



De La Salle University

2401 Taft Avenue, 1004 Manila, Philippines
Tel. (632) 524-4611 loc. 545; Telefax (632) 526-5917

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

**The Role of Regional Cooperation in Fulfilling Philippine Development Vision:
Inclusive Growth, Infrastructure Development and Human Resource Enrichment**

**March 9, 2018
Makati Shangri-La Hotel**

08:00 Registration

08:45 Opening session

Welcome Remarks and Overview of Seminar

Morning Session:

09:00 – 09:40

Keynote Address: Assessing Philippine Economy: Issues and Challenges

This session provides an overview of the current state of Philippine economy. It focuses on the government's current policies that promote economic inclusion and develop infrastructure and human resources.

Hon. Benjamin Diokno

Secretary

Department of Budget and Management

Moderator/Discussant: Ms. Lala Rimando, Forbes.com

09:40 – 11:00

Inclusive Growth and the Role of Regional Cooperation

NEDA defines inclusive growth as rapid and sustained growth that takes into consideration “the country’s large population, geographical differences, and social complexity” so that its attainment can significantly reduce unemployment and mass poverty. The government’s focus on job creation and infrastructure development stimulates economic growth; however, the prevailing high socio-economic inequality challenges the government to continue to pursue diverse and creative economic strategies. This session surveys the government’s programs and policies, and the role of regional cooperation and regional integration in attaining inclusive growth in the Philippines.

Speakers:

Dr. Rosemarie Edillon

National Economic and Development Authority



De La Salle University

2401 Taft Avenue, 1004 Manila, Philippines
Tel. (632) 524-4611 loc. 545; Telefax (632) 526-5917

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Dr. Francisco Magno
DLSU Robredo Institute of Governance

Dr. Cielito Habito
Ateneo de Manila University

Moderator/Discussant: Dr. Mitzie Conchada, School of Economics - DLSU

11:00 – 12:30

Infrastructure Development and the Role of Regional Cooperation

The Philippines embarks on an ambitious campaign to realize “the golden age of infrastructure” to promote and sustain high economic growth rates. In less than two years in office, the Duterte administration already approved \$6 billion worth of infrastructure projects in both metropolitan and provincial Philippines. This session discusses the relationship between the country’s infrastructure development goals and the role of regional cooperation and integration.

Speakers:

Dr. Maria Catalina Cabral
Undersecretary for Planning and PPP
Department of Public Works and Highways

Dr. Primitivo Cal
UP Planning and Development Research, Inc.

Dr. Adoracion Navarro
Undersecretary, Regional Development Office
National Economic and Development Office

Moderator/Discussant: Dr. Ador Torneo, Political Science Department - DLSU

12:30 – 1:30

LUNCH

Afternoon Session:

1:30 – 3:00

Human Resource Enrichment and the Role of Regional Cooperation

Job generation has been a challenging undertaking for both developing and developed states. For several decades, the Philippines has struggled to reduce unemployment and provide just employment for the populace. While job creation is an expedient economic initiative, other relevant issues such as labor development, just compensation, and well-being of workers should also be explored further. Regional and bilateral arrangements such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Southeast Asian economic partnership agreements (EPA) with Japan offer insightful models for human resource enrichment. This session focuses on human resource enrichment programs and projects by the government and on the role of regional cooperation and regional integration in job generation and human development in the Philippines.



De La Salle University

2401 Taft Avenue, 1004 Manila, Philippines
Tel. (632) 524-4611 loc. 545; Telefax (632) 526-5917

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Speakers:

Dr. Tereso Tullao
De La Salle University

Dr. Maragtas Amante
University of the Philippines, Diliman

Dr. Jose Camacho
University of the Philippines, Los Baños

Moderator/Discussant: Dr. Alvin Ang, Economics Department - Ateneo de Manila Univer

3:00 – 4:30

Economic Development, Peace and Order, and Regional Cooperation

This session focuses on strategies being pursued by the government (in relation to drug menace, reconstruction efforts in Marawi, and peacebuilding in Mindanao) and on the role of regional cooperation in realizing the goals of a peaceful and stable society. The first speaker shall discuss the current strategy of the government on the problem of illegal drugs and its challenges. The second speaker will discuss the reconstruction plan of Marawi, its challenges and efforts to bring in regional and international support. The third speaker will talk about how regional security cooperation will situate in President Duterte's economic agenda while the last speaker will explain the peacebuilding efforts and development cooperation in Mindanao.

Speakers:

Dr. Jennifer Oreta
Ateneo de Manila University

Ms. Charithie Joaquin
National Defense College of the Philippines

BGEN. Restituto Padilla
Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)

Moderator: Dr. Dennis Trinidad, International Studies Department - DLSU

4:30 – 4:45 Closing Ceremonies