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UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. : Memo 25-26:39
DATE : March 18, 2026
TO : The AdZU Community
SUBJECT : **Interim Guidelines on Energy Conservation and Operational Arrangements**

As a Jesuit university, Ateneo de Zamboanga University is called to respond to difficult times not with anxiety or confusion, but with discernment, solidarity, and responsible care for one another.

Recent developments in the Middle East have disrupted major energy supply routes and contributed to rising fuel and electricity costs across many countries, including the Philippines. These effects are now being felt nationally, with both government and private institutions considering temporary measures to ease the burden on communities and to use resources more prudently. In this setting, we too are called to respond with sobriety, compassion, and shared responsibility.

With this in mind, the Core President's Council met on 10 March 2026 to consider how the University might respond in a way that is both prudent and humane. Our concern has been clear: how to lessen unnecessary strain on students, faculty, staff, and their families during this period, while preserving the continuity of instruction, formation, work, and essential services.

Following the meeting, the concerned University units conducted consultations and submitted recommendations. Guided by these consultations, the Office of the University President is issuing the attached **Interim Guidelines on Energy Conservation and Operational Arrangements**.

These temporary measures principally cover energy conservation in offices and classrooms, the limitation of non-essential travel, adjusted instructional arrangements in Higher Education, appropriate work arrangements for administrative and support personnel, and reasonable accommodations for units whose academic schedules or service responsibilities require otherwise. The fuller details are found in the attached guidelines.

These measures shall take effect on **March 24, 2026** and shall remain in force until **May 31, 2026**, unless earlier revised, lifted, or extended by the University administration. A review of these measures shall be undertaken on or around **April 24, 2026**, in light of prevailing circumstances and the needs of the University community.

I ask every member of the AdZU community to receive these temporary arrangements in a spirit of generosity, understanding, and responsible cooperation. At a time like this, prudent stewardship is not only a practical necessity. It is also a concrete expression of our care for one another and of our shared responsibility for the common good. Small acts of discipline, when embraced by many, can help protect the mission we carry together and lighten the burden on those who are already under strain.

I also invite the AdZU community, each according to one's faith tradition and conscience, to pray for peace and relief for those suffering from the conflicts in the Middle East, and for those among us, within and beyond our campuses, who are bearing their effects.

Let us then respond not simply by adjusting schedules or reducing consumption, but by acting as one community, attentive to one another and faithful to the mission entrusted to us.

For the complete details of these measures, please refer to the **attached Interim Guidelines on Energy Conservation and Operational Arrangements**.

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)
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