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International Students' Orientation

On the 12th of October 2019, Saint Louis University, Baguio City, Philippines, hosted a networking activity for international students at Gevers Hall, SLU Main Campus. The event stressed the subject of Internationalization at Home (IaH). Internationalization at home refers to “the purposeful integration of international and intercultural dimensions into the formal and informal curriculum for all the students within domestic learning environments (Beelen & Jones, 2015).” The concept of Internationalisation at Home (IaH) is built around the assumption that for various reasons, the largest part of universities' student body will always remain non-mobile and therefore deprived of access to global knowledge and skills (Armutlieva, 2018).

Throughout the orientation, the international students had the opportunity to meet, greet, and interact with other students from across the globe. Precisely, the number of nationalities that took part were 18 nationalities in total, namely *Chinese, Chinese-Filipino, Indian, Indian-American, Ghanaian, Nigerian, Rwandan, Nepali, Haitian, Jordanian, Filipino-American, Taiwanese, South-Korean, American, Pakistani, Yemeni, Equatorial Guinean and Sudanese*. The activity was also capped by the revival of the International Students Association (ISA). Consequently, the body elected the officers who were fairly represented from across.

Worth mentioning also was the attendance of distinguished Lousians who were on hand to stage a dialogue with the students. Most notably no less than the President of SLU himself, Fr. Gilbert Sales. Apart from him, the Dean of the School of Teacher Education and Liberal Arts, Dr. Felina Espique, was also a keynote speaker in discussing the IaH topic. The rest of the Lousians who also graced the occasion were Dr. Roberto Arguelles (Vice President for Academic Affairs), Dr. Mary Grace Carrido-Baywong (Director of the External Relations, Media and Communications, and Alumni Affairs Office), Mrs. Corazon Kawi (Director of Guidance Centre), Mr. Andrew Macalma (Dean of the Office of the Student Affairs), and Dr. Richel Lamadrid (Director of University Research & Innovation Center). All of them were in attendance to support the internationalization endeavors of the university.

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IaH [Internationalization at Home]

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The said event, which had international students as its core audience, is an initiative in accord with the school's internationalization agenda. This new paradigm has been motivated by SLU's engagement in two Erasmus+ European Union projects, which are the FRIENDS (<https://erasmusplusfriends.eu/>) and ANTENA (<https://www.antena-project.eu/>). The essence of these two projects pertains to the development of global mindsets and forging global competencies amongst local and international students.

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