



## PhilHealth: Heat-related illnesses covered this dry season



(PNA file photo by Joan Bondoc)

MANILA – The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) on Friday reminded its members that benefit packages for heat-related illnesses are available to provide financial protection as temperatures continue to rise across the country.

PhilHealth President and Chief Executive Officer Edwin Mercado assured Filipinos that the state insurer remains ready to cover medical expenses for common summer ailments to help reduce out-of-pocket costs for families.

“PhilHealth stands ready to protect every Filipino. We want all members to know that coverage is available to help ensure their safety, wherever they are and regardless of the season,” Mercado said in a statement.

Members can avail of in-patient benefit packages for various heat-related conditions in any PhilHealth-accredited hospital nationwide.

The packages include:

- Heat fatigue and other effects of heat and light: PHP18,135
- Typhoid fever: PHP19,500
- Sore eyes/conjunctivitis: PHP16,575
- Heat stroke, exhaustion, collapse, or cramps: PHP12,675
- Infectious diarrhea/acute gastroenteritis: PHP11,700
- Toxic effect of contact with marine an-

imals like jellyfish: PHP11,115

- Moderate to severe dehydration: PHP7,800

- Chickenpox (without complication): PHP7,800

PhilHealth further reiterated that emergency health care needs—whether heat-related or otherwise—are covered under the Outpatient Emergency Care Benefit (OECB) Package, which is available in accredited Level 1 to 3 hospitals.

The agency noted that the OECB ensures members can access immediate care for urgent conditions, strengthening financial security during medical emergencies. (PNA)

## BI expects more travelers despite conflict in Middle East

MANILA – The Bureau of Immigration (BI) is expecting more travelers in the next few weeks despite the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

In a statement, Commissioner Joel Anthony Viado noted that figures remain high despite airport and flight disruptions caused by the conflict.

He reported that BI frontliners processed a total of 782,344 passengers in all international ports of entry during the peak week.

Records show that

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prices, Senator Win Gatchalian said on Wednesday.

Gatchalian said employee contributions, which account for a significant portion of monthly deductions, may be suspended or shouldered by the government to ease the burden on workers affected by inflation.

“Malaki kinakaltas. Almost nasa mga 9 to 10 percent yan... pero young employee share puwedeng i-suspend o puwedeng i-absorb ng gobyerno bilang tulong na rin sa mga kababayan natin na tinatamaan ngayon ng inflation (The deductions are large, around 9 to 10 percent... but the employee share can be suspended or absorbed by the government as assistance to those affected by inflation),” he said in a radio interview.

Gatchalian said the proposal is intended to address declining purchasing power as inflation continues

to push up the cost of goods.

“Dahil makita natin tumataas ang inflation... nakakababa ng purchasing power ng mga kababayan natin (As inflation rises... it reduces the purchasing power of our people),” he said.

Gatchalian said that while lower-income households are the most vulnerable, middle-income earners are also affected, particularly those who shoulder fuel and transport costs.

He said the measure has precedent, noting that similar relief mechanisms were implemented during the pandemic.

“Ginawa na natin yan during the pandemic... meron nang model yan (We have done this during the pandemic... there is already a model for this),” he added.

Gatchalian said that while the proposal could provide immediate relief, it would need to be balanced

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the tricycle drivers to expedite the distribution.

Out of the total number, 404 were from the unclaimed list while 2,146 were previously unlisted PUJ drivers.

Dumlao reiterated that the DSWD aims to complete the distribution of assistance to all eligible drivers na-

tionwide by April 30.

For PUJ drivers who were unable to receive their cash aid during the designated special payout dates in Metro Manila, an additional payout schedule is set on April 17, as announced by the DSWD through its official social media pages. (PNA)

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ing rice stocks, however, has yet to be determined.

A possible range may be from PHP22 per kg. to PHP28 per kg.,

Lacson said.

The NFA is set to roll out its pre-auction processes to ensure a smooth release in May. (PNA)

against available government resources.

He also cautioned against suspending all mandatory contributions, noting that health-related coverage remains critical.

“Ang PhilHealth, mas

importante yun dahil yun ang ginagamit ng mga tao pag pumunta sa ospital (PhilHealth is more important because it is used by people when they go to the hospital),” he said.

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### Cavite champions inclusivity at 22nd Women with Disabilities Day celebration

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Persons with Disability Affairs Officer (OPDAO), successfully held a meaningful celebration of the 22nd Women with Disabilities Day on March 30, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.

Anchored on the theme “Landas ng Makabagong Babaylan: Pantay, Inklusibo, at Lahat May Kakayahan,” the event brought together women with disabilities, key government agencies, and development partners to promote gender equality, inclusivity, and empowerment for persons with disabilities (PWDs).

The program opened with welcome remarks from the Provincial Administrator, Engr. Gilbert V. Gandia and a special message from Board Member Rommel Enriquez, Committee Chairperson on Social Services, Women, Children and Elderly, who reaffirmed the province’s commitment to inclusive governance. A message of support was also shared by former National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) Executive Director Ms. Carmen Reyes-Zubiaga.

A major highlight of the event was the presentation of programs and services from partner agencies, including DSWD Region IV-A, TESDA Cavite, PhilHealth, and various provincial offices such as the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer, Office of the Provincial Health Officer, and other service units. These presentations provided participants with valuable information on accessible services, health programs, livelihood opportunities, and social protection initiatives for PWDs.

In addition, the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer, OPG-Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager, Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, Office of the Provincial Legal Officer, and Office of the Provincial Population Officer provided booths showcasing their programs and services, allowing participants to directly engage with agencies and learn more about available support. The afternoon session featured an informal group discussion, encouraging participants to share experiences, insights, and recommendations to further improve programs for women with disabilities.

The event concluded with a program that synthesized key points and recommendations, led by the Lasallian Community Development Center, followed by the awarding of tokens and certificates of appreciation to partner agencies.

The celebration highlighted the continued efforts of the Provincial Government of Cavite to foster an inclusive and empowering environment where women with disabilities are recognized as vital contributors to community development.--- OPIO

### Cavite Career Caravan 2026: Providing Job Opportunities for Every Caviteño

Recently Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), headed by Ms. Rizalie Pinpin Enero, successfully organized the Cavite Career Caravan in SM City Tanza.

The initiative also gained support from Hon. Chelsea Jillian Sarno, Cavite SK Federation President, further highlighting the commitment of the youth sector in promoting employment opportunities.

A total of 460 job seekers registered for the event, participated in by 55 companies—49 local and 6 overseas employers. Notably, 71 applicants were hired on the spot, highlighting the strong employment opportunities



ELAD students with special needs visited the Provincial Government of Cavite

Fostering a shared commitment to an inclusive society and strengthened community engagement, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Provincial Library and the Office of the Provincial Persons with Disability Affairs Officer, warmly welcomed students with special needs from ELAD School of Potentials Therapy and Educational Center to the New Provincial Government Center for a day of learning and meaningful interaction on March 30, 2026.

During the Community Integration Activity, the delegation had the opportunity to explore the offices and facilities within the New Provincial Government Center complex with the assistance from the Office of the Provincial Tourism Officer.

Afterwards, the group proceeded to the Provincial Library for an engaging and empowering series of interactive activities. The Provincial Information and Communications Technology Office assisted in facilitating dance and coloring sessions and introduced computer games suitable for the students.

The activities continued with a storytelling session led by 5th District Board Member Ivey Jayne Reyes, where the students actively and enthusiastically participated.

The visit served as a testament to the strong collaboration between the Provincial Government of Cavite and its stakeholders in promoting an inclusive society – one that upholds equal opportunities and ensures that no one is left behind.--- OPIO



generated during the activity.

Additionally, national government agencies were present to assist participants in updating their records and availing of essential services. These included the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), PAG-IBIG Fund, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), and the Office of the Provincial Cooperative Development Officer (OPCDO), which provided guidance and support to individuals interested in forming or joining cooperatives and accessing related programs.--- OPIO

## TUPAD Tuloy Pasada program targets 55K beneficiaries

MANILA – Some 55,000 public utility jeepney (PUJ) drivers are set to benefit from Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged Workers (TUPAD) Tuloy Pasada Program, an official of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) said Wednesday.

“There is an allocated PHP1.2 billion focused on the drivers. This is just initial. In the discussion, around 55,000. We are talking with our regional directors to see how it will be implemented in each region. Our intention for the other phase is different for each region,” DOLE spokesperson Lennard Serrano said in a television interview.

“In our coordination with LTRFB [Land Transportation Fran-

chising and Regulatory Board], there are four phases,” he said.

Asked on how they will monitor the beneficiaries, Serrano said, “It was discussed that they should continue what they do. In the monitoring, there are TUPAD coordinators point to point who are waiting for them and there will also be TUPAD coordinators who will accompany them. It is important to monitor that their routine trip are really continuing.”

He said they are also looking at other drivers and those who are vulnerable and displaced.

“We are looking at how to help tricycle drivers, boatmen... in the existing TUPAD program, we are looking at who is really

vulnerable and displaced. These drivers are just the first. They will also be given all assistance,” Serrano added.

He said they are in talks with operators to find out who would wish to join the program so that they can provide aid.

The TUPAD Tuloy Pasada Program aims to ensure that drivers continue to earn and to keep public transportation services running.

It is part of the government’s coordinated response to the energy emergency pursuant to Executive Order No. 110, which established the Unified Package for Livelihoods, Industry, Food, and Transport (UPLIFT) as a whole-of-government effort. (PNA)

## DMW boosts OFW jobs via private sector tie-up, reintegration fairs

MANILA – The Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) is ramping up efforts to create local employment opportunities for returning overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), specifically those repatriated by the Philippine government from the Middle East due to the continuing Middle East conflict.

In a social media post Wednesday, the DMW said it is exploring local opportunities for OFWs, in partnership with the People Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP).

The DMW has also rolled out a series of reintegration fairs scheduled throughout April.

During an initial discussion at the DMW Central Office in Mandaluyong City on Tuesday, PMAP introduced its key programs for OFWs, highlighting its more than 2,000 members composed of professionals and executives across various indus-

tries.

“The organization proposed tie-ups to support OFWs through initiatives such as promoting ethical recruitment practices, expanding access to reintegration and welfare programs, and strengthening partnerships between the government and the private sector,” the DMW said, while emphasizing the need to institutionalize job matching systems to prevent illegal recruitment.

“As a non-governmental organization, our goal is to help the country by opening doors for returning OFWs. We want to show that there are viable employment opportunities available locally,” PMAP president Engelbert Camasura, for his part, said.

The DMW said the partnership is expected to support programs under the National Reintegration Network (NRN), including industry-specific job fairs to increase on-the-spot hiring of returning OFWs.

ing up to 1.2 billion barrels of crude oil, or the amount imported by members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations over roughly a year.

The AZEC is a decarbonization initiative with 11 member countries. Wednesday’s meeting, dubbed AZEC Plus, was chaired by Japan and also attended by the leaders of South Korea, Bangladesh, and East Timor, which are not part of the framework.

Participating countries welcomed the new cooperation framework, according

On Wednesday, Migrant Workers Secretary Hans Leo Caddac personally met with returning OFWs during the “Bayanihan para sa Balikbayang Manggagawa” NRN Regional Fair at the Leyte National High School Gymnasium in Tacloban City.

Government services were provided during the fair, including medical assistance, psychosocial counseling, livelihood support, employment facilitation, and skills training to ensure the smooth reintegration of returning workers.

Around 2,500 local and overseas job openings were offered in partnership with private recruitment agencies (PRAs).

Also present at the NRN fair are representatives from the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Health (DOH), and the Department of Trade and Industry, under a whole-of-government effort.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. also graced the event.

The DMW said similar reintegration fairs are set to be held in Koronadal, Cebu, Bulacan, and Pampanga this month, bringing government services closer to OFWs and their families. (PNA)

## Japan announces \$10-B oil procurement aid to Asia Pacific

TOKYO – Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi on Wednesday announced financial cooperation totaling about USD10 billion to help countries and companies procure crude oil, amid the ongoing uncertainty in the Middle East.

Takaichi announced the measure at an online summit meeting related to the Japan-led Asia Zero Emission Community framework involving Southeast Asian countries and Australia.

“We are closely linked to Asian countries through our supply chains,” Takaichi told reporters after the meeting.

“Fuel shortages and supply chain stagnation in Asia have a negative impact on our nation’s economy,” she said, noting that Japan imports many dialysis devices and surgical gloves from Asian countries.

In the meeting, the prime minister launched the “Partnership on Wide Energy and Resources Resilience,” a new cooperation framework to establish a regional crude oil reserve and release system, support the construction of storage tanks and other infrastructure, diversify energy sources, and promote energy-saving investments.

“We will not be releasing Japan’s crude oil reserves,” Takaichi said. “(The aid measure) will not have any adverse effect on domestic supply and demand.”

Japan’s financial cooperation will be provided through the government-affiliated Japan Bank for International Cooperation and others.

Under the support, loans will be extended to companies in Asian countries with lower creditworthiness than Japan that are struggling to secure funds for crude oil procurement.

The funds Tokyo will provide are equivalent to the cost of procur-

## DPWH commits to complete long-delayed healthcare facilities in Laguna

SANTA CRUZ, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is acting on the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to complete long-delayed and unfunded infrastructure projects in Laguna, aiming to better serve its 3.6 million residents.

Public Works Secretary Vince Dizon made this assurance during an inspection of two key provincial district hospitals in Laguna on April 10, where he assessed the condition and structural integrity of healthcare facilities in the province.

“Inutusan tayo ng Pangulo na pumunta kay Gov, kabilin-bilinan niya lahat ng mga nakatenggang proyekto ng DPWH kailangan nyo munang i-prioritize at tapusin,” the Secretary said in a media interview.

Dizon, together with Laguna Governor Sol Aragonés, inspected an unfinished hospital building at the Laguna Medical Center in Santa Cruz. According to the DPWH, the project last received funding in 2021, prompting concern and dismay from the secretary over the lack of sustained investment and attention from previous governments that could have helped ease overcrowding and improve the welfare of healthcare workers.

“Ang commitment natin kay Gov na this year, sisimulan natin ang pagdagdag ng pondo dito, maghahanap tayo ng pondo.

Hihingi tayo kay Presidente ng pondo para ma-restart natin ang pagpapagawa nito... Tapos next year kung ano man ang kailangan para mabuo natin, popondohan na natin po natin kay Gov ‘yun,” the secretary said.

Dizon and Aragonés also inspected the Luisiana District Hospital, where drainage issues pose health and safety risks to both patients and healthcare workers. Additional structural and facility-related problems have also led to a reduced bed capacity.

The provincial government received a commitment from Dizon that the DPWH will support the planning, funding, and implementation of the project.

“Sisimulan na ang pagpapalano at popondohan natin for 2027 ng mga P150 million para masimulan na at least by 2027 mayroon na. Popondohan natin ‘yung remaining at kung ano pa ang kailangan para matapos sa 2028 popondohan natin, ‘yun ang commitment natin kay Gov,” the secretary added.

Aragonés expressed her gratitude to the national government for its support, particularly in advancing her administration’s priority of strengthening Laguna’s healthcare system.

“Wala nang ibang kailangan pa para sa atin lalo na sa akin bilang ina ng lalawigan ng Laguna na may sasagot na sa problema

natin at hindi sa isang taon sisimulan, kundi ngayon na. Ang buong puwersa ng lalawigan ng Laguna ay nagpasalamat po sa inyo, maraming salamat po sa national government, maraming salamat po sa Pangulo sa pagtugon agad sa aming pangangailangan dito sa lalawigan ng Laguna.”

Aside from hospital projects, both officials also discussed additional infrastructure plans in Laguna, including proposed diversion road projects in the towns of Santa Maria and Mabitac, as well as improvements to road networks in the province’s first district. These initiatives aim to ease traffic congestion, enhance connectivity and mobility, and support economic activity.

“Sa Laguna, marami nang maaayos na bypass road dito. Pero marami pa rin ang kulang. Kailangan punuan natin ‘yan. Dito sa Laguna ang daming negosyo dito, ang daming factory dito, kailangan talaga gumawa tayo ng mga malalapad na kalye kasi dito dumadaan ang mga goods natin for export,” Dizon added.

The visit highlights strengthened coordination between the national and local governments, reflecting a renewed commitment to institutional reforms and collaborative efforts to improve the quality of life for millions of Filipinos. (CH/PIA-Laguna)

## Ancillary services push NGCP March transmission rates higher

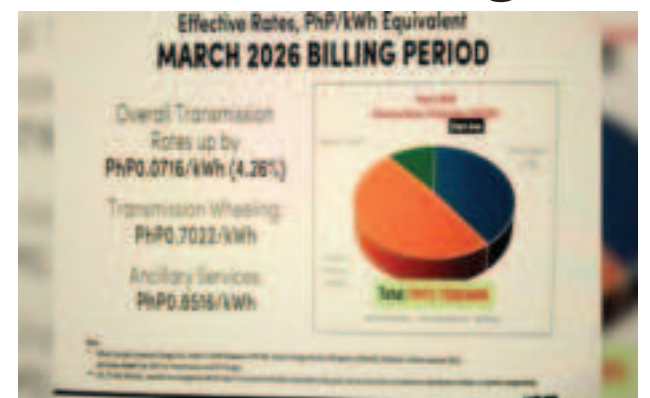
MANILA — Ancillary services drove the increase in transmission rates for March, the National Grid Corp. of the Philippines (NGCP) said Wednesday.

During a briefing, NGCP head for Revenue Management Julius Ryan Datingaling said the overall transmission rate for the March billing period rose 4.26 percent to PHP0.0716 per kilowatt-hour (kWh), from PHP1.6810/kWh in February.

Ancillary services — or pass-through charges for grid stability, frequency control, and reserves — accounted for the bulk at PHP0.8516/kWh.

Meanwhile, the transmission wheeling rate — or the cost of delivering power through the grid — increased to PHP0.7022/kWh from PHP0.6677/kWh in the previous month.

By grid, Luzon posted an increase of PHP0.0335/kWh, Visayas rose by PHP0.3416/kWh, and



*RATE HIKE. The National Grid Corp. of the Philippines (NGCP) on Wednesday (April 15, 2026) reported that the March transmission rate rose 4.26 percent to PHP0.0716 per kilowatt-hour from PHP1.6810/kWh in February. The increase was primarily driven by higher ancillary service charges, or pass-through fees for NGCP services. (PNA photo by Joann Santiago-Villanueva)*

Mindanao went up by PHP0.0073/kWh.

NGCP spokesperson and head of Corporate Communication and Public Affairs Cynthia Alabanza clarified that the company does not profit from the increase, as it operates under a revenue cap set by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC).

“NGCP’s revenue per year is the one that is predetermined by the ERC. And because our services and our transmission meeting rates are not fuel dependent, there is no impact, or there will be no movement on transmission rates based on the Middle Eastern conflict,” she said. (PNA)

## BSP allows loan payment delay amid rising fuel prices

MANILA — The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) has approved the grant of regulatory relief measures to BSP-supervised financial institutions (BSFIs) and their clients, in response to recent geopolitical developments in the Middle East.

According to the BSP, these measures include the grant of temporary grace periods of up to six months for loan payments of affected borrowers, and deferment of agricultural loan payments for up to one year, subject to bank assessment.

Loans to affected borrowers may also be temporarily excluded from past dues and non-performing loan classifications for up to one year, subject to applicable notification and reporting requirements.

These measures, stated in Monetary Board Resolution 296 dated April 8, aim to support lending activity and borrower recovery.

“BSFIs are expected to exercise prudent judgment in availing these measures and to ensure that relief is extended only to borrowers whose repayment capacity has been materially affected by the energy emergency,” the BSP said in a statement Wednesday.

“The BSP emphasizes that the application for regulatory relief must remain targeted, proportionate, and consistent with safe and sound banking practices.”

The BSP also urged BSFIs to help consumers and businesses during the national emergency by temporarily suspending fees and charges on online banking platforms

or e-money services, including InstaPay and PESONet electronic fund transfers.

It noted that lower-cost digital transactions may help consumers and businesses by reducing the need for transportation to banks and e-money service providers.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., through Executive Order (EO) 110, signed on March 24, declared a state of national emergency to address potential disruption in fuel supply and stabilize the country’s energy sector.

Under the EO, Marcos cited the situation in the Middle East as a key factor threatening global oil production and transportation, which could affect the Philippines as a net importer of petroleum products. (PNA)

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## Italy-based Filipina gymnast to compete in World Challenge Cup

ROME – Italy-based Filipina gymnast Jasmine Althea Ramilo is set to represent the Philippines in the 2026 FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup in Portimao, Portugal on May 15-17.

As the lone Filipina representative, Ramilo has been preparing rigorously for the competition, according to her mother, Fhey.

“She’s back with Coach Claudia Mancinelli pagod (tired) but contended to represent the Philippines from Marbella (Spain, Sofia (Burgaria) and Tashkent (Uzbekistan),” Fhey said on Wednesday.

As part of her preparations, Ramilo participated in the Grand Prix Marbella on



*Italy-based Filipina gymnast Jasmine Althea Ramilo (Photo courtesy of Jasmine)*

March 21-22, where she secured 18th place overall in the Individual All-Around with a total score of 100.650 points. Her scores broke down as follows: Hoop - 26.750, Ball - 22.750, Clubs - 25.050, and Ribbon - 26.100.

Ramilo also competed in the World Cup Sofia on March 28-30 and the World Cup Tashkent on April 10-12,

where she earned 39th place with a total score of 95.90. Her scores in Tashkent were Hoop - 23.50, Ball - 25.00, Clubs - 25.15, and Ribbon 22:25.

The 18-year-old carried the nation’s hopes and dreams with pride, with the Filipino community, led by Ambassador Neal Imperial, supporting her participation. (Alona Cochon/PNA)



### 57 Interns Oriented for Government Internship Program in Cavite

The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager, in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), successfully conducted the Government Internship Program (GIP) Orientation on April 6, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.

## La Salle closes in on elims sweep in UAAP women’s volleyball

MANILA – De La Salle University moved closer to the UAAP Season 88 women’s volleyball Finals after beating University of the East, 25-20, 25-18, 25-15, Wednesday at the UST Quadracentennial Pavilion in Manila.

The Lady Spikers stayed perfect at 13-0, needing one more win to duplicate their elimination-round sweep since Season 76 (2014) and trigger a stepladder format.

La Salle seeks to complete the sweep on April 19 when it faces defending champion National University at the SM Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay.

The Lady Spikers beat the Lady Bulldogs, 25-21, 25-19, 19-25, 25-17, last March 15 at the same Pasay venue.

“Maybe, the pressure won’t go away when it comes to us. Of course, there’s the pressure to win, but coach always reminds us that it’s just a score and a number. You still have to focus on what’s in front of you, which is NU now, and one game at a time. Hopefully, we can still show a good performance in the game against NU,” commented La Salle assistant coach Gian de Jesus after the one-hour and 24-minute match.

Angel Anne Canino



**UNDEFEATED.** De La Salle University spiker Angel Anne Canino tries to score against University of the East’s Keshia Marie Famulagan in the UAAP Season 88 women’s volleyball tournament at the UST Quadracentennial Pavilion in Manila on Wednesday (April 15, 2026). The Lady Spikers won, 25-20, 25-18, 25-15 to remain undefeated in 13 games. (UAAP photo)

led the Lady Spikers with 12 points, 10 digs and seven receptions.

“That’s what the coaches are instilling in us—one game at a time. We don’t worry about this streak that we have and the 13-0; we worry about how we perform, and if we perform, of what we had done in training. Being disciplined in staying true to the system the coaches have taught us,” said skipper Shevana Maria Nicola, who also finished with 12 points, including 10 attacks.

Katrina del Castillo chipped in nine points on five blocks and four attacks, while Amie Provideo had eight points on six attacks and two blocks.

Mary Shane Reterta had five points, seven excellent digs, and seven excellent recep-

tions, while Maria Michaela Santos added five points.

KC Cepada and Nesa Karzal Bangayan scored 13 and 10 points, respectively, for the Lady Warriors, who remained winless through 13 games, extending their losing streak to 27 consecutive matches and moving closer to a second straight winless campaign.

UE will meet Ateneo de Manila University on April 18, at the same UST venue.

In the men’s division, Adamson University ended a five-game slump following a 25-23, 23-25, 25-22, 25-23 victory over University of the Philippines.

Adamson, UP and UE are tied for sixth place with similar 3-10 records. (PNA)

A total of 57 government interns participated in the orientation and are set to be deployed across various local government units in the province, including the Provincial Government of Cavite, the cities of Trece Martires and Tagaytay City, and the municipalities of Mendez, Maragondon, Noveleta, Magallanes, Tanza, Indang, and Naic.

The orientation aimed to familiarize the interns with their roles, responsibilities, and the work environment within government offices. It also highlighted the importance of professionalism, public service, and adherence to ethical standards as they begin their internship journey.

The Government Internship Program (GIP) is a component of DOLE’s youth employment initiatives designed to provide opportunities for young individuals to gain meaningful work experience in government agencies. Through the program, interns are exposed to actual workplace settings where they can develop their skills, enhance their employability, and gain a deeper understanding of public service. The GIP also serves as a bridge for fresh graduates and out-of-school youth to transition into the workforce while contributing to nation-building.

The Provincial Government of Cavite expressed its continued support for programs that empower the youth and create employment opportunities, reinforcing its commitment to developing a competent and service-oriented workforce for the future.--- OPIO