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LAKBAY: A Three-Dimensional Game About Driving Fundamentals and Road Courtesy and Safety of Gear-1 Driving School

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Interviewers:

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Objectives:

- To gather information about the tasks and responsibilities of Gear 1 Driving Schools

Interviewer: What is a Driving School?

Interviewee: It is an educational institution for people who wants to learn proper driving.

Interviewer: What is the purpose of a driving school and why is it important to enroll and finish the course before having a Driver's License?

Interviewee: The purpose of a driving school is to produce educated and disciplined drivers

on the road. Enrolling in a driving school is now a mandatory process that an applicant needs to take before having a driver's license. You need to be able to learn proper driving as well as the driving rules and regulations in the Philippines.

Interviewer: What are Traffic Rules and Regulations and why is it necessary to obey them?

Interviewee: Set of Guidelines and Laws on the road that people need to follow to have a safe road for the road users.

Interviewer: In what year was Gear 1 was established and why is the school named Gear-1?

Interviewee: Gear 1 was established in 2003 with only one branch. It was named "Gear 1" because of the background of the work of the business which is related to cars.

Interviewer: How many employees are there in your driving school and who are the people in charge?

Interviewee: For this branch (Molino), we have two employees- instructor and office registrar. The couple Mr. Rafael L. Atayde and his wife Emilia L Atayde are the owners of the school.

Interviewer: What is the average number of enrolled students in Gear-1 Driving School and what are the processes to enroll?

Interviewee: During Summer and December, we can reach up to 50 applicants per month while on the regular basis, half of it. In the rainy season or what we called "ghost month", we have fewer customers.

An applicant needs to book a schedule first to will attend a 15-hour seminar for Theoretical Driving Test (TDC). The seminar is divided into 3 sessions and every session there will be a written exam to take. The last session's exam will be the final exam that is crucial for an applicant to pass the TDC. After successfully passing the exam, the applicant will now need to pass the Practical Driving Test (PDC) or the actual driving test. A Certificate of Driving Course Completion will be issued to the applicant after completing and passing both the TDC and PDC.

Interviewer: Do you have any other branches aside from Molino? Where are they located?

Interviewee: Yes, Gear 1 driving school has 21 branches:

Cavite (10 branches)	Metro Manila (4 branches)	Laguna (7 branches)
Trece Martires	Parañaque (Better Living)	San Pedro (Landayan, Pacita)
General Trias	Sucut (Lopez)	Biñan (Saplatero)
Dasmariñas (Langkaan, Salitran, Salawan)	Las Piñas City (SM Southmall)	Sta. Rosa (Sta. Rosa and Dila)
Imus	Muntinlupa (Putatan)	Cabuyao
Bacoor City (near Jollibee Molino, SM Bacoor near Meralco, Molino 2)		Calamba
Noveleta		

Interviewer: What are the responsibilities of Gear 1 Driving School?

Interviewee: We assist every applicant to the best of our abilities as we aim to produce knowledgeable, discipline, and responsible drivers.

Interviewer: How does Gear 1 promote Traffic Education and Safety driving?

Interviewee: By teaching applicants based on the standardized format of modules on the Theoretical Driving Test given by the Land Transportation Office (LTO).

Interviewer: What are the services offered in Gear 1 driving school and how does the school deal with the new normal?

Interviewee: Theoretical Driving Course (TDC), Practical Driving Course (PDC), student permit assistance on LTO, and schedule-reschedule of applicant's test in case of emergency. During this pandemic, we comply with the standard health protocol procedures by the IATF for both the applicants and the school's employees.

Interviewer: Are there other organizations and/or departments that the Gear 1 Driving School coordinates with regards to road safety and driving?

Interviewee: None. But Gear 1 was accredited by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and we follow LTO standards to operate our driving school.

Interviewer: What is a Driver's License? How to avail and maintain the ownership?

Interviewee: It is a legal permit to drive a vehicle. You can avail of a driver's license by completing and passing the TDC and PDC. You can maintain the validity of a license by avoiding grave offenses in Traffic Rules and Regulations.

Interviewer: What are the hotline numbers and social media accounts of Gear-1 driving school?

Interviewee: You can contact us at our hotline 553-4151 (Gear 1 Main Office) and by email at gear1drivingschool@yahoo.com

Interviewer: Are you willing or interested to have an android application for Road Safety and Driving? Why?

Interviewee: Yes, to educate people with regards to Road Safety and Driving.

Interviewer: What do you want to add or suggest to our proposed study?

Interviewee: Add Lecture videos like about Road Safety and Questions in the game should have two languages: Filipino and English and based on Land Transportation Management Portal or the LTO Drivers Manual booklet.


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