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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RE : ✎DEAN EMERITUS DR. NORMA V. LERMA (1932-2023)
DATE : 8 December 2023

With deep sorrow, the University mourns the passing of

✎DEAN EMERITUS DR. NORMA V. LERMA
(25 January 1932 – 4 December 2023).

She was 91 years old. She finished her bachelor's degree in Pharmacy and Medical Technology from the University in 1952 and 1965, respectively. She completed her Master of Science in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy in 1954 and 1956, respectively, at the UST Graduate School. She served as Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy for 20 years, from 1979 to 1999. In 2000, the University granted her the honorary title *Dean Emeritus*.

In 1995, *Dean Emeritus* Lerma earned recognition as an *Outstanding Pharmacist* from the Professional Regulation Commission. She received *The Outstanding Thomasian Alumni Award (TOTAL)* for Education in 1996. In 1998, she was honored with the *Ishidate Award for Pharmacy Education* by the Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Associations, a prestigious award which acknowledges pharmacists who have made substantial contributions to enhancing public health in Asia. She became president of the *Colegio Médico-Farmacéutico de Filipinas, Incorporada*, a professional organization of physicians and pharmacists, from 2009 to 2010. In 2019, the organization honored her with a *Lifetime Achievement Award*. The University remembers her life as an educator and recognized scholar with "great leadership" and a "respected figure in UST and the Pharmacy profession."

Eternal rest grant unto *Dean Emeritus* Dr. Norma V. Lerma, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

We invite the Thomasian community to offer prayers for the eternal repose of the soul of *Dean Emeritus* Dr. Norma V. Lerma.



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