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## DTI, NEDA to review P64 daily food threshold: solon

MANILA – The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) has committed to review the country's food poverty threshold of PHP63.87 per person a day, according to a lawmaker.

During the plenary deliberations on the proposed budget of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)

for 2025, Pangasinan Representative Christopher de Venecia said the DTI and NEDA are working together to address concerns over the PHP64 per day food threshold, with the NEDA pledging to review it further.

“NEDA itself has acknowledged the need to revisit their methodology for this particu-

lar dataset that really elicited a lot of reaction from the Filipino people,” De Venecia said.

De Venecia, the DTI's budget sponsor, said the agency will be coordinating with the NEDA particularly with regards to the methodologies and the prescription of the  
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# Significant drop in rice prices to be felt in January: DA

MANILA – With the reduced tariff on imported rice, a significant drop in its market price is expected in January, according to Department of Agriculture (DA) Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. on Wednesday.

“Since demand for food usually spikes in December, we anticipate seeing a more substantial drop in rice prices by January,” he

said in a statement.

Economic managers earlier projected around PHP5 to PHP7 per kilogram drop in rice retail prices due to tariff reduction from 35 percent to 15 percent under Executive Order No. 62.

Tiu Laurel said the public may observe the prices declining by October.

DA Assistant Secretary Arnel de Mesa,

however, said they are already monitoring lower price levels as early as now.

“We can say na mababa na iyong presyo kasi may nakita na tayo na PHP42 sa limang pamilihan... coming iyan sa PHP50 noong mga nakalipas na buwan (that the price is dropping because we have seen some PHP42/kg in some markets...

That's coming from PHP50/kg level),” he said in a separate phone interview.

As of Tuesday, the prevailing price of imported regular-milled rice in Metro Manila is set at PHP42/kg and PHP45/kg to PHP55/kg for imported well-milled rice, according to DA-Bantay Presyo.

The local regular-milled rice rang-

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**RICE PRICES.** Rice prices are displayed at a rice retail store in San Andres, Manila on May 6, 2024. The Department of Agriculture on Wednesday (Sept. 18) says there will be a “substantial” drop in prices of rice in January due to the effects of lower tariff on imported rice. (PNA file photo by Yancy Lim)

## Solar-powered water systems to provide Batangueños reliable supply

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – The Department of Public Works and Highways in Calabarzon (Region IV-A) has announced the completion of three solar water system projects in Batangas province that are expected to provide residents with reliable supply.

In a phone interview on Thursday, engineer Jehela Roxas, head of the agency's 4th District Engineering

Office (DEO), shared details about the integration of solar power technology into water systems in Barangay Castillo, Padre Garcia town; Barangay Catandala in Ibaan; and Barangay San Guillermo in Lipa City.

He said the projects were funded under the General Appropriations Act of 2023 at a total cost of PHP10 million. The care and maintenance of these facilities are super-

vised by the respective beneficiary barangays.

The projects, Roxas added, feature the installation of elevated tanks, waterworks systems, solar-powered submersible pumps, powerhouses with solar panels, and pipelines.

Notably, the project in Padre Garcia, situated within the Padre Garcia Polytechnic Compound, has significantly enhanced water accessibility for



**SOLAR-POWERED WATER SYSTEM.** A solar-powered water system built by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in Barangay San Guillermo, Lipa City, Batangas province. Similar projects were built by the agency in Barangay Castillo, Padre Garcia town, and Barangay Catandala in Ibaan. (Photo courtesy of DPWH Batangas 4th DEO)

the educational institution and students.

“These solar-pow-

ered systems provide a cost-effective and reliable water supply,

even during power outages,” de Roxas  
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es from PHP45/kg to PHP51/kg, while the local well-milled rice ranges from PHP46/kg to PHP55/kg.

**Farmgate prices**

Tiu Laurel assured to monitor the welfare of local farmers as the country approaches the wet harvest season.

“Given the wet season, some areas are seeing palay being bought at PHP16 to PHP 17 per kilo. We need to monitor this closely to ensure farmers are not short-changed,” he said.

To date, the national average of fresh palay is at PHP19.42/kg, lower than last August’s PHP20.51/kg.

“Iyong (The) lowest is PHP16.5, the highest was PHP21 nitong (this) September... Nag-start na rin kasi ngayon iyong harvest season (the harvest season has also started),” De Mesa said.

Federation of Free Farmers Cooperatives national manager Raul Montemayor, meanwhile, urged the DA to recommend bringing the higher tariff back, especially during the peak harvest season in October to November.

“Pagdating ng anihan, kasi ang dami ngang supply dahil umaani ang mga magsasaka, iyon iyong time na dapat ibalik nila iyong taripa sa (When the harvest comes, because there’s a huge supply due to harvesting farmers, that’s the time they should revert to the old tariff of) 35 percent,” he said.

“Kung ang dami-dami na ngang ina-ani locally, sabayan mo pa ng local imports dahil binabaan mo iy-

ong tariff, ang resulta niyan oversupply. Sobra-sobra ang supply sa merkado, babagsak ang presyo ng palay (If there’s so much local harvest, alongside rice imports at the lower tariff, it will result into an oversupply. That’s more than enough supply in the market, the farmgate price of palay will surely drop),” Montemayor added.

De Mesa, however, assured that the National Food Authority (NFA)’s higher buying price of palay is still in place in case traders take advantage of local farmers.

“So long as hindi magkaroon ng pagbabago, and I don’t think there will be changes at the moment doon sa (in the) buying strategy ng (of) NFA,” he said.

The NFA’s higher price ranges from PHP17/kg to PHP23/kg for fresh or wet palay; and PHP23/kg to PHP30/kg for clean and dry palay.

“Hindi pa naman nauubos iyong pon-do nila... Remember, mayroon pa silang excess fund noong last year na pwedeng magamit pa hanggang (They have not yet utilized all their funds. Remember, they still have excess fund last year which can still be utilized until) this year,” he added.

De Mesa also said they are intensifying efforts to improve the capacity of NFA’s post-harvest facilities including warehouses, drying, and milling.

To date, the NFA has PHP5 billion worth of funds for its post-har-

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diet as informed by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) to align it with the current nutritional needs of Filipinos and prevailing food prices.

De Venecia noted that the threshold set by NEDA is limited in scope, excluding additional costs like cooking gas or liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), transportation, or dining out.

He said a family of five would need a much larger budget than the current per capita threshold to meet daily food needs.

To ensure availability and affordability of essential commodities, De Venecia said the DTI collaborates with private sector partners to make these products accessible to the public.

“It is imperative upon the DTI to work with the private sector that these be made available to the consumers so that they will be able to procure these commodities and items so that they can eat,” he said.

In terms of the agency’s interventions, De Venecia pointed out that the DTI is conducting the “Diskwento Caravan,” which ensures the supply of basic necessities priced in accordance with or lower than the suggested retail prices.

De Venecia reiterated that the expansion of vest facilities.

He also assured continuous partnerships to boost investments in Agri infrastructures which will prevent further post-harvest losses. (PNA)

the “Diskwento Caravan” is crucial but dependent on the allocation of additional funds to DTI’s consumer protection programs.

He also mentioned the establishment of a food terminal in Tarlac, as well as similar initiatives like the Department of Agriculture’s Kadiwa stores.

“So hopefully, mas maibsan yung mga pinagdadaanan ng ating mga kababayan (this would help alleviate the difficulties our fellow citizens are experiencing) with regards to their budget for their everyday food consumption,” he said.

NEDA Secretary Arsenio Balisacan has earlier addressed the misconceptions about the food and poverty threshold.

In 2023, the amount needed to meet the basic food and non-food needs of a family of five, or the poverty threshold, was set at PHP13,873 per month.

The amount needed by a family of five to meet their basic food needs per month or the food threshold was PHP9,581.

“We recognize that poverty pertains to a state of deprivation and an individual’s perception of the quality of life they enjoy compared to their aspirations. The food threshold represents

the cost of a food bundle that meets the energy and micronutrient requirements of the average Filipino,” Balisacan said.

He said these thresholds are part of a broader set of tools used to assess the country’s development progress and measure the effectiveness of the government’s policies and programs in addressing poverty.

“They are not, and were never intended to be, prescribed budgets for a decent standard of living. They do not dictate how much a family should spend on food, nor do they provide an idea of a

desirable household budget. Instead, these thresholds, along with other socioeconomic indicators, are metrics that we use to determine the inclusiveness of the country’s economic growth and if our policies have improved the well-being of the poor,” he said.

Balisacan assured that the government, together with various sectors of society, is working tirelessly to address the root causes of poverty through a range of social protection programs, policy reforms, and development initiatives. (PNA)

***Do not withhold good from those to whom you should give it if it is within your power to help.***

***Proverbs 3:27***

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emphasized. “They also reduce electricity consumption and promote a safe, healthy, and productive environment for local residents.” (PNA)





**Family Planning Month Celebration RFPF in the workplace**

In celebration of Family Planning Month, the Office of the Provincial Population Officer (OPPO) partnered with the Provincial Government of Cavite Employees and Community Multi-Purpose Cooperative (PGCECC) in organizing an informative seminar on Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning in the Workplace recently, at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Session Hall. The event brought together 50 women employees of the Provincial Government of Cavite for a day of learning and engagement.

Resource speakers were Ms. Clarissa S. Matienzo and Ms. Christle T. Pangniban of OPPO, who offered valuable insights on family planning and the key elements of a strong and loving marital relationship. Ms. Eloisa L. Comia, OIC-Provincial Population Officer, expressed her gratitude to everyone who attended and participated in the workshop. The Family Planning Organization of the Philippines also supported the event by providing essential family planning supplies and hygiene kits for all.

The activity was a significant step in promoting awareness and education about family planning and responsible parenthood. It highlighted the commitment of the Provincial Government of Cavite to supporting and fostering a well-informed workforce.--- OPIO



**Cavite PCPC council members explore best practices of Laguna PCPC**

Recently, members of the Cavite Provincial Council for the Protection of Children (PCPC) embarked on a Lakbay-Aral to the Provincial Government of Laguna to learn and adopt best practices for enhancing child protection programs in the province.

The Lakbay-Aral included a series of discussions and presentations on Laguna’s progressive strategies in child protection and welfare. The members gained insights into how Laguna’s PCPC effectively implements child-friendly programs, manages resources, and collaborates with various sectors to ensure children’s rights and safety are prioritized.

As part of the educational tour, the council members visited Bahay Pag-asa, a rehabilitation center for children in conflict with the law. The visit offered them an in-depth understanding of how the center provides holistic care, rehabilitation, and reintegration programs for the youth. The experience at Bahay Pag-asa inspired the council to explore the possibility of replicating the same model in the province, fostering a nurturing and supportive environment for children in need of guidance.

During the visit, council members were warmly welcomed by Ms. Lucila Almada, the Provincial Social Welfare Development Officer of Laguna, together with Ms. Niña Yasoña, Laguna PCPC focal person, and other staff. Their gracious reception set the tone for a productive day of knowledge-sharing and collaboration which emphasized the importance of sharing best practices in child protection to ensure the continuous development of programs that promote children’s rights and well-being across provinces.

This productive learning exchange marks a crucial step in strengthening child protection initiatives, aligning with the goal of creating safer, more nurturing environments for children across the province.---OPIO



**Health services for PDLs of Cavite Provincial Jail**

Recently, the Provincial Government of Cavite conducted a medical and dental mission program at Cavite Provincial Jail, benefiting a total of 251 persons deprived of liberty (PDL). The mission provided free health consultations and dental check-ups, ensuring that the PDLs received essential healthcare and guidance on their medical and oral health needs.

The Office of the Provincial Governor - medical mission team distributed free prescribed medicines, vitamins and antibiotics ensuring that the beneficiaries received appropriate care for their conditions.

This initiative is part of the provincial government’s continued effort to extend healthcare services to Caviteños.--- OPIO

**Malaysia reports 1 more mpox case, toll hits 10**

ISTANBUL – Malaysia on Tuesday reported one more case of mpox, taking the overall toll to 10, the country’s Health Ministry said.

The ministry said on X it received 58 suspected cases of mpox this year and a confirmed case of clade II variant.

There is no recent travel history of the patient, while health authorities are tracing the contacts of the patient.



Malaysia has recorded a total of 10 cases of mpox since July last year. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared mpox a public health emergency of international concern on Aug. 14, after the new variant that appears to spread more

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**The one walking with the wise will become wise,  
But the one who has dealings with the stupid  
will fare badly.**  
*Proverbs 13:20*



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UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED  
BY ACT 4118

SPS. EMILIA SARILE RUBIN AND  
PRESTON G. RUBIN,

Mortgagees,

-versus-

ROSALINA S. LANCETA,  
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **SPS, EMILIA SARILE RUBIN AND PRESTON G. RUBIN**, with postal address at A. Abadilla St., Sapa, Rosario, Cavite against respondents/mortgagor, **ROSALINA S. LANCETA** with postal address at (1) Blk 37 Lot 34, Diamond Village, Anabu 2F, Imus City, Cavite; and (2) Blk. 37 Lot 34, Diamond Village, Brgy. Salitran I, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of **APRIL 2024** amounts to **FOUR MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND PESOS AND 00/100 (Php4,233,000.00)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned, Sheriff will sell at public auction on **OCTOBER 08, 2024**, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

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Dasmariñas City, Cavite, August 28, 2024.

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# DENR collects over 2K tons of e-waste

MANILA – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources- Environmental Management Bureau (DEN-EMB) has collected 2,350 tons of Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) or electronic waste found in television sets, during the past seven years.

At the Polychlorinated biphenyl-Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (PCB-WEEE) Project Closing held at the Manila Hotel on Wednesday, DENR Undersecretary and Chairperson of the PCB/WEEE Project Steering Committee Jonas Leones shared a positive outlook of the project.

The project aimed to get the cartridges from electronic appliance like TV sets, known as persistent organic pollutants that are detrimental to health, according to Leones.

“Itong project natin ang target sana natin makakuha tayo ng cartridge dun sa tv natin, pag binaklas natin, mga 50,000 units ang kailangan natin makuha at dun natin kukunin yung led. Kailangan natin ma-resolve yung POPs (persistent

organic pollutants) natin because these substances or wastes ay very detrimental sa health natin (Our target for this project is to get a cartridge from TVs, when we disassemble it, we need to get about 50,000 units, and that’s where we’ll get the led. With this project, we need to resolve our POPs because these substances or wastes are very detrimental to our health),” Leones said.

He said that studies have shown that chemicals and substances from e-waste are carcinogenic or cancer-causing agents. “Ngayon katapusan ng project natin (Now that the project has ended) we have accomplished more than the targeted amount or volume that we need to collect,” he said.

The PCB-WEEE Project, which started in 2017, has collected and processed a total of 107,000 units of CRTs TVs and monitors.

From this, 145 tons or 131,542 kilograms of recyclables were generated, 900 tons of lead-containing glass from the CRTs, and 1.12 tons of Polychlorinated Diphenyl



*E-WASTE MANAGEMENT. Over 2,000 tons of Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) or electronic waste from old television sets have been collected by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Environmental Management Bureau for the past seven years. The Polychlorinated biphenyl-Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (PCB-WEEE) Project has made more Filipinos aware of the hazardous effects of e-waste, while generating livelihood for the informal sector. (Photo grabbed from DENR EMB)*

Ethers (PBDEs) were disposed of.

The DENR said that the established materials recovery facility (MRF) used to segregate and store wastes was upgraded into treatment, storage, and disposal (TSD) facilities, renovating the space to collect and treat e-waste properly.

This has also resulted in the creation of green jobs for residents coming from the four focus areas including Bagong Silang and Camarin in Caloocan City, Longos in Malabon, Capulong in Tondo, Manila, and Baguio City.

Aside from television sets, e-waste also includes other appliance such as refrigerators, freezers and other cooling equipment, computers, telecommunications equipment such as cellphones, consumer electronic devices, solar panels, and monitors and screens, among others.

Meanwhile, Carmela Centeno, chief of the Responsible Materials and Chemicals Man-

agement Unit of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), which serves as co-implementor of the project, said the country is very new in e-waste management and has a long way to go.

However, she said that UNIDO sees a lot of hope in the Philippines in terms of e-waste management as local government units respond positively.

She also noted that more Filipinos, and even producers and manufacturers from the business side, have become aware of the issue.

UNIDO Chief for the Division of Circular Economy and Green Industry Smail Alhilali said that e-waste is one of the fastest waste streams in terms of generation as there are many ICT (information and communication technology) products in the market.

“In terms of e-waste generation on the global level, around 50 to 60 million tons per year,” he said. (PNA)

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## Largest Pinoy ‘grocerant’ in N. America opens digital hub for OFWs

MANILA – The largest Filipino grocery and restaurant (grocerant) in North America Seafood City launched here Wednesday its comprehensive digital marketplace for Filipinos across the world.

SFC+, Seafood City’s digital hub, aggregates top Filipino and US brands that allows users to shop online for products and food available in Seafood City physical stores.

Aside from online shopping, SFC+ users can pay bills, send zero-fee remittances, do online banking, purchase a condominium, donate in charity organizations, and earn points, among others.

During the SFC+ launching at Makati Shangri-La in Makati City, SFC+, Inc. president and chief executive officer Elewin Rebaya said the digital

marketplace’s initial target market is Seafood City’s 1 million weekly in-store traffic and over 400,000 active membership base in North America.

“Our major objective is actually to go globally to other parts of the world so that all the Filipinos have exclusive access to the app,” said Rebaya, who is also the executive vice president for Seafood City.

He added they are looking into launching SFC+ in regions where overseas Filipinos are present in the future.

The company partnered with Talino Venture Studios for the development of the app.

Among the top Filipino brands that are onboard SFC+ include ABS-CBN for iWant TFC subscription and to receive donations for Gawad Kalinga;

SM Group; SM Development Corp., where users can directly purchase residential units through the app; buy load for someone in the Philippines via Globe and Smart; and convert Philippine Airlines Mabuhay Miles to SFC+ points and vice versa.

Users can also access banking services of BDO Unibank, East West Bank USA, and BayaniPay through the digital marketplace.

“Since 1989, millions of Filipinos in the US and Canada have found a home away from home in Seafood City stores. This is our way of giving back to our countrymen who keep on giving. Our ecosystem of benefits is the advantage they unlock once they download the app and become SFC+ members,” Rebaya said.

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easily between people, was identified, emphasizing that mpox is “not the new COVID.”

According to the WHO, the African region is now experiencing an increase in cases, with 14 countries affected.

Almost all reported cases across Africa are

in DR Congo, where the majority of the over 500 mpox deaths have been recorded.

Mpox infections cause flu-like symptoms and pus-filled lesions, and they spread through close physical contact. It can also be spread by touching virus-infected objects

like bedding, clothing, and towels.

The disease is usually mild, but it can be fatal.

Vaccines, which are thought to be an important measure in preventing the spread, have arrived in DR Congo recently. (Anadolu)

App users in the Philippines and other parts of the world can buy goods in Seafood City from SFC+ for their family, friends, and loved ones where

the physical stores are present.

SFC+ will also be launched in the US on Oct. 15 the same time that the app will go live. (PNA)



### Cavite Monthly Arbor Day: Tree Planting Activity at Taal Volcano Protected Landscape

The Office of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO), headed by Ms. Anabelle L. Cayabyab, held the Cavite Monthly Arbor Day tree planting activity along the Taal Volcano Protected Landscape (TVPL) at Barangay Bagong Tubig, Tagaytay City on August 30, 2024. This initiative is part of the province’s ongoing efforts to preserve and protect the natural environment of Tagaytay and the TVPL.

The program kicked off with welcome remarks from Hon. Kimberly Sangalang, Barangay Councilor of Bagong Tubig, who expressed the community’s enthusiasm for environmental conservation efforts. This was followed by a message from Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs, Alvin S. Mojica, who emphasized the crucial role of maintaining trees in protected areas to sustain Tagaytay’s natural beauty and ecological balance.

FOR. Joseph M. Pusancho, PASu-TVPL, Province of Batangas, highlighted the importance of not just planting trees but ensuring their proper care and growth. He urged participants to commit to the long-term maintenance of the saplings.

Dr. Joselito Laguardia expressed his gratitude to the volunteers and participants for their active support in making the event successful, underscoring how vital community involvement is for the project’s success.

Dir. Pelita Galvez from DPWH’s PPP Service on the CALAX Project also graced the event, extending her support for the initiative and reiterating their commitment to environmental stewardship. PLTCOL. Joven T. Bahil, Officer-in-Charge of the Tagaytay City Police Station, assured participants that the PNP will always be involved in projects aimed at protecting nature and keeping the TVPL clean and secure.

Volunteers from different barangays across Tagaytay City joined the activity, demonstrating strong community support for the preservation of the Taal Volcano Protected Landscape. The activity was a resounding success, reinforcing the collective effort to conserve Cavite’s natural environment for future generations.--- OPIO



### Distribution of Cash Assistance to Fire Victims

The Provincial Government of Cavite under the leadership of Governor Jonvic C. Remulla extended financial assistance to fire victims from the City of Bacoor in a cash distribution ceremony held at Revilla Hall, Bacoor Government Center on September 11, 2024. A total of 398 beneficiaries received ₱5,000 each, aimed at providing relief to families affected by the fire incident.

The assistance reflects the provincial government’s commitment to helping Caviteños recover from unforeseen disasters and rebuild their lives. The local government of Bacoor led by Mayor Strike Revilla, in coordination with provincial officials, facilitated the smooth distribution of the aid to the affected residents.

Local officials and beneficiaries expressed their gratitude for the timely support, which will aid them in addressing immediate needs during this challenging time.



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## UE beats FEU, gains solo lead in UAAP boys basketball

MANILA – University of the East defeated Far Eastern University-Diliman, 82-74, to take solo lead in the UAAP Season 87 boys' basketball tournament at the Smart Araneta Coliseum on Wednesday.

Gab Delos Reyes, Enrico Bungar, and Ethan Oraa delivered double-digit scores as the Junior Warriors registered their third straight win.

Delos Reyes, a transferee from Lourdes School in Quezon City, paced UE with 18 points, 15 rebounds and four blocks.

Bungar chipped in 12 points, nine rebounds and two steals, while Oraa added 11 points and four rebounds for the Junior Warriors, who posted a 67-49 lead at the end of third quarter.

"Just because we beat FEU, it's okay already. We have to instill in the kids that the tournament is still long," UE head coach Andrew Estrella said.

The Baby Tamaraws fought back behind Denden Enriquez's triple and layup to make it 74-79, 1:45 remaining, but the Junior



**CROWDED LANE.** UE's Gab Delos Reyes (No. 18) tries to score against two FEU defenders during the UAAP Season 87 high school basketball tournament at the Smart Araneta Coliseum on Wednesday (Sept. 18, 2024). The UE Red Warriors won, 82-74, to gain solo lead. (UAAP photo)

Warriors kept their composure.

"Charge it to experience, don't be complacent. Even though we had a big lead and we knew FEU's strength and ability to come back, we just stayed composed," Estrella said.

CP Miranda finished with 16 points, four rebounds and four assists while Anton Lopez had 11 points, seven assists, three rebounds, and three steals for FEU, which tied De La Salle-Zobel, University of Santo Tomas and Ateneo de Manila University for second place at 2-1.

Meanwhile, defend-

ing champion National University Nazareth School downed University of the Philippines Integrated School, 94-76, in the other game.

Chester Talabut finished with 24 points, nine rebounds, four steals and three assists while Nick Peña and David Sabareza chipped in 15 and 14 points, respectively, as the Bullpups notched their first win against two losses.

Bruce Tubongbana had 33 points and Jhustin Hallare added 29 points for UPIS, which dropped its third consecutive game. (PNA)

### Cavite Career Caravan connects Silang residents to employment and related services

In an effort to expand employment opportunities for the residents of Silang, the Cavite Career Caravan was held in Brgy. Iba on September 6, 2024. The event which was organized by the office of the Provincial Public Employment Services Manager (OPPEM), led by Ms. Rizalie Pinpin Enero, in partnership with the local government unit of Silang, saw 39 determined applicants vying for various job positions, with 9 individuals successfully hired on the spot.

Board Member Chelsea Sarno, SK Provincial Federation President, graced the event and emphasized its importance not only in addressing unemployment but also in bringing essential services closer to the community.

A total of 30 companies participated in the event, offering a wide range of job

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vacancies. Additionally, agencies including SSS, PhilHealth, NBI, PSA, OWWA, and DTI, provided free services to further assist the Silangeños.

The career caravan underscored the provincial government's commitment to promoting local employment and supporting the community through a united effort.--- OPIO