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SLU PROVIDES A NEUTRAL PLATFORM FOR DIALOGUE ON GOOD GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

On October 16, 2025, certified level 1 law student practitioners from the Chief Justice Manuel V. Moran Community Legal Assistance Office (CJMM CLAO) of Saint Louis University School of Law, supervised by Atty. Victoria Dines, conducted "Voices and Values: A Forum on Good Governance and Community Empowerment" at the Diego Silang Moot Court Room for third-year Political Science students. Organized in partnership with the Dativa Cristobal Foundation, Inc., the SLU Political Science Academic Society, and the Department of Political and Social Sciences, the forum explored core concepts of ethics, accountability, public service integrity, and the creation of safe, inclusive spaces.

By instilling ethical leadership values and legal literacy in emerging civic leaders, this collaborative academic initiative directly aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) alongside SDG 5 (Gender Equality) by fostering transparent systems, accountable governance, and a culture of justice and respect.



SDG 16: Peace Justice and Strong Institutions

SLU HOSTS DIALOGUE ON SMART URBAN MOBILITY PROJECT

Saint Louis University (SLU) hosted a dialogue with Louisian students and Metro Pacific Tollways (MPT) on 26 August 2025, at the Fr. Francis Gevers Hall, SLU Main Campus, in line with the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Interim Negotiation Committee of the City Government of Baguio's commitment to strengthen citizen and youth participation in government processes. The dialogue focused on the proposed Smart Urban Mobility Project (SUM Project), aiming to address the city's persistent traffic and mobility challenges.

The said dialogue was the final installment in a series of 30 consultations conducted across diverse sectors, such as seniors, women, students, and government employees, with two rounds held specifically for students. Among the attendees were students from the School of Accountancy, Management, Computing and Information Studies (SAMCIS), School of Engineering and Architecture (SEA), School of Nursing, Allied Health and Biological Sciences (SONAHBS), and School of Teacher Education and Liberal Arts (STELA).

Leo Gonzales, Assistant Vice President (AVP) for Corporate Affairs of MPT Mobility Corporation, presented the SUM Project's details and its anticipated impact in alleviating four key challenges in the City's current traffic situation: over-capacity of the road network, fragmented public transport, lack of parking information, and inefficient traffic management and enforcement. Gonzales underscored that enhancing efficiency—ensuring smooth and effective operations—is fundamental to the project's success. "Fixing Baguio's mobility is a responsibility of everyone," he remarked.



Gonzales also stressed the pivotal role of the youth in shaping Baguio's future, emphasizing that the city council will have the final say on the proposal and that public input is essential.

The session concluded with a question and answer segment, led by Donald Saurombe, AVP for Business Development & Technology at MPT Mobility Corporation, providing an interactive platform for students to voice their questions and feedback.



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DLUSA JOINS CHRA IN THE ADVOCACY TOWARDS BEING CRITICAL OF PH TERRORISM LAWS

Five years have passed since the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020 was signed into law by former President Rodrigo Duterte. The rationale behind the implementation of the law was to strengthen the state's anti-terrorism initiatives. Enacted alongside the Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act of 2012, then-signed by former president Benigno Aquino III, the two laws continue to be the subject of public scrutiny as different advocacy groups and organizations question the legislation's impact on communities and on members of vulnerable sectors such as Indigenous Groups across the Philippines.

In light of these occurrences and with the objective to enlighten the community, the Discipuli Legis Universitatis Sancti Aloysii (DLUSA), in partnership with the Cordillera Human Rights Alliance (CHRA) and the SLU Political Science Academic Society (POSAS), conducted the forum entitled: "Five Years of Terror: Cordillera Communities and the Anti-Terror Law and Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act", on the 22nd of November 2025 at the Theophile Verbist Hall, Saint Louis University.

Aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 10 (Reduced Inequalities), 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions), and 17 (Partnership for the Goals), this program aimed to deepen understanding of these terror laws, their mechanisms, and the legal strategies used to counter them. It also seeks to highlight the testimonies and lived experiences of those directly affected. Ultimately, this gathering strengthened the collective resolve to safeguard against attacks on certain rights and freedoms, and to awaken the community towards the staggering reality of what truly transpires beyond the naked eye, which affirms the CICM advocacies of justice, peace, and dialogue.



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SLU HOSTS “DAPAT ISA LANG” EDUCATIONAL FORUM TO ADVOCATE FOR A GENUINE ANTI-POLITICAL DYNASTY LAW

Saint Louis University (SLU) hosted the Educational Forum “DAPAT ISA LANG” on 10 July 2026, held at the Prince Bernhard Gym (PB Gym) SLU Main Campus. This educational forum was held in collaboration with the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines, Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan, and the Diocese of Baguio, which invited the clergy, Parish Pastoral Council officers, and Senior High School students and teachers from the Diocesan Schools of Baguio to join the event. “Dapat Isa Lang” is an initiative by SLU dedicated to providing education to the public on the important issue of political dynasties in the Philippines.



With the theme “Passing a genuine Anti-Political Dynasty Law,” the Dapat Isa Lang movement advocates passing a genuine anti-political dynasty law in the Philippines through the people’s initiative. To help in fulfilling this movement, a signature campaign was held after the forum.



In his welcome address, SLU Executive Assistant to the President, Joselito C. Gutierrez, Ph.D., emphasized that this forum is meant to remind the people that the responsibility of governance should respect freedom and genuineness in serving the common good of Filipino citizens.

Atty. Carlo Gino Africa, Dapat Isa Lang, official spokesperson, Executive Director at Hiraya, and Policy Consultant at the Legal Network for Truthful Elections (LENTE); and Angel Rose J. Sarmiento, student leader from Ateneo Student Catholic Action and Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan Apostolate, were introduced as representatives of this educational forum. Atty. Carlo presented key provisions of the movement’s initiative to pass an anti-political dynasty law, two of which are to ban relatives through the fourth degree of consanguinity and affinity from holding covered positions, and prohibit relatives from succeeding, replacing, or switching positions among relatives.



The Dapat Isa Lang Educational Forum, hosted by SLU, emphasized the bold call to enact a firm Anti-Political Dynasty law, a vital step toward advocating for SDG 16 and ensuring peace and justice across various institutions of service in the country.





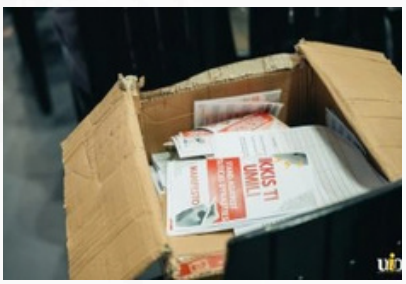
The reason why we cannot hold people accountable is because the same people are in power.

- Atty. Carlo Gino Africa.















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