during the third day of the convention.

The NYBC gathers aspiring young professionals and future business leaders in the country to discuss trends, network with top local and foreign student-leaders, and meet successful heads and managers of the Philippine business landscape. Vice President Leni Robredo served as the keynote speaker for the convention.

## BS HRM STUDENT RANKS 12<sup>TH</sup> IN NATIONAL BARTENDING COMPETITION 2017

Bon Jovi Sebastian, a 4th Year BS Hotel and Restaurant Management student, ranked 12TH in the National Bartending Competition 2017 held last January 21 at SM City Cebu - Seaside. The competition, the biggest

bartending competition in the Philippines, was organized by the Cebu Barista and Bartender Association.

Sebastian is the only student competitor, contending with 20 professional bartenders around the country.

# DLSAU MBA ALUMNA DONATES AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT TO AGSI

Ms. Shiela Dela Pena, a DLSAU MBA alumna, donated audiovisual equipment to the Agrivet Sciences Institute (AgSI) last January 28. Specifically, Ms. Dela Pena donated a 32" Skyworth LED TV, a Skyworth speaker system, and an LG DVD player for use at the Agriventures Learning Center Library.

The equipment will be primarily used by faculty and students for their lectures, reports, and research presentations. University President Dr. Bjorn Santos and University Chancellor Mr. Christopher Polanco personally received the donation.

## SOUTH KOREAN UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS VISIT DLSAU

Officials from two South Korean universities visited the university last January 17 and 18 to discuss possible collaboration and cooperation opportunities and strengthen existing ties between our university and their institutions.

Mr. Lim Jaesam from the External Relations – Center for Global Education and Exchange Office of Soonchunhyang University visited last January 17. Mr. Lee Gyeonghee (Team Manager), Mr. Bin Yonguk (International Program Manager), and Dr. Lee Dongkeun (Dean) of the Department of International

and External Cooperation of Gyeongsang National University visited last January 18. The officials were met by University Chancellor Mr. Christopher Polanco.

Soonchunhyang University is a private university located in the City of Asan in South Chungcheong Province, whereas Gyeongsang National University is one of the 10 flagship Korean national universities that is situated in Jinju, South Gyeongsang Province.

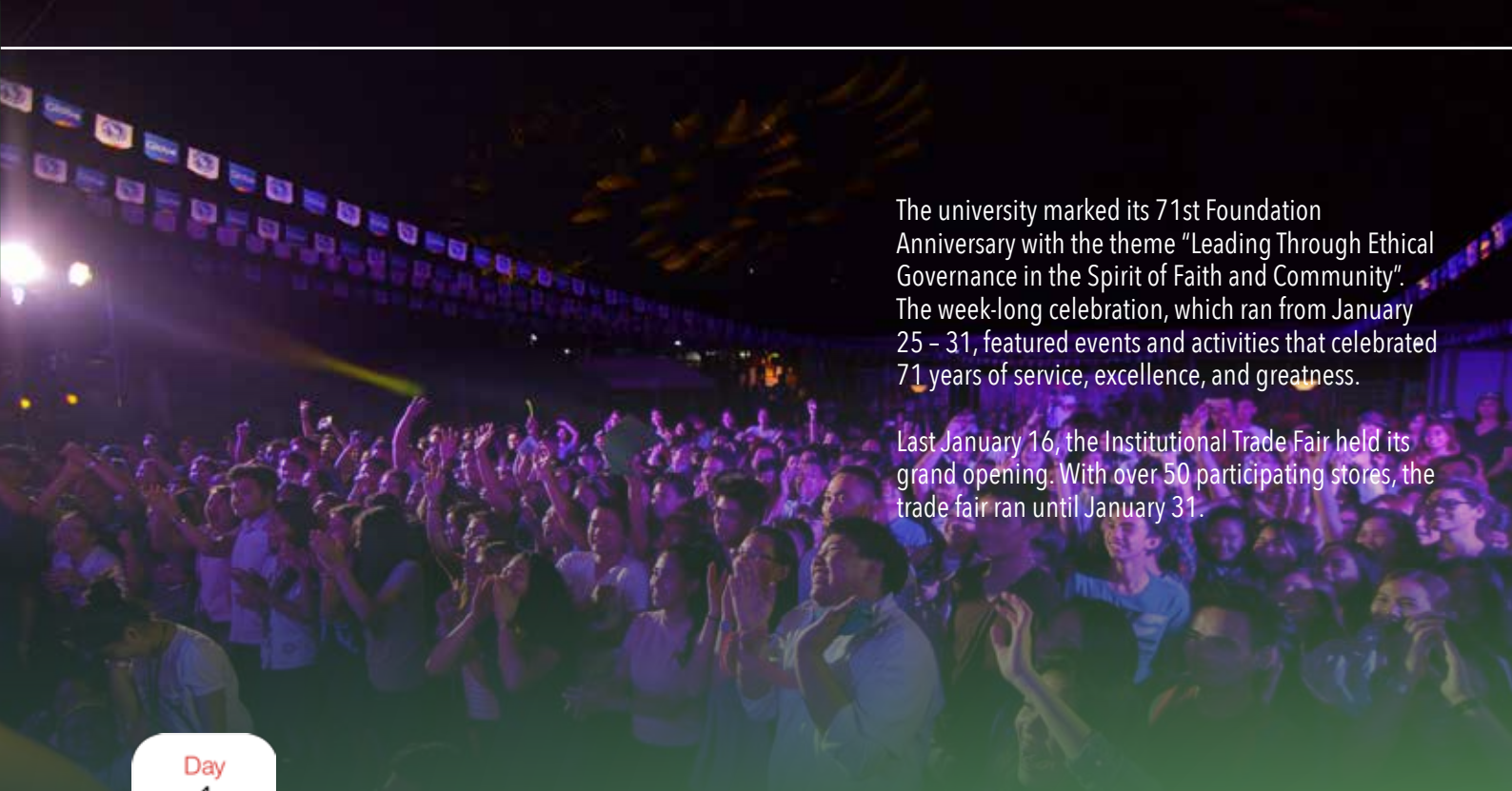
## NAMSEOL UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS VISIT DLSAU

Three officials from Namseoul University visited the university last February 10 to discuss the possibility of sending their students to us via a student exchange program, as well as to explore possible collaboration and cooperation opportunities between our institutions.

International Program and Relations Executive Dean Dr. Soon Hyeon Lee, Graduate School Dean Dr. Heon-Yong Jung, and International Initiative Associate Dean and Global Education Center Executive Director Mr. Sean

K. S. Shin were met by University Chancellor Mr. Christopher Polanco. Mr. Joseph Hyun and Mr. David Hyun were also present during the meeting.

Namseoul University is a private university located in Cheonan, South Korea. Founded in 1994 as Southern Seoul Industrial University, the university was later renamed Namseoul University in 1998.



The university marked its 71st Foundation Anniversary with the theme "Leading Through Ethical Governance in the Spirit of Faith and Community". The week-long celebration, which ran from January 25 - 31, featured events and activities that celebrated 71 years of service, excellence, and greatness.

Last January 16, the Institutional Trade Fair held its grand opening. With over 50 participating stores, the trade fair ran until January 31.

Day  
1



Dr. Bjorn Santos was installed as the 18th president of De La Salle Araneta University. The installation ceremony was held after the mass at the University Chapel. Brother Visitor Br. Edmundo Fernandez FSC, DLSP President Br. Jose Mari Jimenez FSC, DLSAU BOT Chair Dr. Carmelita Quebengco AFSC, Salikneta Inc BOT Chair Mr. Jorge

Buenaventura, Former President Br. Narciso Erguiza FSC, DLSU President Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC, DLSU - Dasmariñas President Br. Augustine Boquer FSC, and CHED Director IV - NCR Dr. Leonida Calagui were also present during the event, among others.



Day  
2

The 2nd DLSAU Research Congress, with the theme "Unity in Cultural Diversity: Empowerment through Synergized Values in Research Development", was held at The Forum. Professors from the De La Salle University Department of English and Applied Linguistics Dr. Sterling M. Plata, Dr. Cecilia F. Genuino, and Dr. Maria N. Cusipag were invited as guest speakers. The university hosted on the same day its 1st Bible Assembly at the Performing Arts Hall. The assembly featured a recollection/ Bible Encounter, and a quiz bee.

The final event of the day was the Coronation Night for the Mr. and Ms. DLSAU 2017 pageant that was held at the Institutional Activity Center. Mr. Renshi Grueso (BED) and Ms. Gayle Charity David (CBM) were hailed as Mr. and Ms. DLSAU 2017. Mr. Marz Angelo Wisco (CVMAS) and Ms. Shania Denise Gonzaga (CED) won 1st Runner Up, whereas Mr. Nero Bautista (CED) and Ms. Ji Sun Kim (BED) won 2nd Runner Up. Other special awards were also given that night.



Day  
3

Student's Night, a concert and inter-organization dance competition organized by the University Student Council, was held at the Golden Pavilion. The La Salle Araneta Computer Engineering Society (LACES) won as champion in the dance competition that was hosted before the live band performances from Suicidal Genius, Tanya Markova, Imago, and Moonstar 88. A fireworks display capped off the event.

Day  
4

Sixteen alumni were given outstanding alumni awards during the Grand Alumni Homecoming 2017 that was held at the IAC. Notable of them are Atty. Danilo L. Concepcion, the 21st President of the University of the Philippines, and Dr. Urdujah A. Tejada, the first woman President of Cagayan State University. Both were awarded with a Presidential Citation Alumni for Exceptional Achievement award.

Day  
5

The Philippine Association of Food Technologist - Gamma Chapter held its 50th anniversary at the Golden Pavilion. The anniversary was attended by present and alumni members of the organization. University President Dr. Bjorn Santos attended the said event and urged the attendees to "reach many more milestones and achieve many more successes that will not only bring pride to [their] organization, but to our university as well."

Day  
6

Seventeen acts from different departments and groups vied for the title of DLSAU Got Talent Season 4 Champion at the Institutional Activity Center. Gyweneth Nicolai Ravago was awarded second runner up, whereas Jasmine Aarielle Quesada won first runner-up. The Salikneta Dance Troupe was hailed as Season 4's Champions.

Day  
7

A wreath laying ceremony for Dr. Salvador Z. Araneta was held at the Golden Pavilion Grounds. The said program was open to everyone. President Dr. Bjorn Santos, Chancellor Mr. Christopher Polanco, and Mrs. Maria Victoria Araneta, daughter of Dr. Araneta, attended the program. The final event of the week-long celebration was the Testimonial Dinner and Lasallian Partners Awards 2017 where 14 Lasallian partners were given special awards.



# Lasallian

# Partners Awards

# 2017

Awarded during the Testimonial Dinner and Lasallian Partners Awards 2017  
last January 31

VENUE: Institutional Activity Center

# 56 Total Awardees

**Loyalty and Longevity Awardees**

**6** FIVE YEARS    **15** TEN YEARS    **3** FIFTEEN YEARS    **7** TWENTY YEARS  
**10** TWENTY-FIVE YEARS    **1** RETIREE (Mr. Federico Responde)

# 14 SPECIAL AWARDEES

**Board Passers Award (3)**  
Accountancy, Education,  
and AgriVet Sciences  
Institute (Agriculture)

**Extra Mile Award (2)**  
Ms. Norminta Dacumos  
Ms. Amryl Geneta

**Teaching Excellence Award (5)**

Ms. Rihel Patdo  
Ms. Mary Grace Cuadra  
Mr. John Paul Samonte  
Mr. Jerico Dalangin  
Dr. James Mirandilla

**Management Excellence Award**  
Ms. Maria Teresa Bernabe

**Research Excellence Award**  
Mr. Cyril Belvis

**Creativity in Teaching Award (2)**  
Mr. Nicanor Lazaro Jr.  
Mr. Maurice Gravidez

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