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Dr. Arvin R. Dela Cruz is an accomplished academic leader, researcher, and ICT professional with extensive experience in higher education, research management, and digital transformation initiatives. He currently serves as Program Chair for graduate programs (PhD and MS in Computer Engineering) and Research and Extension leadership roles at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), where he oversees research operations, academic publications, and multi-sector collaborations.

He has held key leadership positions, including College Dean of Computer Studies and academic head in various institutions, demonstrating strong expertise in curriculum development, faculty supervision, and academic-industry linkage building. His teaching portfolio spans leading universities such as PUP, Rizal Technological University, Far Eastern University, and the University of Santo Tomas, mentoring graduate and undergraduate students across ICT, engineering, business, and management disciplines.

Dr. Dela Cruz holds multiple advanced degrees, including Ph.D. in Computer Engineering (by research), Ph.D. in Management (with distinction), Master of Science in Management Engineering, and Master in Information Technology, reflecting a strong interdisciplinary foundation. His professional expertise includes software and web systems development, instructional technology, systems design, and digital innovation, supported by certifications in network security (NSE 1 & 2) and Scrum Foundation.

Internationally, he is an active researcher and presenter in global conferences and serves as an International Reviewer for Elsevier's e-Prime: Advances in Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Energy, as well as a member of international scientific and technical committees. He is also engaged in regional initiatives as part of the Association of Universities in Asia and the Pacific (AUAP), contributing to digital transformation and AI-driven academic innovation.

A highly productive scholar, Dr. Dela Cruz has published numerous works in areas such as ICT, robotics, e-learning systems, IoT, assistive technologies, and sustainable engineering solutions. His research emphasizes practical applications that bridge theory, innovation, and community development, including projects for persons with disabilities, renewable energy, and smart learning environments.

He is also actively engaged in professional and national organizations, currently serving as National President of the Mechatronics and Robotics Society of the Philippines (MRSP). He contributes to policy, accreditation, and academic standards as a consultant and resource speaker in ICT, engineering, and education. His excellence has been recognized through multiple Best Presenter awards in international conferences and distinctions such as Outstanding Professional in the field of ICT and robotics education.



Overall, Dr. Dela Cruz exemplifies a multidisciplinary academic leader and practitioner, committed to advancing research, innovation, and digital transformation in education and industry at both national and international levels.