



# Patient group receives P200K from PhilHealth's UNTV Cup stint

**N**ovaliches, Quezon City – The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) Konsulta Basketball Team capped its participation in the UNTV Cup Season 9 with a P200,000-donation to the Philippine Alliance of Patient Organization (PAPO).

PhilHealth, among the pioneer teams of “Liga ng mga Public Servant,” takes home P200,000 for the benefit of PAPO – a coalition of 48 patient groups that engage in health

policy-making efforts at the local and national levels. PAPO advocates for the strict implementation of laws and policies affecting patient needs.

The health insurer's cage team looks forward to joining the next season in the aftermath of a nail-biting game to the three-time champs Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Cavaliers.

---

Banner photo:

The team expresses its appreciation and support of the PhilHealth community; promises a better showing next season. (Photo from UNTV Cup Facebook Page)



“Napakahalaga ng exposure na ibinigay ng UNTV Cup para sa mga government agencies at mga empleyado nito. Naipapaabot sa ating mga kababayan ang mga serbisyong hatid ng ating gobyerno at nakikilala ang mga taong nasa likod ng public service. Patuloy niyo sanang suportahan ang liga, lalo na ang PhilHealth Konsulta,” says Aldave (Photo from UNTV YouTube Channel)

Konsulta came out strong, leading 19-13 after Kenneth Emata drained a three-pointer with 2:34 left in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. However, the Cavaliers countered with a 15-0 run before Jonathan Aldave broke PhilHealth’s silence with a three-point shot early in the second quarter that closed the gap to nine, 19-28.

Aldave, who scored 19 of his 37 points in the first half, led Konsulta’s rally to trim the Cavaliers lead 46-49 into the break. The ex-pro and former Letran Knight proved to be a scoring threat, as he averaged more than 25 points a game for the season.

After trailing 65-72 at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> canto, PhilHealth made a comeback and even led 90-86 late in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter after Mac Pedroso scored from the three-point arc off an assist by Jervi Glorioso. PhilHealth and AFP then exchanged baskets and free throws that knotted the score at 93, forcing an overtime period.

Konsulta made a gallant stand scoring 9 points in the extension but eventually yielded to the Cavaliers who scored 14, bringing the final tally to 102-107.

UNTV Cup is a men’s charity basketball league – a brainchild of “Kuya” Daniel Razon, which started in 2013. The participating teams are from the various government agencies.



Aseron (in black jacket) says PhilHealth can use reinforcement from capable players from other regional offices to bolster the team’s chances of winning in the UNTV Cup. (Photo from UNTV Cup Facebook Page)

Cash prizes are awarded to them and donated to their chosen beneficiaries.

Konsulta Head Coach and PhilHealth Regional Office X Vice President Delio Aseron assures a stronger title bid next season. He sees sports marketing of Universal Health Care and Konsulta – PhilHealth’s comprehensive primary care benefit package – vital in promoting the team.

He added, *“Please continue supporting PhilHealth Konsulta and this league to help our chosen beneficiary, while showcasing the basketball talent of our employees.” ###*