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Following the University's filing on 6 January 2020 of a Request for Dismissal of the Union’s Notice of Strike, the Ateneo de Manila University Administration Panel and the Ateneo de Manila Employees and Workers Union (AEWU) Panel were called to a conference on 10 January 2020 before the National Conciliation and Mediation Board (NCMB).

With the assistance of the Conciliator-Mediator, the parties agreed (a) to consider the Notice of Strike settled and drop it from the calendar of the NCMB; and (b) resume CBA negotiations with the NCMB's technical assistance.

On Wednesday, 15 January 2020, the University Administration Panel and the AEWU Panel officially returned to the negotiation table. The next negotiation meeting is scheduled on Thursday, 23 January 2020.

We are grateful for this development and we remain committed to reaching an agreement that will be beneficial to all parties concerned.

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