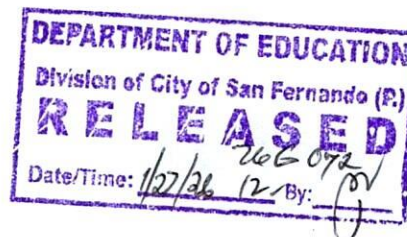




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Dear Sir:

Greetings.


Thank you for your invitation regarding the upcoming **International Conference on Artificial Intelligence 2026**, organized by the Center for Artificial Intelligence (CAI) and the School of Innovative Flexible Learning (SIFL) of De La Salle University–Dasmariñas. We appreciate your initiative in providing a platform for scholarly discussion and professional development in the field of artificial intelligence.

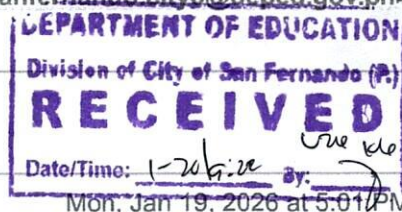
However, we regret to inform you that our Office **cannot endorse nor disseminate** this activity to schools under our jurisdiction due to the following reasons:

- 1. Time-on-Task** - Pursuant to **DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005** and **DepEd Order No. 21, s. 2023**, all activities must be scheduled in a manner that does not compromise instructional time. Based on the proposed schedule, participation in the conference may affect the performance of regular teaching and official duties of school personnel.
- 2. No Collection Policy** - Consistent with DepEd policies, including **DepEd Order No. 003, s. 2024**, the Department does not allow the collection of fees from teachers, school heads, or non-teaching personnel for participation in professional development activities. We respectfully request that similar programs be offered **without any financial cost** to participants.

We hope for your understanding and continued support in aligning future activities with DepEd guidelines and policies. Should you have programs that fully comply with these requirements, we would be glad to consider them for possible dissemination.

Very truly yours,


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Dear Colleagues in the Academe:

Greetings in St. La Salle!

We respectfully seek your esteemed endorsement for our upcoming International Conference on Artificial Intelligence, a premier platform dedicated to showcasing diverse research and innovations in the field.

This initiative is jointly organized by the Center for Artificial Intelligence (CAI) under the School of Innovative and Flexible Learning (SIFL) and the College of Information and Computer Studies (CICS) of De La Salle University-Dasmariñas. The hybrid event will take place on **February 19–20, 2026**, at the Ayuntamiento De Gonzalez Auditorium, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas for onsite attendees and via Zoom for online attendees. **The international conference offers nine (9) CPD units for professional-teacher attendees per PRC Accreditation No. PTR-2024-459-12019.**

Theme:

"Educating Ethically with Intelligence and Integrity: AI-Driven Futures in Teaching, Learning, and Research"

Conference Objectives:

1. To explore innovative AI-driven pedagogies that transform teaching, learning, and assessment practices in the digital era, emphasizing personalized and inclusive education.
2. To critically examine ethical, theological, and human dignity considerations associated with integrating AI technologies in educational and research contexts.
3. To examine emerging technological frontiers such as digital twinning and its applications, challenges, and opportunities for enhancing academic research and institutional decision-making.
4. To promote the strategic integration of AI tools and methodologies in revitalizing academic curricula to meet evolving digital age demands while addressing faculty readiness and institutional alignment.
5. To foster responsible and reflective use of Generative AI (GenAI) in academic research, highlighting trends, risks, ethical standards, and practical applications that support academic integrity and scholarly rigor.

Target Audience:

University professors

Researchers and scholars
Basic education teachers
Senior university students passionate about AI

Key Components of the Conference:

Plenary lectures
Paper and poster presentations on AI research outputs
AI Projects Exhibit

We firmly believe this conference can serve as a transformative model to foster a nationwide culture of responsible AI adoption and research among educators in the Philippines.

In view of the above, we humbly request your endorsement to help extend the reach of this endeavor, reinforcing our shared commitment to professional development, innovation, and scholarly advancement. For your reference, the conference program is attached. Should you have any inquiries, please feel free to contact Associate Professor Jennylinde R. Manaois, MS, at jrmanaois@dlsud.edu.ph.

Thank you for your generous consideration. We look forward to your favorable response and the opportunity to collaborate in elevating the research capacity of our dedicated educators.

Sincerely,

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