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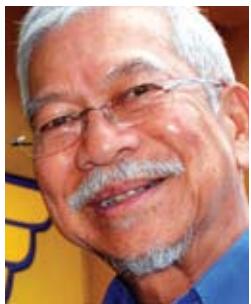
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# Golden Rules for Safe Driving

**Case #1:** Four teenagers died when, at 4 o'clock in the morning, their car crashed against an electric post, then a concrete wall, inside an exclusive subdivision. Upon impact, all four were thrown out of the car. They were apparently drinking at the subdivision park shortly before the incident occurred. Stories also abound that all the fatalities were too young to even legally drive a motor vehicle.

**Case #2:** Four passengers, including the one driving, died and another four were brought to the hospital for serious injuries, when their SUV turned turtle along the SCTEX, thrice, according to some reports. Apparently, one of the tires blew up causing the loss of control of the vehicle.

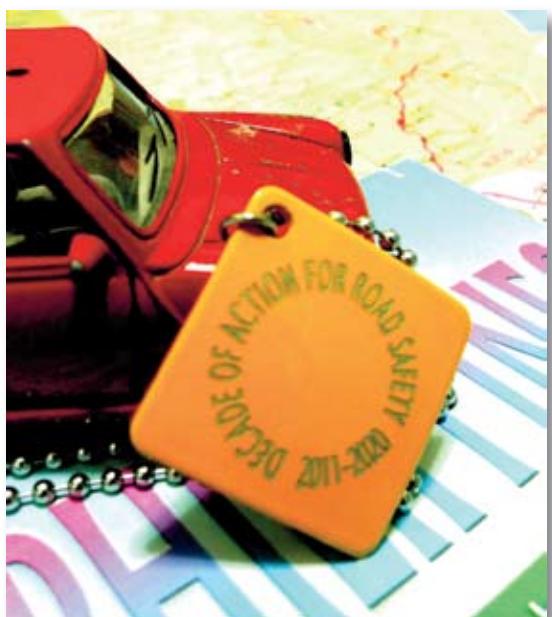
**Case #3:** Five passengers, including the driver, died when their SUV tried to overtake three vehicles but crashed head-on against an oncoming bus on the opposite lane. The driver was overtaking on a curve, according to some news reports.

These are all actual cases, with real people dying. And all of them happened within the month of May. For sure, there were several more road crashes in the country last month, but the above were the most prominent.

It is difficult to imagine how agonizing these must have been for the victims' close relatives and friends. We can only offer our sincerest sympathies and condolences to them.

For us at AAP, this series of preventable road crashes is truly disheartening. We have been advocating road safety for many years, with our activities and efforts intensifying last year as we joined the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020.

We are doubly inspired to pursue this advocacy because the FIA or Federation Internationale de l'Automobile, to which AAP is affiliated, is a very strong supporter of the UN effort. In fact, aside from pushing auto clubs all over the world to organize projects related to making roads safer, the FIA also came up with the following GOLDEN RULES for safer driving.



## I WANT TO BE SAFE. I PROMISE TO:

- 1 BELT UP** – all passengers are my responsibility.
- 2 RESPECT THE TRAFFIC CODE** – rules are there to protect us all.
- 3 OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT** – my car is made of metal, pedestrians and children are not.
- 4 CHECK MY TIRES** – both for wear and for correct inflation, including the spare.
- 5 DRIVE SOBER** – when I am drunk or on drugs, I am a danger on the road.
- 6 PROTECT MY CHILDREN** – keep them safe in car seats.
- 7 PAY ATTENTION** – calling and texting make me dangerous.
- 8 STOP WHEN I'M TIRED** – getting there late is better than not at all.
- 9 WEAR A HELMET** – motorbikes and bicycles don't protect my head.
- 10 BE COURTEOUS AND CONSIDERATE** – respect other drivers.

Notice that all three cases cited above could have been prevented had the drivers heeded these rules. Specifically Rules 1 and 5 apply to Case #1; Rule 4 and possibly Rules 2 and 3 apply to Case #2; Rules 2 and 3 apply to Case #3.

We at AAP urge all drivers to join hands with us in promoting safer driving. Perhaps we can become more effective advocates of road safety if we all become conscious of the worldwide objective of halving the number of deaths on our roads by 2020. Finally, let us all keep in mind and be guided by the Golden Rules for safer driving. **QQ**

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## An American automotive icon passes away

If you are a car enthusiast who saw 12 years ago the movie "Gone in 60 Seconds," chances are that for you, the star of the show was not actor Nicolas Cage or Angelina Jolie, but Eleanor, the 1967 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 fastback. Eleanor, driven by Cage, outraced police cars in the longest car chase in motion picture history with Long Beach, California as the backdrop.

Eleanor became so famous that nowadays, licensed replicas are selling for \$139,000 to \$189,000 in the United States. In fact, any car with the name "Shelby" attached commands a premium price. In 2007, an 800 horsepower model of the 1966 Cobra, once auto racer and car builder Carroll Shelby's personal ride, was sold at an auction in Scottsdale, Arizona for \$5.5 million, a record for an American car.

Carroll Shelby, who died in Dallas, Texas last May 10 at the age of 89, is recognized as the creator of the American muscle car that dominated the world of racing in the 1960s. The charismatic Shelby led a colorful life: he was a rural Texan (born in Leesburg, Texas in 1923), a U.S. Army Air Corps flight instructor during World War II and a chicken farmer who reportedly turned to racing when all his chickens died. From 1970 to 1977 he ran a safari tour business in Africa and later, back in Texas, a chili cook-off diner. He had a heart transplant from a Las Vegas gambler

in 1990 and a kidney transplant from a son in 1996. He created a foundation in 1991 to assist children needing acute coronary and kidney care and surgery. He was married seven times.

Shelby first gained international attention in 1954 at a Kimberly Cup race in Argentina when he drove an Allard with Dave Duncan. When the engine erupted into flames, he told Duncan to douse the fire by

urinating on it. With the fire extinguished, Shelby finished tenth, first among the amateur teams.

That same year, Shelby was seriously injured while competing in the Carrera Pan American Mexico, flipping his Austin Healey four times after T-boning a rock. His injuries did not stop him from racing a few months later at Sebring, Florida, co-driving a 3.0-liter Monza Ferrari with Phil Hill with his broken elbow in a fiberglass cast and his hand taped to the steering wheel. Hill and Shelby placed second in the 12-hour race.

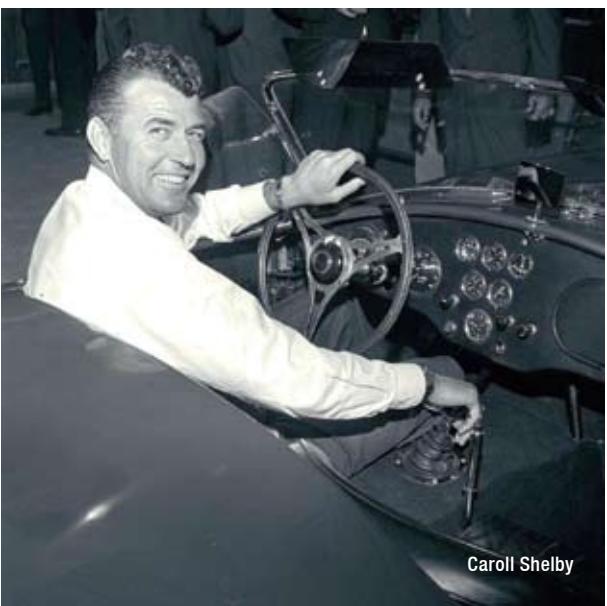
In 1959, driving an Aston Martin with teammate Ray Salvadori, he won France's grueling 24 Hours at Le Mans race, thus helping Aston Martin clinch the world manufacturing championship. Throughout the 1950s he won dozens of races in various classes, twice earning the Sports Illustrated Driver of the Year title, the second time in 1957 after winning 19 consecutive races. He set a number of endurance records driving an Austin-Healey at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.

In 1960, while trying to fend off an anticipated heart attack, Shelby drove a 2,000-mile race at Laguna Seca Raceway in Monterey, California with nitroglycerin pills beneath his tongue. He finished third but said that if he hadn't slowed down each time he popped one of the pills, he might have won.

A diagnosis of angina ended his racing career in 1960, part of a lifelong battle with heart disease. Shelby announced his retirement as a driver after winning the U.S. Road Racing Championship Series at Riverside International Raceway. He then focused on building an American sports car that would beat the best European models.

In 1961, when AC Sports Cars in England lost Bristol, its engine supplier, Shelby offered to use the Ace's lightweight chassis to build a V8-powered sports car. After getting AC's approval, Shelby bought small-block, 200 cubic-inch V8 engines from Ford by persuading Lee Iacocca, then a Ford executive, that he could build a car that would "blow the Corvette into the weeds." Shelby then acquired fellow racer Lance Reventlow's race car building enterprise which had fallen on hard times, and renamed it Shelby American.

The first yellow CSX 2000 Shelby Cobra was



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unveiled at the April 1962 New York Auto Show. It was the fastest production car ever made and a year later, Cobras were winning over Corvettes at race tracks with fellow motorsport legends Dan Gurney and Phil Hill behind the wheel.

In 1964, Ford president Lee Iacocca assigned Shelby to design a model of the Mustang that would transform it from "a secretary's car" into a high-performance muscle car attractive to young male buyers. In 1965, the Shelby Mustang GT 350 was launched for both racing and the street, ushering in Shelby American's golden age on the track and in showrooms.

During this period, the 427 Shelby Cobra Roadster and the Cobra Daytona Coupe were produced. The Cobra Daytona Coupe took first overall at the 1965 12-hour Sebring race. The Cobras won the Sports Car Club of America manufacturing championships from 1963 through 1965. In 1965, the Cobra Daytona Coupe beat Ferrari, on its own turf, the first time that an American car won the Grand Touring World Championship. Shelby also helped develop some of the most sought-after track and street Mustangs in history, notably the Shelby GT 500.

Shelby and his team were

instrumental in developing the legendary Ford GT-40 series that finished 1-2-3 at the 1966 Le Mans 24 Hours, humbling the mighty Ferrari juggernaut while Henry Ford II proudly looked on. Television personality and car collector Jay Leno says that Shelby was the first American to beat Ferrari in Europe and he was a lot like Enzo Ferrari since neither were trained engineers, but they hired the right people and had the vision to create legendary sports cars. "Shelby was responsible for or involved with three of the coolest cars of the '60s: the GT40, the Cobra and the GT350," Leno said after hearing of Shelby's demise.

In fact, Shelby was the only individual to influence the designs of all three major American car makers since he helped Chrysler develop the supercharged 400-hp, V10 Dodge Viper in the 1980s,

In 1992, Shelby was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame. In his 80s, he continued developing cars, the last being the 650-hp 2013 Ford Shelby GT 500 Mustang V8. The model he test-drove was sold for \$350,000 at a charity auction last January. Also in the works are an 800-hp Shelby GT 500 Super Snake, a street-legal 950-hp modified Mustang and a race track version, the Shelby 1000 with more than 1,100 hp. As Ford Motor Co. director Edsel B. Ford said, the automotive world has lost a legend, "one of the most recognized names in performance car history... whose enthusiasm and passion for great automobiles over six decades has truly inspired everyone who worked for him."

(Sources: *The New York Times*, *L.A. Times*, *Motor Trend*, *USA Today*) **QQ**

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AAP Director Nona Esquivel.



A bird's eye view of members attending the 81st annual meeting.



## AAP holds 81st annual membership meet

**T**HE Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) held its 81st anniversary celebration and general membership meeting on April 26, 2012 at the Ang Bahay ng Alumni, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City with the theme "Driving forward in the Decade of Action for Road Safety."



AAP President Gus Lagman delivers his annual report.



The AAP board of directors present with (left to right) emcee Ron de los Reyes and Corporate Secretary Nestor Mejia were: Treasurer Jogy Mantaring (3rd from left), Vice President Johnny Angeles, President Gus Lagman, Directors Joe Ferreria, David Arcenas and Aida Sevilla Mendoza. Not in photo are Directors Mina Gabor, Mandy Eduque and Nona Esquivel. The latter stayed with the audience on the ground floor.

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Around 300 members attended the annual meeting which started at 3:00 p.m. with the invocation by AAP Treasurer Jacinto M. Mantaring, Jr. and a welcome address by Vice President Juan B. Angeles, Jr. After President Augusto C. Lagman called the meeting to order and a quorum was verified by Corporate Secretary Nestor M. Mejia, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with as a motion for its approval was made and seconded by two members in the audience.

In his annual report to the members, Mr. Lagman cited AAP's activities and accomplishments in 2011. "In order not to be left behind in what seems to be a continuing improvement of the Philippine economy, AAP decided to make several bullish moves in the past year," he said.

One bullish move was the transfer of AAP's main office from Aurora Boulevard in Quezon City to 28 EDSA in Greenhills, San Juan in July 2011 to be more visible and more accessible to AAP members and the general motoring public. The QC premises have been retained as the office of AAP Lingkod (AAPL), the headquarters of AAP's Emergency Roadside Service (ERS) and the site of the AAP Goodyear Auto Care Service Center.

More recently, AAP opened a new office in Lipa City, Batangas to serve members and the motoring public in the Calabarzon area.

In 2011, AAPL acquired four new tow trucks with state-of-the-art recovery equipment to further improve ERS operations.



AAP members air their concerns and ask questions during the open forum.



Two early birds wait for the program to start.

Aside from ERS and the auto care center, AAPL has a one-stop insurance shop that offers AAP members a wide range of insurance products at competitive rates such as coverage for vintage and classic cars, real estate property and travel. AAPL also sells famous brands of batteries and tires to AAP members at discounted prices. AAPL is a wholly owned subsidiary of AAP with a new Operations Manager, Joey Mundo.

In advocacies, AAP spearheaded the launching of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 on May 11, 2011 at the Asian Development Bank in Pasig City. AAP chairs the Philippine Global Road Safety Partnership (PGRSP) that coordinates road safety projects with pertinent government agencies and non-government organizations (NGOs). AAP initiated the Road Safety Pledge campaign which was picked up by the BPI Family Savings Bank as its corporate social responsibility project for 2011 and was brought to northern Luzon by the AAP Ilocos Norte Drive Tourism Caravan last November.

The AAP Tourism Committee chaired by former Tourism Secretary now AAP Director Mina Gabor began organizing AAP Travel as the brand of AAP Lakbay, the national auto club's travel and tourism organization. In November 2011, AAP organized a three-day caravan/tour of Ilocos Norte that was coordinated with the Department of Tourism regional office, local government officials of Pangasinan, La Union and Ilocos Norte, and attracted the participation of over 100 members and guests including the ambassadors of Malaysia, Pakistan, Brunei and Greece, their spouses and staff. AAP Travel will open its office at the Mall of Asia this year with an experienced tourism industry executive, Eva Carmona, as manager.

In motorsports, the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), the Paris-based body that governs all four-wheel motor sports worldwide including Formula One, approved AAP's application for a grant to upgrade the training of local race officials to international standards. The officials safety training program will begin this year in partnership and with the assistance of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sports.

Meanwhile, AAP continues to support the Tuason Racing School's Champions of the Future Program that encourages youngsters (ages 8 to 13) to compete in motor sports by subsidizing their running costs in karting, the entry level of auto racing. AAP continues to honor the racing champions of each year with the Annual Motor Sports Awards, the last being the 17th such event. In 2011, AAP sanctioned 41 national and six international motor sport events, issued 114 full national competition licenses, 46 international competition licenses and 219 Clubman national licenses.

Mr. Lagman, who is a Region II (Asia-Pacific) vice president of the FIA, reported that AAP continues to attend the annual Conference Week, general assemblies and regional meetings of the FIA, of which AAP is the only Philippine member. AAP has renewed its reciprocity agreements with other FIA member clubs worldwide and with the American Automobile Association. AAP has joined the ASEAN New Car Assessment Program which held its first meeting in Kuala Lumpur last September with Automobile Association Malaysia as the host.

Numbers tell the rest of the AAP story in 2011: membership grew to 46,883 although Philippine International Driving Permits (PIDP) issued declined to 26,774; AAP assisted 3,082 members in registering their cars at the Land Transportation Office; the total number of motorists who called for and received AAPL's ERS reached 38,732.

AAP continues to communicate with its members via AQ, a glossy, full-color quarterly magazine and a supplement that appears in the Philippine Daily Inquirer six times a year.

Following Mr. Lagman's report, a lively open forum was conducted during which members present asked questions and aired their concerns. Afterwards, the board of canvassers led by Alas, Oplas & Co., CPAs, canvassed the ballots and proclaimed the board members for the year 2012-2013. All the members of the 2011-2012 board were reelected. The 81st general membership meeting ended with the much-awaited raffle draw whereby two iPads, laptop computers, cell phones, gift certificates and cash prizes were given to the lucky winners. ☺

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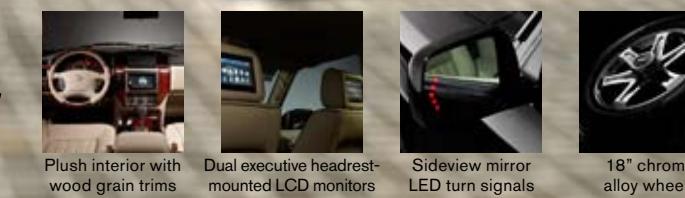
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**T**HE Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) board of directors recently hired two new managers for AAP's wholly owned subsidiaries, AAP Lingkod and AAP Travel.

## AAP welcomes 2 new managers



**JOSE "JOEY"  
MUNDO, AAP  
LINGKOD  
OPERATIONS  
MANAGER**

**J**OSE "Joey" Yambo Mundo, the new Operations Manager of AAP Lingkod (AAPL), is a longtime AAP member who brings extensive marketing and management experience to his job.

A Bachelor of Arts, major in Economics graduate of the University of the East, Mundo started working in February 1992 as a Marketing Communications Specialist of Kodak Philippines Ltd.

In January 1994 he took over Marketing and Sales in Kodak's Health Imaging Business Unit and surpassed the revenue, gross profit and earnings targets despite the Asian financial crisis in 1997. From November 1997 to April 2002, Mundo was the Cluster General Manager ASEAN Kodak whose expanded Southeast Asian market included Myanmar, Laos, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand. Simultaneously, he was the Country Business Manager (Philippines) of Kodak from January 1994 to April 2002.

A sportsman and rifle shooter (he was the Philippine record holder and one of 14 world record holders in the Olympic prone rifle event in 1984,) Mundo served as a commissioner of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) from March 2005 to July 2008 during which period he formed and implemented management and operations policies for sports administration, national sports programs and projects. He was also a director of the Philippine Task Force for the Southeast Asian Games and oversaw the administrative, logistical and financial aspects of the Asian Shooting Confederation.

Mundo left the PSC in 2008 to become one of the business plan consultants of the royal family of Kuwait. In February 2009, he returned to Manila and was re-appointed as a PSC commissioner. In July 2010, Mundo retired from government service but did not remain idle for long as the AAP board soon tapped him to manage AAPL.

At present immersed in visiting and familiarizing himself with the various offices and service areas of AAP in Luzon, Cebu and Davao, Mundo intends to keep the national auto club updated on cutting-edge technology for continuous improvement in serving AAP members and the motoring public.



**EVA CARMONA,  
AAP TRAVEL MANAGER**

**T**HE AAP board has approved the organization of AAP Travel as the brand of AAPLakbay and hired Eva Carmona as the manager. AAP Director Mina Gabor, a former Secretary of Tourism, chairs the AAP Tourism Committee that will guide and support Carmona in starting up and developing AAP Travel.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Tourism from the University of Santo Tomas in 1996, Carmona began her career in the tourism industry as a Reservations Officer of Continental Airlines in 1999. In 2001, she was promoted to Passenger Sales Executive but left the airline in 2004 to work for the Malaysian Embassy as Tourism Marketing Manager. She implemented and coordinated Malaysia's tourism promotion activities including sales missions, food and cultural promotions, travel exhibitions and fairs aside from carrying out administrative functions such as budget planning, purchasing, recruitment and payroll. In the process, she established links and networked with media, government and the private sector.

Before joining AAP Travel, Carmona was the Sales and Marketing Manager of Hong Kong Express Airways where she increased the number of airline supporters from 69 travel agencies in 2009 to 90 in 2010. During her stint at Hong Kong Express Airways, she increased the number of passengers from 30,408 in 2009 to 36,823 in 2010.

Carmona is concurrently taking her MBA in Middle Management at the Ateneo de Manila Graduate School of Business. She expressed optimism that AAP Travel, with all the local and international connections of AAP, will achieve its strategic goals. She said her dream is to tap not only AAP members and corporate accounts, but also the general motoring public. She added that being a part of AAP is an inspiration because of its strong advocacies for eco-tourism and road safety.

AAP Travel will open its office at the Mall of Asia this year.

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## TEAM PHILIPPINES 2011:



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**Mapua Institute of Technology**

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## LAMBORGHINI MANILA



## Philippines welcomes the first Lamborghini dealership

SANT'AGATA Bolognese/Manila, With a spectacular event Lamborghini has celebrated its debut in the Philippine Market. In the presence of Stephan Winkelmann, President and CEO of Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A., the new Lamborghini Manila dealership was officially inaugurated and opened its doors to the Philippine customers. The event took place in the new Lamborghini Manila showroom, located in the prime area of Bonifacio Global City, the most modern City in Metropolitan Manila Philippines, thus representing perfectly Lamborghini's uncompromising style.

Lamborghini customers and VIPs, including politicians and guests from Manila's sports, business and arts sectors joined Automobili Lamborghini management at the presentation of the luxury super sports car models, followed by a fashion show of Collezione Automobili Lamborghini.

"Lamborghini's new presence in the Philippines represents our commitment to our customers on this important market" says Stephan Winkelmann, President and CEO of Automobili Lamborghini. "I am very delighted to inaugurate our first showroom in the Philippines. Our clients here love the brand for its unique values of being extreme, uncompromising and unmistakably Italian."

Customers are welcome to call in and set up an appointment to visit the Lamborghini Manila showroom at the Bonifacio Global City, where sales operations have started immediately.

The dealership agreement for the representation of the Italian brand has been signed with PGA Automobile, Inc.



which falls under the blanket of PGA Group of Companies covering a wide array of several businesses in insurance, automotive, power distribution and oil exploration.

Roberto Coyuto III (President of PGA Automobile, Inc) commented: "We are very proud of representing Lamborghini in Manila and we are looking forward to offering our customers an ownership experience that will be as fascinating and complete as possible".

Lamborghini Manila will offer the full Lamborghini model range, warranty and maintenance services as well as sales of spare parts, accessories and the exclusive fashion line Collezione Automobili Lamborghini.

## Window Tint Weather all Year Round

WINDOW tint is a great way to make an ordinary car look good, and a good looking car look even better, but in the heat of the Philippine sun, a good tint will do so much more for you than just make your car look good. If your car is tinted with anything less than a premium tint, then you aren't getting the maximum heat rejection effect and other surprising benefits that only a premium tint can deliver.

### DARKER IS NOT COOLER

Solar energy comes in the form of light, but it's a misconception that tint that keeps out more visible light also keeps out more heat. The scientific truth is that most of the heat we feel all year round in the tropics, comes from invisible light such as infrared rays, and cancer causing ultra-violet rays. A premium light or even "invisible" tint, rejects more heat than even the darkest shades of cheap tint. Premium tints are specifically designed to keep out heat, not just visible light. US brand Sun-Gard, scores particularly well in solar radiation rejection. All Sun-Gard tints, even the lightest shades, keep out up to 99% of cancer causing ultra-violet rays.

### WHEN SEEING LESS IS SEEING BETTER

Glare, which is more of a problem in tropical countries such as ours, is a genuine road hazard. It is distracting, obstructive, surprising and if you catch it at the wrong time, it could get you in serious trouble. That is why major car manufacturers incorporate glare reduction into their windshields, and even rear view mirrors. Less glare actually equals better visibility, because it lets a driver keep his or her eyes on what matters, such as the road, other vehicles and pedestrians. Premium tints are much more effective at glare reduction than cheaper alternatives, with premium tints, glare is absorbed or dispersed in a manner that does not require an excessively dark shade to be effective.

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# DRIVING THE ONE

## >>> 2012 BMW 118d Sport Line

**SPECIFICATIONS:**

MAKE:	BMW
MODEL:	118d Sport Line
ENGINE:	2.0-liter DOHC 16-valve Inline-4 Twin Turbo CRDI
MAX OUTPUT:	143 PS @ 4000 rpm
MAX TORQUE:	320 Nm @ 1750-2500 rpm
TRANSMISSION:	8-speed A/T

**RATINGS:**

PERFORMANCE	9	/	/	/	/
HANDLING	9	/	/	/	/
DESIGN	7	/	/	/	/
COMFORT	8	/	/	/	/
VALUE	7	/	/	/	/
OVERALL	8	/	/	/	/



By VINCE PORNELOS

I like BMWs, but I never liked the original 1-Series. It was just too cramped, too uncomfortable, and just didn't do it for me in the style department.

That was then. Perhaps the new generation 1-Series launched late last year can change my mind.

First off, there are two main variants of the 1-Series made available by ACC-BMW: the 118d Urban Line and the 118d Sport Line. The car in this story is the latter, and this early, it's already growing on me.

Generally speaking, I'm a bit iffy about the styling. The design of the car is a bit of a polarizing prospect: you either love it or hate it. I find the headlamps just a tad too large for the front of the car, kind of like how

people get after several cups of coffee, wired and wide eyed.

The front end is a bit more bulbous than before, with the twin kidney grilles popping out further ahead than the old model. The proportions seem right enough, and the Sport Line's touches do enhance the look of the car with a nice set of sport wheels. Ditto for the black details like the grille slats and the mirrors. Call me crazy, but I think the back end looks better than the front.

I feel a little odd in calling the style of the 1-Series as "improved," but there's no



denying that it did get bigger overall. The new F20 1-Series is longer at 4324 mm and wider at 1765 mm, though just as tall at 1421 mm when compared to the original E87 1-Series. The wheelbase is longer too at 2690 mm. Honestly speaking, I don't find this trend of cars getting bigger in their own class or category being too big a deal. If you want a bigger BMW, get a 3-Series.

In terms of design, the interior is definitely much, much better. We drove the 120i about four years ago, and from what I can remember we were really underwhelmed with the cabin. Not anymore, as they have thoroughly reworked the interior, especially the dash. There's also a marked improvement in space all around over the old 1-Series, as the old one was really cramped especially in the rear whereas this new one is rather spacious given the proportions and the expectations of it.

The controls of the car do take quite a bit of familiarization, as the new 1er's features are quite extensive. Once you do get used to the new features, finding the function you want, such as controlling your music library or displaying your fuel efficiency over the past couple of hours is easy.

Being a diesel BMW, there is quite a bit of judder when the engine springs to life. The 2-liter diesel engine is one of the

brand's latest and most sophisticated, with BMW's TwinPower (twin turbo) technology to produce 143 PS and 320 Newton meters of torque, and is matched with an equally advanced 8-speed automatic transmission, a first in the class.

Around town, the 1-Series does give an easy, comfortable drive. It's quite a contrast to the old one, as I recall the E87 as being rather harsh on the bumps and road imperfections (of which there are many on our streets), while this F20 is much more comfortable even though it belongs to the Sport Line. The seats aren't as plush as the Urban line, but they do provide plenty of lateral support and full adjustability (including the side bolsters) to better hold you down while cornering.

There are actually four driving modes: Sport+, Sport, Comfort and Eco Pro. Comfort maximizes convenience for the driver for a smooth ride around town. Eco Pro is unusual because it really takes fuel efficiency seriously.

Things like the heat from the brakes is captured and stored as energy which can be used to power vehicle functions. The power steering is electric, meaning there's little loss to the engine's actual power caused by older belt-driven hydraulic pumps. There's even a display of how many "extra kilometers" you're getting by driving efficiently. The most important innovation, however, has to be the

start/stop function that cuts off the engine automatically when you've stopped at a red light, and springs back to life when you move forward again. As a result, fuel consumption on the highway was a superb 23.8 kilometers to the liter.

It's the last two driving modes that I'm sure you're interested in, as am I. In Sport mode, the computer lets the engine and transmission off the leash quite a bit more, allowing you to really get the most power out of the 118d. 0-100 km/h is quoted at 8.9 seconds, and the top speed is 212 kilometers per hour. In Sport+, however, the 1-Series really lets loose. Dynamic Traction Control is deactivated, giving the driver full control of the car and allows a bit of rear-wheel drive sideways fun, if that's the kind of thing you're looking for. Nevertheless, in either of the two modes, taking on a long, empty stretch of blacktop is very, very easy.

Many have asked why we like BMWs. Some argue that the Mercedes brand is more prestigious and Audis are more stylish, and in several ways I would agree; after all, I didn't like the original 1er. Today, however, given a pick between a car of the same category from Mercedes, Audi or BMW, there's a good chance that I would be reaching for the keys to the Bimmer every single time... as is the case with this new BMW 118d Sport. **QQ**

# POWER PLAY



## SPECIFICATIONS:

MAKE: LEXUS  
MODEL: GS350 F Sports  
ENGINE:

3.5-liter DOHC 24-valve V-6

ASPIRATION:  
Dual VVT-i, D4-S Twin Injection

MAX POWER:  
312 hp @ 6400 rpm

MAX TORQUE:  
378 Nm @ 4800 rpm

TRANSMISSION: 6-speed A/T

PRICE AS TESTED: PhP 4,818,000

## RATINGS:

PERFORMANCE	: 9	/	/	/	/	/
HANDLING	: 9	/	/	/	/	/
DESIGN	: 10	/	/	/	/	/
COMFORT	: 9	/	/	/	/	/
VALUE	: 8	/	/	/	/	/
OVERALL	: 9	/	/	/	/	/

## ► 2013 Lexus GS 350 F Sport

By VINCE PORNELOS

Lexus is out to prove something.

Ever since its inception, Lexus has carved itself a reputation as the purveyor of sensible cars. For years, it has pursued perfection in refining a vehicle's ride, delivering the utmost in silence and designing cars to convey a dignified sense of conservative styling.

Yes, pretty much award-winning levels of boring-ness.

Now, however, things have changed. Lexus has proven it can go toe-to-toe with cars like the BMW M3 and Mercedes C63 AMG with the Lexus ISF super sport sedan.

Lexus has even shown that it can take the fight to supercar brands like Lamborghini, Ferrari and Porsche with the Lexus LFA, powered by a 550 horsepower V10 derived from Toyota's F1 project.

For all intents and purposes, those cars are really special models... halo models. Now, Lexus is out to prove that it can go head-to-head with the 5-Series, the E-Class, and even the A6, with this car... the new Lexus GS 350 F Sport.

Simply put, unlike previous models, the new Lexus GS is quite a sight to behold. Subtly, a typical Lexus tradition,



has gone out the window in favor of a design that shares more in common with a modified performance car rather than a sedan, gentlemanly sedan. The front just screams performance, thanks to the application of the spindle grille (a new hallmark of Lexus design) and a very aggressive, aerodynamic front bumper. From any angle it just looks beautiful, and the 18-inch F Sport wheels along with the low profile sport tires give the GS that go-fast look... even if it's just sitting still.

The GS 350 F Sport may look like a boy racer who never grew up on the outside, but it's all dignified inside. The quality of the materials, the workmanship and the sheer attention to details are quite remarkable. Everything you can think of is powered. Only premium natural leather covers every primary surface you would be touching: seats, steering and shift knob. They even have a new feature that gives the driver

Out on the open highway, this new premium sedan feels very, very different from the model it replaces. At first I thought it was strange that Lexus didn't put a V8 in here (like in the old model), opting instead for a V6. All things considered, the engineers were able to achieve excellent output figures as the new 3.5-liter Dual VVT-i, D-4S, V6 engine produces 312 horsepower, not far behind from the old 4.6 liter V8 that had 343 horsepower. Don't think that because it's a smaller engine and has less horsepower that the new GS is a slouch... far from it.

On the open road, the F Sport lunges forward when you floor the throttle, letting all 312 horses loose on the asphalt. 100 km/h is dispatched in just over 6 seconds... yet it still feels like 60. The needle went up even higher, and still it felt stable and very composed. The GS even has a unique intake note generator, giving a noticeable

this thing go! What was actually remarkable was it's cornering abilities, especially in Sport S+ mode. With a stiffer suspension setting in S+, the GS 350 F Sport demonstrates the chassis's remarkable abilities, and yet it has one more surprise: four-wheel steering, allowing up to 2 degrees of angle for the rear wheels. Oh joy.

On winding roads the GS 350 F Sport takes on the corners with more confidence than any other Lexus I've driven or ridden before... well, except maybe for the ISF. It's poised and composed with that four-wheel steering system, and actually begs for more challenging roads.

Out of the back roads and onto an expressway, there it was: a clear, wide open, dual carriageway. I know what you're thinking. I was too. As if on instinct, my right foot planted itself on the throttle: 150 whisked by; 180 is finished; 200 is over



full control of the audio, climate and other functions through a hat switch on the center console. Really cool stuff.

Sitting on the driver's seat for the first time, I settle in and fire up the Lexus GS for a quick drive around town. That striking front end does turn heads, and having the daylight LEDs all lit up gives it that extra boost of 'cool'. This car is a glutton for attention. And that's never (usually) a bad thing.

Being driven around town really isn't what the car was designed for, even if it does ride over our bad streets very well. Now, it's time to really let the car loose the way its engineers meant for it to be driven: hard and fast.

On an open country road, I made full use of the car's overtaking abilities. And boy, can growl at high revs. Now up until this point, I've had it in either Eco Mode (for maximum fuel efficiency, but really restrains the engine) or Normal Mode, but now it's time to really let the GS loose as for the first time, I turn the driving mode knob to the right, turning on Sport S+. This mode gives new meaning to the many "sport modes" you would find in other cars, as not only does it modify how the transmission shifts, it also sharpens the suspension (for better handling) and makes the engine more eager to rev and make you go even faster.

and done with, and before I knew it, I was already maxing out at 240 km/h, and still there's a little more to give.

I was always of the opinion that every generation of Lexus before were not what we car enthusiasts would call emotional cars. Their brand of automobile is all about making smart, sensible choices for reliability, quality, comfort, refinement and luxury. With the new GS, I get the feeling that Lexus wants to prove to us it's got the one thing it has always had but never really showed: passion.

The new Lexus GS is a car that, for all intents and purposes, doesn't just pursue perfection... it commands true emotion. **CIA**



# PECULIARITY

## SPECIFICATIONS:

MAKE: MINI  
MODEL: Cooper Coupe S

ENGINE:  
1.6-liter DOHC 16-valve  
Inline-4 Turbo

MAX POWER:  
184 PS @ 5500 rpm

MAX TORQUE:  
260 Nm @ 1600 rpm

TRANSMISSION: 6-speed A/T

PRICE AS TESTED: PhP 2,950,000

## RATINGS:

PERFORMANCE	: 8	/ / / / / /
HANDLING	: 9	/ / / / / / /
DESIGN	: 7	/ / / / / /
COMFORT	: 5	/ / / /
VALUE	: 5	/ / / /
OVERALL	: 7	/ / / / / /

## ► 2012 MINI Coupe S

By VINCE PORNELOS

WHEN people at MINI first announced that they were coming out with a coupe, I was a little apprehensive.



How were they going to pull it off? What would it look like? What would it be like to drive? Would it be any good, especially since we so love the "standard" Cooper S 3-door hatch?

Well, it's finally here. Let's find out for ourselves.

First off, the car looks strange. Well, peculiar is the more apt word. It's definitely a MINI with the same (albeit tweaked) front fascia as well as the rear. What's unusual is the roof which, to me, looks like a baseball cap worn backwards. Being an S, the Coupe rides on the larger set of wheels and tires. It does grow on you, and if you like attention, the Coupe is definitely you.

Inside, they haven't done much to alter the dashboard, seats, gauges, buttons and controls for the new model. What they have added, or at least incorporated from the new Countryman S is the new MINI media player and screen at the center of that huge speedometer that dominates the dashboard. The media center is controlled via a multi-directional knob on the center console. I wish they moved some of the buttons around, especially the ones at the base of the shifter for better ergonomics, but since this car is all about retro style, I understand why they didn't.

Being a coupe means that this MINI is strictly a 2-seater. It's a snug fit inside, and the lowered roof does make a challenging ingress for the more vertically endowed amongst us (not me), but they did shape the ceiling to accommodate what looks like another inch or two of height for the driver. For cargo space, there's not much, but it's pretty respectable all considered. The Coupe is essentially a lift-back, and allows bigger cargo by removing the trunk's divider/cover.

Being a Coupe S means this car gets the punchy 1.6 liter twinscroll turbo engine. The turbo engine is good for 184 horsepower and 260 Newton meters of torque, plenty of power to accelerate the Coupe S from 0 to 100 km/h in just 7.1 seconds. With a 6-speed automatic transmission, top speed is pegged at 222 km/h.

Driving the car around town, it's okay. If I remember correctly, this new Coupe S feels much stiffer than the Cooper S hatchback we drove earlier. It does get quite uncomfortable if you find yourself on one of our many, imperfectly-paved city streets. On an open highway or expressway, however, the Coupe S comes alive in a big way.

**“One thing they really didn't change is the handling and the short overhangs, giving the Coupe S cornering reflexes similar to a go-kart”**

Enter a winding mountain road and the price you paid driving in the city is well worth it. The suspension does everything it can and more to keep the car on course. One thing they really didn't change is the handling and the short overhangs, giving the Coupe S cornering reflexes similar to a go-kart, albeit a significantly larger one. Brakes feel great, and the twinscroll turbo really kicks in when you floor it out of the corners.



The MINI Coupe S, exhilarating a drive as it may be, is not perfect. There are quite a few trade offs to achieve the Coupe form factor, and it's really up to you whether or not you'll like it... or are willing to live with the harsh ride around town.

Personally? I'd still choose the MINI Cooper S hatchback, of course.

And it's faster too. ☺



# IDEAL PERFORMANCE CAR

Audi blends power with practicality in the new RS5

By JOSE ARMANDO EDUQUE

WHAT is the ideal driving car? The sort of car which brings a smile every time you get behind the wheel. That question is probably as old as the hills and has been endlessly debated over countless bottles of beer on countless occasions. Still, that question will probably get as many answers as the number of people it is posed to. Different strokes for different folks – a saying that could not be better applied than to this question of what it is that makes an ideal car.



In my case, the choice of an ideal car involves a trade-off between, or an optimal combination of, performance and practicality. Of course, the choice is biased toward performance; that, after all, is what makes driving a pleasure. We do, however, live in the real world and there are, in my mind, certain amenities a car must have, notwithstanding that they may detract from, or even diminish, to some extent, the aspect

of performance. Mundane notions, such as passenger and luggage space, comfort, reliability and so on. Finally, it must look great and that's non-negotiable.

I recently was given the chance to get behind the wheel of an Audi RS5 and, when done with the drive, was left with the indelible impression that I had just driven what may have qualified to be an ideal car. Let me tell you why.

**“ Consider these numbers: 0-100 kph in 4.6 seconds, top speed of 240 kph (280 kph available on request). Those are seriously fast numbers ”**



## PERFORMANCE

As every car buff knows, the RS badge on an Audi means the ultimate performer for that model. The initials RS is to Audi as M is to BMW and AMG are to Mercedes-Benz. Audi only makes the A4, A5 and A6 in RS spec so the RS5 is a relatively rare, certainly very special Audi with performance written all over it.

Consider these numbers: 0-100 kph in 4.6 seconds, top speed of 240 kph (280 kph available on request). Those are seriously fast numbers and those are what the RS5 gets out of a displacement of 4,163 cc, producing an output of 450 hp @ 8,250 rpm and 430 Nm of torque @ 4-6,000 rpm. A close relative to the V10 engine in the Audi R8 sportscar, the 4.2 litre V8 in the RS5 certainly fits the bill of a high-performance engine – high-revving, flat torque curve at low rpm – and breaks the 100 hp per litre of engine displacement, which is the hallmark of any performance engine worthy of the name, by posting 108.2 hp/litre. The RS5's dynamics are also certainly aided by its weighing only 1,762 kgs. More power and less weight makes for an unbeatable combination.

The driver will appreciate the RS5's 7-speed twin-clutch S-tronic transmission which allows driving in full auto mode or

can be manually shifted through the gears via the selector lever or steering wheel-mounted paddles. The twin-clutch gearbox will allow the driver to choose his gears and up- or downshift at speeds faster than humanly possible. In automatic mode, the driver can choose between three modes – Comfort, Dynamic and Auto. When the Dynamic setting is chosen, the steering ratio, transmission shift speed, engine response, sport differential setting and exhaust system are all reset to a sportier level. The Auto setting will move between Comfort and Dynamic automatically, depending on driving conditions. A Launch Control program is also at the driver's fingertips for optimal (spell quickest) standing starts.

Then there is the permanent four-wheel drive, which Audi pioneered in its iconic rallying Quattros. With a new self-locking, compact and lightweight crown-gear differential, a 40-60 front-to-rear split is the default setting; however, up to 70% of engine output can be directed to the front wheels, and up to 85% to the rears, as conditions require. Electronic torque vectoring distributes torque under cornering to minimize tire slippage.

Other performance-enhancing features include a lowered (by 20mm) chassis, 14.37-inch front discs for fade-free braking and a rear spoiler which deploys at high speeds for added downforce.



## PRACTICALITY

With all that performance from its engine, the Audi RS5 also delivers fuel economy – at 9.26 kms/litre of fuel. Its engine and drivetrain have been engineered for minimum friction and, in addition, the RS5 has an energy-recovery system (a la F1). The RS5 is also a passenger car and does not sacrifice passenger or cargo space to performance. The RS5 is a four-passenger car with a spacious boot. It is a car for the track or for family drives. It is a perfect blend of performance and practicality.

## DESIGN

In my book, the A5 is the best-looking, best-designed vehicle in the Audi line-up. And it would seem that I am not alone in this assessment, as the current A5 has received more design and styling awards than any of its Audi siblings or, for that matter, its other German competitors. As I have said previously, its proportions are nigh perfect and it looks great from any and every angle. It looks as if it had been carved from a single block of steel.

The RS5 is even better looking than the A5 as the wider tires and fender flares give it a more muscular look, reminding me of the rallying immortal, the Audi Quattro S1. The interior is typically Audi – a tasteful blend of leather, carbon fiber and wood accents.



## DRIVING IMPRESSIONS

Driving the RS5 is simply and totally a blast! In Comfort mode, it is completely docile, yet with oodles of power. Shift to Dynamic mode, however, and all hell breaks loose. Driving-wise, the RS5 reminds me of a full-bore rally car. The acceleration is neck-snapping and the engine just never stops pulling. Cornering is flat, controlled and seemingly limitless. The size of the RS5 is ideal for throwing it around corners, and I have to confess that I kept the RS5 in Dynamic mode more often than not because the engine exhaust resonance was so addicting. And all these in a car with space for four people, luggage and golf bags.

The Audi RS5 is one hell of a car. It could be my ideal car. **aq**





# Dream Drives

A review of the latest sports and super cars around

By VINCE  
PORNELOS

Dreams do come true.

Just 10 years ago, the Philippines had less than a handful of vehicles made for the performance enthusiast. Reeling from a massive recession in the late 90's, many manufacturers and distributors probably thought the country was not a market for sports cars and supercars.

What a difference 10 years can make.

Over the next six pages, we present a rundown of the latest cars to have arrived or are set to arrive in the Philippine market. All of them are fast. All of them are beautiful. All of them are fun.



## ► Audi R8 GT Spyder

WHO can ever forget the Audi R8 when it comes to supercars?

Technically advanced from the company that takes almost fanatical pride in technology, internationally hailed and co-star of the Iron Man films, the Audi R8 simply set the standards for a modern, usable supercar. Not to be confused with the Le Mans prototype race car of the same name, the R8 road car was initially launched as a V8 coupe, followed by V10 and roadster versions.

The R8 GT Spyder (convertible) is the latest version of the venerable supercar. It's built around Audi's all-aluminum spaceframe for maximum rigidity, and has the more powerful V10 engine with 560 horsepower. For acceleration? Zero to 100 km/h takes just 3.8 seconds. **aq**

**BMW M5** ➤

If you look at the cars in this story, you'll see that the M5 is the only 4-door saloon/sedan we picked. What gives, you ask. Well, apart from the fact that BMW's super sedan has a 560-horsepower V8 and legendary BMW M Division handling, the M5 line is one of the proudest histories of all the cars here, having first debuted in 1985.

Today's M5 is more powerful than ever. As stated, it has 560 horsepower, 53 horsepower more than the previous model despite being smaller in displacement, thanks to twin turbos. The M5 no longer has the steptronic automatic transmission, as it now has the new twin clutch transmission for smooth, superfast shifts.

We asked ACC-BMW if they are selling the M5 already. They said yes -- and they're all sold out. Figures. ☰



**Ferrari F12 Berlinetta** ➤

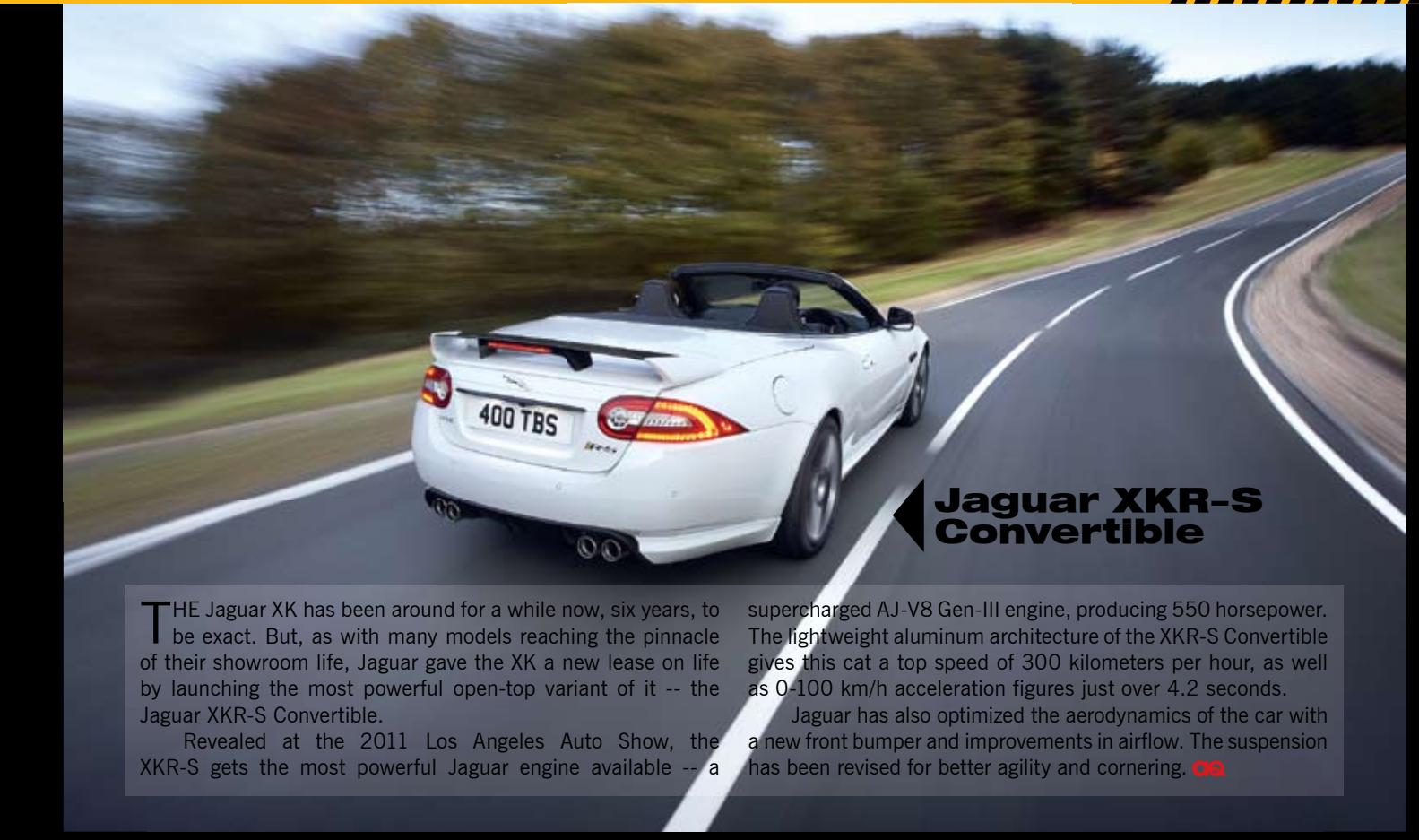


RECENTLY, Ferrari's Philippine distributor reopened its showroom, re-launching the Prancing Horse badge to the country. The launch also marked the arrival of the 458 Italia, the California, as well as the subsequent launch of the FF, the V12 powered hatchback from Ferrari... their first.

Overseas, however, Ferrari gave the world a new car to replace the 599 series of grand touring cars: the Ferrari F12 Berlinetta. It has the same engine as the FF -- a 6.3-liter DOHC, 65-degree V12 engine that produces 730 horsepower, making it the most powerful Ferrari with road-legal status. Zero-to-100 km/h takes just 3.1 seconds.

It's also at the forefront of the latest technology from the Scuderia, sporting a 7-speed dual clutch transmission, ceramic brakes, magneto-rheological suspension, F1-Trac traction control, and an aluminum space frame chassis. As a result, the F12 Berlinetta lapped the Ferrari's Fiorano test circuit quicker than the 599 GTO and faster than the Ferrari Enzo.

Expect the F12 Berlinetta to be launched sometime within the next 12 months. ☰



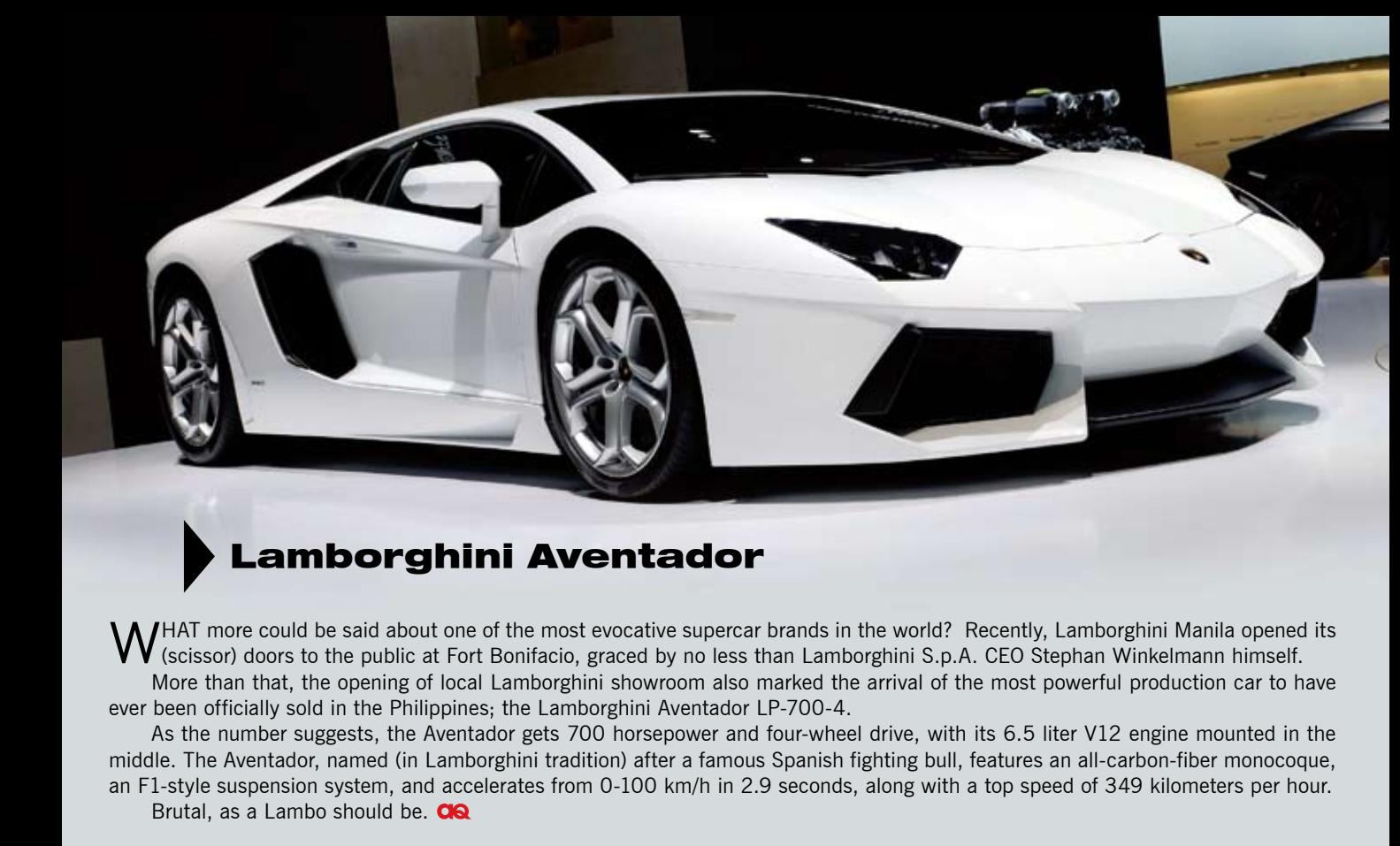
**Jaguar XKR-S Convertible**

THE Jaguar XK has been around for a while now, six years, to be exact. But, as with many models reaching the pinnacle of their showroom life, Jaguar gave the XK a new lease on life by launching the most powerful open-top variant of it -- the Jaguar XKR-S Convertible.

Revealed at the 2011 Los Angeles Auto Show, the XKR-S gets the most powerful Jaguar engine available -- a

supercharged AJ-V8 Gen-III engine, producing 550 horsepower. The lightweight aluminum architecture of the XKR-S Convertible gives this cat a top speed of 300 kilometers per hour, as well as 0-100 km/h acceleration figures just over 4.2 seconds.

Jaguar has also optimized the aerodynamics of the car with a new front bumper and improvements in airflow. The suspension has been revised for better agility and cornering. ☰



➤ **Lamborghini Aventador**

WHAT more could be said about one of the most evocative supercar brands in the world? Recently, Lamborghini Manila opened its (scissor) doors to the public at Fort Bonifacio, graced by no less than Lamborghini S.p.A. CEO Stephan Winkelmann himself.

More than that, the opening of local Lamborghini showroom also marked the arrival of the most powerful production car to have ever been officially sold in the Philippines; the Lamborghini Aventador LP-700-4.

As the number suggests, the Aventador gets 700 horsepower and four-wheel drive, with its 6.5 liter V12 engine mounted in the middle. The Aventador, named (in Lamborghini tradition) after a famous Spanish fighting bull, features an all-carbon-fiber monocoque, an F1-style suspension system, and accelerates from 0-100 km/h in 2.9 seconds, along with a top speed of 349 kilometers per hour.

Brutal, as a Lambo should be. ☰

## ► Maserati GranCabrio Sport

MASERATI is back on the rise, and has just given us its latest interpretation of open-top pleasure with the GranCabrio Sport.

Based on the venerable Maserati GranTurismo coupe, the GranCabrio's undercarriage has been strengthened to allow the roof to be removed without affecting handling. The soft-top Maser has a powerful 4.7 liter V8, producing 450 horsepower to the rear wheels.

Along with a 6-speed ZF automatic transmission, the GranCabrio Sport can accelerate from 0-100 km/h in just 5.2 seconds, along with a top speed of 285 kilometers per hour. **AQ**



## ► Mercedes-Benz C63 AMG

JUST when we thought that Mercedes-Benz has launched the most powerful version of the C-Class with the C63 AMG a few years back, the facelifted coupe version became the base for an even more extreme version: the C63 AMG Black Series coupe.

Based on the official Formula 1 Safety Car that debuted at the German GP last year, the C63 AMG Black Series gets a total of 510 horsepower from its 6.2 liter V8, sprinting the car from 0-100 km/h in well under 5 seconds. Top speed is at 250 km/h.

The new model has received many upgrades over the "standard" C63. Upgrades include an adjustable sport suspension system, high performance brakes from AMG and a more aggressive look over the coupe version. AMG offers either a Track Package with sports tires and active cooling for the transmission, or an Aerodynamics Package with more functional aero parts and an adjustable rear wing. **AQ**



## ► Mercedes-Benz SLS Roadster

GULLWING is a term that is uniquely Mercedes, and in 2010, the company revived the concept with the SLS AMG coupe.

When MB decided to chop the top off the SLS, it had to re-engineer the car, and hence, the SLS AMG Roadster was born.

The new model has the same specs as the SLS AMG coupe, with the same 6.2 liter V8 engine with 571 horsepower. MB strengthened its bottom end to handle the extra stress of having an open top. The gullwing doors have been removed (for obvious reasons) and replaced with conventional doors and came with a fabric roof.

Mercedes AMG director Tobias Moers also let it slip that a Black Series of the SLS AMG was in the works, undoubtedly with less weight, more power, more aggressive looks and better performance. **AQ**



## ► MINI Coupe S & Roadster S

MINI is coming out with one new model after another. Following the Countryman crossover, MINI has come up with the most radical looking car they have in the new MINI Coupe and Roadster models.

Being a coupe or a roadster means that this new MINI line is strictly 2-seater. The Coupe gets a low slung appearance with a tub roof. The Roadster, on the other hand, gets a power retractable soft-top. Standard models get the 120 horsepower naturally aspirated 1.6 engine while the S models get the more powerful turbocharged version with 184 horsepower.

Check out our DRIVEN section for our review of the MINI Coupe S. **AQ**

## DREAM DRIVES

### Nissan GTR

**W**HAT words could describe the Nissan GTR? Simply put, the R35 GTR is a high performance machine from a Japanese brand that takes the fight to the likes of Porsche and Ferrari, much like its predecessors like the R32, R33 and R34.

The current (2012) model is the most powerful version yet, pumping out 580 horsepower from the retuned twin turbo V8. The transmission is a 6-speed dual-clutch automatic, capable of superfast shifts, and delivering the power to all four wheels via an intelligent ATTESA E-TS system that maximizes traction. The new version can accelerate from 0-100 km/h in just over 3 seconds, making it even quicker than the Lexus LFA.

Nissan Motors Philippines is currently considering bringing in their most powerful, most respected model for the general public. **AQ**



### Porsche 911 (991)

IT'S been 50 years, and still, the 911 is arguably the proudest, most revered name in sports cars and supercars.

Launched just last year, the new 911, the Type 991, is sleeker, faster, more efficient and more high tech than the outgoing 997. It's only the third all-new platform since the original back in the 1960s and the seventh generation overall.

The 991 line has just begun, and Porsche introduced the first two variants in the 911 Carrera and 911 Carrera S, both with flat-six engines. The 3.4 liter flat-6 in the Carrera version gets 350 horsepower and the 3.8 liter version in the Carrera S produces 400 horsepower. Porsche was also able to reduce overall weight by using aluminum and high tensile steel.

Expect the more extreme versions of the next generation 911 in the coming years, including the Turbo, GT2, and GT3 variants. **AQ**

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# Toyota launches the all-new Camry

TOYOTA Motor Philippines (TMP) unveils the all-new Camry with a new sense of emotion and vision on its premium luxury sedan. Its aerodynamic styling and valiant stance exude a strong presence that complements a luxurious and iconic vehicle. Named after the word "Crown" in Japanese, the Camry is developed to stand out and shine in the local automotive scene; along with its new developments in both interior and exterior features, the Camry boasts a more luxurious and cutting-edge design.

Based on the Toyota key development concept, "New ERA sedan," the all-new Camry balances a sense of power and comfort that speaks of its authoritative driving performance and lavishing interior. It features a 3.5-Liter V-Type, 6-Cylinder, 24-Valve Dual VVT-i engine which provides a maximum output of 204kW/6,200rpm, and maximum torque of 346Nm/4,700rpm. The chassis system is highlighted by the 6-speed sequential automatic transmission now available for all variants. This transmission technology lets ample power pass more efficiently to the wheels, while the sequential shift lever lets the driver enjoy manual transmission-like aggressiveness for a sportier drive. The most suitable gear is selected according to the driving condition, resulting to a pleasant driving experience. It also fitted with a 16-inch front disc brakes, and 15-inch disc for the rear, providing better stopping power. It is also matched with a redesigned 215/55R 17-inch alloy wheels that give the Camry a more dynamic look.

Once seated, the driver can easily start and stop its engine with the push-button feature. The Smart Entry and Start System employ a Smart Key to lock and unlock the doors and a button to start the engine—all one needs is to have the vehicle key nearby. The all-new Camry's hospitality continues in the luxurious interior equipped with high-end features that will surely give the driver and its passengers a feel of royal treatment. Beginning with the driver's seat, the steering wheel is made of leather with wood grain material, and incorporates automatic tilt and telescopic system. Giving the driver the full control, the steering wheel also incorporates audio, air condition and multi-information display (MID) buttons. Information such as odometer / trip meter, outside temperature, average speed, cruising range, average fuel consumption and elapsed time are also displayed. It also features a touch-screen audio display for better functionality and style. The All-new Camry is equipped with a 3-zone temperature control system which can be regulated for the driver, front passenger and rear seats separately. To further enhance the air conditioning system, Toyota also introduces its Nano-E technology; an air-cleaning system that fills the cabin with refreshing air characterized by an ultimately balanced ratio of positive and negative ions. This plasma cluster purifies the air inside the car by preventing absorption of mold, fungus, and dust. Nano-e are negative ions surrounded by water molecules. Compared to normal ions, they last longer and provide a cleaner air flow inside the vehicle.



The 2012 Camry passes the highest standards for global quality with its active and passive safety features to cope with different driving situations. The Camry features ABS and Brake Assist System, coupled with Vehicle Stability Control (VSC) technology. The VSC detects tire slippage and automatically helps stabilize the car when driving on slippery roads. Adaptive Front Lighting System (AFS) enhances nighttime visibility by automatically regulating the headlamp beam pattern in response to steering input and driving conditions. Driver and passenger SRS Airbags are offered across all variants, with the addition of side and curtain-shield airbags for the top-of-the-line 3.5Q model. Exterior developments include HID, combined with the automatic-dynamic headlamp leveling device and auto light control system. This auto-leveling device fixes the illumination axis in accordance with the forward and backward tilt of the car while in motion. Electric retractable outer mirrors are hydrophilic,

incorporated with wide view and reverse link features. Upon shifting into reverse, the on-screen reverse camera would show the rear area of the vehicle to facilitate safer backing-up.

The All-new Camry is offered in three variants; all with white pearl color options:

3.5Q at P2, 082,000, 3.5Q White Pearl at P2, 097,000, 2.5V at P1, 681,000, 2.5V White Pearl at P1, 696,000, 2.5G at P1, 451,000 and 2.5G White Pearl at P1, 466,000. Available shades are white pearl, silver metallic, beige metallic, gray metallic, medium silver metallic, dark steel mica and attitude black. Visit your nearest Toyota dealership to witness the transformation of the new premium luxury sedan.

For more information on the All-new Camry, log on to [www.toyota.com.ph](http://www.toyota.com.ph), contact our Customer Assistance Center at 819 2912 or visit any of the 32 authorized Toyota dealers nationwide.



## Toyota offers great value for pre owned vehicles

TOYOTA Motor Philippines (TMP) launches the Toyota Certified Pre-Owned Vehicles (TCPOV) program. The TCPOV is a new program where in customers can enjoy utmost value for money in purchasing pre owned vehicles. TMP aims to cater to the market where purchasing a reliable used car is given much importance. Now a days finding dependable pre owned vehicles can be a difficult task. In launching the TCPOV, Toyota is able to provide buyers an avenue where they can always be assured of the vehicle's quality and reliability.

Before calling a pre owned unit TOYOTA CERTIFIED, vehicles go through a rigorous testing process. Various tests such as the 203 pt. inspection process are conducted to ensure the vehicle's quality and condition. Furthermore, the vehicles are examined with the latest and most advanced technology by our authorized assessors who have undergone extensive training under a Toyota Motor Corporation Specialist. Lastly, these vehicles are checked and conditioned by highly trained dealer technicians and comes with one year limited warranty for our customer's peace of mind.

The TCPOV program also offers customers a fair trade-in value. The process of trading-in their current Toyota to purchase a brand new vehicle makes the whole experience more convenient for customers. As of today, we have accredited 3 of our dealerships namely: Toyota Bicutan, Toyota Balintawak, and Toyota Iloilo in this first stage of implementation. Our other dealer outlets will soon offer this program for the convenience of all customers.

For more information on the All-new Camry, contact our Customer Assistance Center at 819 2912.

# Shell FuelSave Index reveals PH leads in attitudes towards fuel economy



## About Shell FuelSave fuel

HELL FuelSave Unleaded and Shell FuelSave Diesel are available at the pump at no extra cost. For over 100 years, Shell scientists have been using their passion and expertise to create some of the most advanced fuels in the world. Shell FuelSave fuels are Shell's most advanced fuel economy standard fuels and contain an instantaneous fuel economy formula that is designed to improve fuel efficiency from the very first tank full.

## Target One Million campaign launched to help drivers everywhere learn how to save fuel

Filipino drivers show positive attitudes towards fuel economy knowing that this will result to more savings revealed the latest Shell FuelSave Index. According to the study, 94% see fuel efficiency as an important way to save money and to personally help use resources in a more sustainable way.

The Shell FuelSave Index is a Shell commissioned research that looked into the driving habits of motorists in European and Asian countries in order to understand how to help more drivers save more fuel, more often.

Recent findings showed that the Filipinos are willing to change their driving behavior to save on fuel, reflecting 87% of those surveyed while 85% have actually changed the way they drive to reduce the amount of the fuel that they are using.

Furthermore, Filipino drivers lead among Asian markets in observing fuel saving techniques. The country ranked first in three (3) out of the Top 5 fuel saving tips, namely: avoiding over-revving (79%), reducing speed (56%) and driving smoothly (53%). The country ranked second in Asia in avoiding excessive idling (25%) and ranked third in using the top gear (30%).

It is encouraging to note that awareness on fuel reduction methods have increased in the past years. In 2010, the leading reason that prevented Filipinos from reducing fuel consumption was that they did not know how to, with 41%. Today, this reason is down to number four with only 12% of the respondents. In fact, 18% say that they already save fuel when they drive, 2% higher than the Asian average.

However, the study also showed that more education and information is needed in order for Filipinos to reduce fuel consumption with 20% saying there is not enough information.

## TARGET ONE MILLION

In response to these findings, Shell today launches Target One Million, a Shell FuelSave campaign to help one million motorists across the globe learn how to save fuel.

During the campaign, Shell will release a series of interactive, online mini-games to equip drivers with the skills they need to help save fuel and, in doing so, cut down their fuel costs.

The mini-games are fun and quick to complete. The first one – Shell FuelSave Challenge – is available now at [www.shell.com.ph/targetonemillion](http://www.shell.com.ph/targetonemillion) and is open to anyone who wants to play and become 'one in a million.' Five further games will be released over the coming months, each of which can be shared with friends and family across social media platforms, including Facebook.

Target One Million represents the latest step in Shell's ongoing efforts to provide smarter, more efficient products like Shell FuelSave Unleaded and Shell FuelSave Diesel, and promote smarter energy use amongst the world's motorists. Previous initiatives to educate customers on saving fuel include crowning Europe and Asia's Smartest FuelSavers in 2010 and setting a Guinness World Record for the 'Largest Fuel Efficiency Lesson' on Global Shell FuelSave Day in October 2011.

Rona Rodriguez-Baes, Shell FuelSave Brand Manager, said: "Shell has more than 100 years' experience of helping the world's drivers get more out of their fuel. Our latest standard fuels, Shell FuelSave Unleaded and Shell FuelSave Diesel, are designed to help drivers save fuel at no extra cost. Programmes like Target One Million are extremely important in demonstrating that by using these fuels and making a few simple changes to your driving habits, it's easy for anyone to start saving fuel today."

"The launch of the results of FuelSave Index and the Target One Million website is Shell's most recent milestone in our journey for smarter mobility and fuel economy. As you may remember, Shell set the Guinness World Record for circumnavigating the globe using as little fuel as possible in 2006 when John and Helen Taylor drove around the world using just 24 tanks of Shell Fuel Economy formula. There was also the Shell FuelSave Challenge, which ran in 2007 and 2008 that helped 2,000 drivers learn to save fuel for life and the best drivers saved up to 24% on average," said Roberto Kanapi, Vice President for Communications, Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation. "Most recently, Shell successfully set another Guinness World Record for the Largest Fuel Efficiency Lesson ever at Bonifacio Global City. Dubbed as Global Shell FuelSave Day, 3,243 people from 10 cities across Europe and Asia participated in simultaneous fuel efficiency training sessions. In the Philippines, Manila and Iloilo City participated in the historic event," he added.

In addition to the online mini-games, countries where Shell FuelSave Unleaded and Shell FuelSave Diesel are available will host other activities to help people learn how to save fuel, including driving challenges, live 'sign up stations' and fuel efficiency training clinics with celebrity ambassadors. These activities will take place in the Philippines as well as Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Malaysia, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Singapore, Slovakia, Thailand, Turkey and UK.

People can visit [www.shell.com.ph](http://www.shell.com.ph) for more information about what is taking place in the Philippines.

## KIA CLAIMS TWO MORE RED DOT DESIGN AWARDS

KIA has been awarded two top honors for its Picanto and Rio models in the 2012 red dot design competition.

The five-door versions of Kia's striking A-segment Picanto and B-segment Rio were both winners in red dot's internationally-acclaimed 'Product Design' category, in a competition that saw more than 4,500 products entered by 1,800 manufacturers from 58 countries across a variety of product sectors.

Judging was carried out by an international jury of highly respected design experts, who scrutinized and tested the products in detail, with winners selected on the basis of their level of innovation, functionality, ergonomics, durability, ecological compatibility and intuitive handling. Only products featuring the highest standards of design are eligible for the coveted red dot.

These two latest wins bring Kia's red dot total to six, with the Soul crossover winning in 2009, Venga compact MPV in 2010, and both Sportage compact SUV and Optima sedan claiming top spots in 2011. Optima was also named 'best of the best' in 2011 – the red dot competition's highest accolade for groundbreaking design, for which only the best products in each category are eligible.

"We are very proud of the red dot awards for the Picanto and the Rio," comments Kia's Chief Officer Peter Schreyer.

"They are a great tribute to our entire global design team, because all three Kia design centers were involved in the development of both vehicles – and the results are absolutely harmonious models with a strong presence. I am particularly happy about this thoroughly creative and

- Kia Rio and Picanto honoured in prestigious European design competition
- Latest successes take Kia's total to six red dot award wins since 2009
- Multiple industry honors are further endorsement of Kia's design strategy



successful collaboration between our teams in Korea, Europe and America."

Thomas Oh, Kia Senior Executive Vice President and COO, added, "As global buyers increasingly switch to smaller cars, design is becoming an ever more important factor in the A- and B-segments. Rio and Picanto are key volume models for us and are already in great demand around the world."

"These coveted red dot awards are another endorsement of Kia's commitment to high quality and striking design combined with minimal environmental

impact and excellent value for money in its products. Our impressive sales growth across the globe, at a time when the wider automotive industry is experiencing a drop in sales, is testament to this strategy and its successful implementation."

The red dot product design awards are one of the world's major design contests and have been held by the Design Centre of North Rhine-Westphalia since 1955. The 2012 awards will be presented to winners at a gala event at the Alvar Aalto-designed opera house in Essen, Germany, on July 2 2012.

## Kia Motors ensures smooth transportation with fleet for UEFA EURO 2012™

KIA Motors Corporation announced today that it will provide 359 passenger cars to ensure efficient and smooth transportation during UEFA EURO 2012™ in co-host countries, Poland and Ukraine, and to fulfill its requirement as a UEFA EUROTOP Partner and official automobile of UEFA EURO 2012™ (in conjunction with its sister company Hyundai Motor Company). Kia is supplying numerous design-acclaimed models as official tournament vehicles, such as the All-new cee'd, Rio and Sportage, which are among the top selling models in Europe. Kia will also add its D-segment sedans, Cadenza and Optima Hybrid, which have not yet been introduced to Europeans customers.

UEFA EURO 2012™ is scheduled to kick off on June 8th in Warsaw, Poland with the champion to be crowned on July 1st in Kiev, Ukraine. The matches will take place throughout eight cities in Poland (Warsaw, Wroclaw, Poznan, Gdansk) and Ukraine (Kiev, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Lviv). UEFA EURO 2012™ is considered the biggest and most prestigious event among Kia's UEFA sponsored competitions.

"With only five weeks to go before the tournament begins, the vehicle handover is an essential part of the preparation for UEFA EURO 2012," said UEFA Marketing

Director Guy-Laurent Epstein at the ceremony. "Recognized as a leading global maker of stylish, reliable and comfortable vehicles, Kia will provide EURO officials, VIPs and others with safe, convenient transportation."

Benny Oeyen, Marketing Vice President of Kia Motors Europe, delightedly expressed, "Kia Motors is a proud supporter of football and we are excited to play an integral role in the successful coordination of EURO 2012. We believe that connecting with the world

through its most watched sport will not only raise the profile of the Kia brand, but also demonstrate Kia's unique identity and attributes."

Furthermore, in order to ensure smooth operation, a „Kia Roadside Assistance Team“ will be available 24-hours a day from June 2nd to July 4th. The team will



Benny Oeyen, Marketing Vice President of Kia Motors Europe (far left); and Guy-Laurent Epstein, UEFA Marketing Director (center) take a photo with official UEFA EURO 2012 mascots and other Kia management personnel.

EURO 2012 from the initial stages of the tournament. For instance, the Kia Sportage, an award-winning SUV, was selected as an official ball carrier, promoting the tournament in Kiev, Ukraine and Warsaw, Poland, by carrying a larger than life mock-up of the EURO 2012 official ball, the Adidas „Tango 12“.

In addition to its close partnership with UEFA, Kia Motors is also a FIFA Partner, in conjunction with Hyundai Motor, and will sponsor the 2014, 2018 and 2022 FIFA World Cups. On a local level, Kia Motors has partnered with several premier professional European football clubs including FC Bordeaux of France and Moscow Spartak FC.

Kia Motors has taken an active role in supporting

## BMW M5



The fifth generation of the world's most successful high-performance saloon in the premium segment of the executive class, the new BMW M5 is an exceptionally dynamic high-performance sports car with four doors and five seats; consistent further development of the vehicle concept initiated in 1984 with the first-generation BMW M5; compelling track potential combines with the comprehensive practicality of a luxurious business saloon; groundbreaking character headlined by significantly improved efficiency, supreme long-distance comfort, and innovative driver assistance systems and infotainment functions.

World premiere of a newly developed BMW M high-performance engine: high-revving 4.4-litre V8 engine with M TwinPower Turbo package – consisting of Twin Scroll Twin Turbo technology, cross-bank exhaust manifold, High Precision Injection petrol direct injection and VALVETRONIC fully variable valve control; 560 hp at 6,000 – 7,000 rpm, maximum torque: 680 Newton meters (502 lb-ft) from 1,500 rpm; lag-free power delivery, typical M car thrust.

## M The most powerful letter in the world



### BMW 1 Series M Coup

The BMW 1 Series M Coupe is the youngest member of the BMW M family. Thanks to its design, the high-performance technology concealed within its compact proportions can be emotionally experienced. All the BMW M design features are technically

The BMW X5 M is the first all-wheel-drive model to offer the supreme performance, dynamic driving features, athletic design, and premium quality of a typical BMW M Car. It is powered by a newly developed V8 high-performance engine delivering 555 hp at an engine speed of 6,000 rpm from an engine capacity of 4,395 cc.

The new M TwinPower Turbo engine is indeed the world's first power unit with a common exhaust manifold encompassing both rows of cylinders and featuring Twin Scroll Twin Turbo Technology. BMW's intelligent xDrive all-wheel-drive system is naturally geared to the specific power and performance characteristics of the BMW X5 M, just like Dynamic Performance Control which comes as standard. Interacting with the cars' special M suspension

determined while at the same time accentuating the vehicle's dynamics and agility: precise lines divide up expressive surfaces on the front and rear aprons in an embodiment of uncompromising sportiness and dynamic aesthetics.

With the original 1988 BMW M3 as its inspiration, the 2011 BMW 1 Series M Coupe combines the raw capabilities of a racecar with the agility, versatility, and seating position of a compact BMW Coupe to create a pure Ultimate Driving Machine®. In doing so, the 1 Series M Coupe continues the eigenwillig tradition of BMW M. With its latest two-door model, BMW M is illustrating its ability to build racecar performance into a small car, capable of everyday use.



### BMW X5 M

including Adaptive Drive and the newly developed Servotronic power steering, this ensures the driving behavior so characteristic of a BMW M Car, combining unique driving stability with precisely controlled steering qualities all the way to the highest level of driving dynamics.

The BMW M3 Convertible comes for the first time with an eight-cylinder power unit. And the specifications of this all-new high-performance engine clearly prove the competence and skill of the engine development specialists at BMW M GmbH gained in a long history of racing success: Displacing 3,999 cc, the new V8 develops maximum output of 420 hp, together with peak torque of 400 Newton-meters or 295 lb-ft at 3,900 rpm. Perhaps an even more outstanding fact is that some 85 per cent of the engine's peak torque remains available throughout the enormous speed range of 6,500 rpm.

The eight-cylinder nevertheless owes its most striking and distinctive forte to the high-speed engine concept so typical of BMW M: Revving all the way to 8,400 rpm, the new power unit offers



### BMW M6

The BMW M6 combines supercar presence with Grand Touring potential by taking lightweight design solutions from the M3 CSL. Joining an exclusive club, the M6, with model code E63, set a new performance benchmark for a production car. The beauty of the M6 is also its ability to comfortably crush kilometers on a cross-country cruise.

Like its predecessor - the legendary 1985 M635CSi - the M6 resets the sports GT benchmark, with supercar performance, dispatching the zero to 62mph sprint in 4.6 seconds and achieving a limited top speed of 155mph. If deregistered, the M6 would be capable of a 200mph+ top speed. During tests at the famous Nürburgring Nordschleife circuit, the M6 regularly clocked eight minutes lap times. These rarefied performance statistics are, however, backed up by 'real world' economy and efficiency - the new M6 delivers a combined EU fuel consumption of 19.0mpg and a CO<sub>2</sub> rating of 357g/km.



### BMW M3

supreme muscle and performance at all times. Power is transmitted to the rear wheels by a six-speed manual gearbox interacting with brand-new final drive. This combination alone provides an acceleration and power potential reminiscent in its spontaneity and endurance to the dynamic potential of a thoroughbred racing car.



## THE VOLVO S60 SPEED SHOOTOUT

Top executives experience Volvo's raw power and dynamic handling on the tarmac

VOLVO Philippines proudly displayed its cars' prowess on the tracks at the recently concluded PLDT Alpha Track Day on March 26, 2012 at the Clark International Speedway in an all-out race competition. This annual event hosted by the PLDT Alpha Enterprise brought together the country's top executives for a car-filled day with the dynamic new breed of Volvos as the main cars for the track run.



Mr. Jovy Hernandez, PLDT Vice President and Head of Corporate Business Group and Smart Sales and Marketing Head, Chris Tiu, Volvo Philippines Ambassador, Miss Loi Concepcion - de Guzman, Assistant Vice President for Marketing Services Division of Volvo Philippines, Mr. Richard Cohen, Maxim Philippines Operating Corporate Managing Director - Asia Factory Operations/Thailand and the recipient of the Volvo S60 T6 Speed Shootout Champion Award and Mr. Eric Alberto, PLDT EVP and Head of Alpha Enterprise, International and Carrier Business Group.



Chris Tiu, Michel Azrak, General Manager of CMA-CGM Philippines, Inc. and the recipient of the Fastest Volvo S60 T4 Driver Award, Loi Concepcion - de Guzman, James Deakin- Editor-in-Chief of C! Magazine and the host of the PLDT Alpha Track Day



## Petron expands Lakbay Alalay into year-round program

In line with Petron Corporation's mission to be the leading provider of total customer solutions in the energy sector, the company is expanding its trademark Lakbay Alalay program into a full-blown, year-round campaign.

Now billed as Lakbay Alalay, Kasama Mo Sa Biyahe, the expanded program includes a slate of activities reaching far beyond the traditional motorist assistance services for Holy Week. Through this program, Petron hopes to strengthen the bond of companionship and unity with Filipinos everywhere, not just during the Holy Week but in all aspects of their daily lives.

For 2012, the following campaigns have been lined up by Petron:

**Lakbay Alalay Biyahe Para Sa Kaligtasan.** Petron volunteers will be offering emergency assistance during Holy Week (April 5-9) at the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) and South Luzon Expressway (SLEX).

Services will include free roadside assistance and free towing services. Participating Petron service stations nationwide offer free vehicle safety checks year-round to help motorists ensure that their vehicles are roadworthy and safe for travel. And, in the event that you encounter difficulties on the road, Petron will be there to extend a helping hand. Given that summer is now starting to be rainy, Petron Lakbay Alalay will be there to remind holiday drivers: "Rain or Shine—Drive Safely!"

**Lakbay Alalay Biyahe Para Sa Kalusugan.** In partnership with the Red Cross, Petron will also be providing medical booths at Petron service stations located with the NLEX, SLEX and Star Tollway during the Holy Week (April 5-9).

**Lakbay Alalay Biyahe Para Sa Turismo.** Petron is fully-supporting the Department of Tourism's efforts to promote the provinces in the country as fun tourist destinations. Star Toll cards have been designed to promote key destinations in the Philippines, while welcome streamers and banners will be greeting visitors to Bulacan, Pampanga, La Union, Pangasinan, Baguio City, Laguna, Batangas, Naga City, Palawan, Cebu and Davao.

**Lakbay Alalay Biyahe Para Sa Masayang Pagdiriwang.** Petron will also be showcasing the calendar of fiestas in the Philippines, in further support of the government's tourism promotion efforts.

**Lakbay Alalay Biyahe Para Sa Kabuhayan.** To generate the perfect bond between Petron and the youth, Petron will host a job fair for interested participants sometime in August-September 2012.



YOGA CLINIC. Held last January 28 at Yoga Plus, Bonifacio Global City, OHC members celebrated health & wellness with a 90-minute yoga session that gave them a taste of a healthy, stress-free life.



BACHELOR COOKING. The unexplainable sated pleasure of culinary indulgence was made even more tempting when bachelors dominated the kitchen of the First Gourmet Academy last February 18.



CHOOSE YOUR GLAM. From a simple daytime chic to a glam runway goddess, female OHC members learned the basics of make-up last February 25 at the Suesh Studio in Greenhills, San Juan.



CHIC DAY SPA. A spa treatment for the career-oriented and chic women of OHC was held at Blue Water Day Spa last March 17.

One HYUNDAI CLUB



## The One Hyundai Club Life in Style Journeys Experiencing Life's Different Passions with Hyundai

Hyundai Asia Resources, Inc. (HARI), the official distributor of Hyundai automobiles in the country, celebrates rewarding experiences and one-of-a-kind discoveries through One Hyundai Club (OHC) Life in Style. Designed to cater to OHC members' various lifestyles and passions, the OHC Life in Style treats OHC members to different journeys throughout 2012.

With its launch last January 14, 2012 at the Glorietta Activity Center, OHC Life in Style is the ultimate journey to a life lived in style for OHC members. OHC Life in Style celebrated the first trimester of the year with nine Life in Style Journeys, each a beautiful moment shared with fellow Hyundai owners. From a spa treatment for the chic, a culinary course for OHC bachelors, a tour of Manila's rich culture and history, to a family-oriented movie weekend, each OHC Life in Style journey celebrates life's unique passions. The OHC Life in Style journeys ultimately transform Hyundai to become your mobility partner that shares in your unique lifestyle.

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BLOCK ATTACK. OHC members created a memorable experience with the entire family as they enjoyed the private screening of Dr. Seuss' The Lorax at the Newport Cinema in Resorts World Manila last March 24.



FASHION CONFIDENTIAL FOR MEN. Last March 31, the men of OHC were shown the power of dressing up in an afternoon of integrated personality development at John Robert Powers in Makati.



FLOWER POWER. OHC members give life to the long tradition of artistry behind floral arrangement held at Kartini Asia Spa and Café Alfresco last April 21.



OLD MANILA TOUR. With its rich history and culture, the city of Manila paved way as host for OHC members in a tour back in time of Manila's classic elegance and refinement last April 28.

LITTLE CHEF. Kids added color and fun to culinary favorites when they learned the art of whipping up Pasta Carbonara and Pizza Supreme last April 21 at the Center for Culinary Arts.



## HYUNDAI ELANTRA hailed as the 2011 - 2012 Car of the Year Philippines

THE long wait is finally over. After spending a total of eight test days under the sun, several weeks tallying score sheets, and countless sleepless nights in anticipation, it all boiled down to one special awards night as the Car Awards Group Inc. (CAGI) hailed a new a successor to the Car of the Year title last March 29, 2012 at the 8th Manila International Auto Show (MIAS). Selecting through a total of 36 nominees and 11 finalists, the Hyundai Elantra is now the 2011 - 2012 Car of the Year Philippines (COTY-P).

The Hyundai Elantra stood out not only amongst the vehicles in its class, but also above the rest of the entries for this year's COTY-P. It ranked high in the Qualitative tests, where it was scored based on criteria including aesthetics, comfort, and drivability, and was one of the top performers in the Technical test that evaluated the acceleration, braking, and handling characteristics of each vehicle, while offering great value for money. Presenting the award to the Hyundai Elantra once again proves that the title of Car of the Year Philippines is not for the fastest, cheapest, or most popular car in the market. Rather, it is an award for the car that best caters to the consumers.

"The COTY-P award is well-deserved by the Hyundai Elantra and makes this the 4th COTY award received worldwide by the Elantra. The results are also a validation that CAGI's COTY testing procedures are internationally up to par," remarked CAGI President Ferman Lao.

The Elantra has also won Car of the Year awards worldwide, winning the same title in Canada, North America, and South Africa. This is the first time that a Korean automaker has won Car of the Year in Philippines.

Aside from the prestigious Philippine Car of the Year title, there were also 11 category and special award winners recognized.

### 2011 - 2012 CAR OF THE YEAR CATEGORY WINNERS

- Basic Subcompact Car  
**Kia Picanto 1.0 M/T**
- Subcompact Car  
**Suzuki Swift 1.4 A/T**
- Compact Car  
**Hyundai Elantra 1.8 GLS A/T**
- Crossover  
**Kia Sportage 2.0**
- Luxury Mid sized Car  
**Volvo S60 T4**
- Luxury Compact Crossover  
**MINI Countryman S**
- Midsized SUV 4x2  
**Mitsubishi Montero Sport 4x2 M/T**
- Midsize SUV 4x4  
**Mitsubishi Montero Sport GTV 4x4 A/T**
- Luxury SUV  
**Ford Explorer V6 AWD**
- Pickup 4x2  
**Mitsubishi Strada 4x2 A/T**
- Pickup 4x4  
**Mitsubishi Strada 4x4 A/T**



Kia Picanto 1.0 M/T



Suzuki Swift 1.4 A/T



Volvo S60 T4



MINI Countryman S



Mitsubishi Montero Sport



Ford Explorer



Mitsubishi Strada

### SPECIAL AWARDS

- Standard Insurance Worry-Free Award  
**Chevrolet Cruze Diesel**
- BOSCH Technical Innovation Award  
**My Ford Touch Sync (Ford Explorer)**
- AAP Road Safety Award  
**Volvo S60**
- Papa J's Best Value Award  
**Kia Picanto 1.0 M/T**
- Caltex with Techron Enjoy the Journey Award  
**Nissan Teana 350XV**
- Cartrige World iSwap iCare Award  
**Suzuki Swift 1.4 A/T**
- All Terra All Activity Vehicle Award  
**Toyota Hilux 3.0G 4x4**
- Victoria Court Most Spacious Award  
**Foton MPX 2.8L CRDi Long Wheelbase**
- Red Rock Travel Most Affordable Car Award  
**Lifan LF320 M/T**
- Speedlab Tuner's Choice Award  
**Hyundai Elantra 1.6 M/T**
- Clark International Speedway Motorsports Award  
**Tuason Racing School and Ford Group Philippines (TRS Cup powered by the Ford Fiesta)**

For eight years running, CAGI has recognized the best vehicles in the market, awarding the coveted title of Car of the Year Philippines to the car with the best value for money for consumers. The COTY-P awards is an annual consumer-oriented event organized by CAGI, a non-stock, non-profit organization composed of more than 50 motoring journalists.

The 2011 - 2012 COTY-P awards is presented by the Manila International Auto Show and is supported by the Clark International Speedway, SpeedLab, Caltex Techron, Standard Insurance, BOSCH, Worldbex, Ortigas Home Depot, Automotive Association of the Philippines, Cartridge World, Papa J's Witches n Wings, MG Madrid & Co., All Terra Cyclery, Red Rock Travel, Life Line Ambulance Rescue, Winner Graphics, and Victoria Court with media partners Sunshine TV, Auto Extreme, Auto Review, Stoplight TV, Motoring Today, Auto Focus, 99.5RT, Jam 88.3, Wave 89.1, Kotse.com, Motioncars.com, Autoindustriya.com, Sprocket.ph, MotorCycle Magazine, Gadgets Magazine, Speed Magazine, C! Magazine, Power Wheels, Top Gear Philippines, Business World, Business Mirror, The Philippine Daily Inquirer, The Manila Standard Today, World News, The Philippine STAR, Daily Tribune, Malaya Business Insights, Manila Times, and The Manila Bulletin.

JAPANESE car distributor Suzuki Philippines Inc today breaks into the D-segment and rolls out the Suzuki Kizashi.

Prepare your senses for a "sign of great things to come". This vehicle will be specifically targeted for the discriminating and sophisticated executive class market marking Suzuki Philippines further foray into the highly competitive D-segment of the vehicle industry.

Have an exhilarating experience with Kizashi's powerful driving performance powered by its state-of-the-art 2.4 litre engine coupled with a Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) with 6 speed manual mode specially designed for whisper quiet yet surprisingly powerful performance in low gears while yielding an excellent fuel economy even in the highest gear setting.

Kizashi's exterior appearance is truly a sight to behold, a touch of highest dignity with a subdued sporty demeanor. Kizashi is equipped with intelligent and advanced controls like the Electronic Stability Program (ESP) that adds to the superb driving experience that showcases Suzuki's latest innovation and technology.

#### BEYOND LUXURY: THE INTERIOR

Prepare yourself as you enter Kizashi's spacious interior providing an above standard offering that truly befits an executive class series of its kind. Each details and craftsmanship are expertly designed to truly evoke a harmonious feeling for a greater riding experience.

The ergonomic design of the instrument panel is specially conceived for the drivers real time information needs. The steering wheel is equipped with a Tilt and Telescopic Adjustable Steering Wheel to fit all the different kind of drivers. Evoke that race car feel as you start the engine with a Keyless Push Start System.

Soothe yourself with the comfort of Kizashi's sporty fabric seats for driving comfort. Standard features include ambient and footwell lighting, felt lined glove compartment box and center console storage tray and soft-woven headliner.



## Suzuki Philippines, Inc. Proudly Introduces Kizashi

Engage your listening pleasure with a mellow sound or a senses-shattering loud music with the audio system with an easy sync with iPod inter-connectivity or any portable music device via built-in USB port.

#### SAFETY BEYOND STANDARD

Kizashi was conceived with safety as a primary objective in the design of Kizashi's unique unibody structure, surprisingly lightweight but rigidly strong due to its high-tensile steel material. It combines structures that absorb and dispense impact energy with a deformation resisting cabin structure and greater under floor strength for resistance to impact forces from all directions in case of sudden vehicle collision. Beneath the rigid interior wall are extensive sound insulation suppressant that further reduces external noise for a more quiet, relax atmosphere inside.

Six airbags are included as a standard feature along with an ESP (Electronic Stability Program) that maximizes the driver's control and stability in various conditions.

A highly rigid and light suspension system gives great handling. It has sub frames with floating structures to ensure that the ride is smooth and quiet at all times. The chassis is further reinforced for added stability and greater control.

The ABS (Anti-Lock Braking System) is equipped with the sophisticated four-wheel disc brakes supplied by Akebono Brake Corporation, a world leader in noise, vibration and harshness reduction technology and highly acclaimed as a supplier for Japan's famous Shinkansen trains (bullet trains).

"Suzuki remains true to its pledge of providing small cars for a big future as the Kizashi model proves to be the right fit for drivers who want to remain stylish with their medium-sized sedans. We are rolling out the Kizashi with high confidence that not only will it complete our line-up, but most importantly, Kizashi will usher in a heightened appreciation for Suzuki automobiles", as proudly remarked by Suzuki Philippines President Satoshi Uchida.

## Shell launches new generation of performance fuels

Shell V-Power Nitro+ fuels build on over 100 years of R&D



**O**N June 1, 2012 Shell launches its latest generation of premium performance fuels namely Shell V-Power Nitro+ Gasoline, Shell V-Power Nitro+ Racing and Shell V-Power Nitro + Diesel. The Philippines is one of the first countries in the world to see the introduction of the new premium performance fuels, which will directly replace the Shell V-Power fuels and Shell Super Premium currently available in the Philippines.

New Shell V-Power Nitro+ fuels are formulated to help improve engine performance and deliver more power and responsiveness compared to Shell Standard Fuels. The fuels are designed to start acting instantly in your engine. "With these new gasoline and diesel fuels, we have built on the innovative and successful platform established by our best-selling Shell V-Power fuels and developed new formulations, designed to improve performance and to act instantly in your engine," says

Anthony Lawrence Yam, VP for Retail, Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp (PSPC). "It's exciting to be able to bring this new product to the Philippine market and I believe we have succeeded in making a good product even better! I would encourage drivers to try it and see for themselves what it can do."

#### THE NEXT STEP IN OUR PERFORMANCE FUEL TECHNOLOGY

latest example of this; the next step in the Shell V-Power performance fuel technology story."

#### SHELL V-POWER NITRO+ GASOLINE REPLACES SHELL SUPER PREMIUM

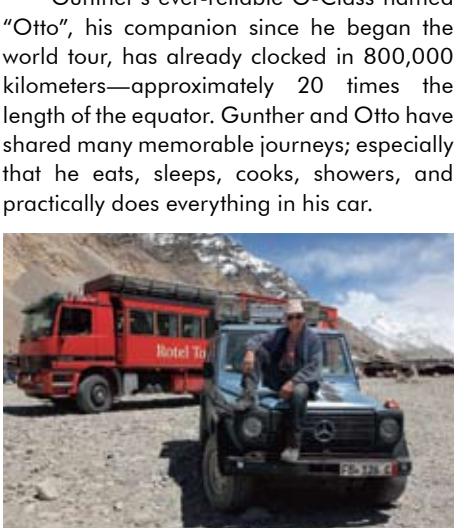
Over the years, car engines have evolved, as have our consumers' needs. In response, Shell developed Shell V-Power Nitro+ Gasoline to replace Shell Super Premium.

"Shell V-Power Nitro+ Gasoline is our latest technology designed to improve performance and act instantly in your engine. The product contains increased detergents designed to prevent and clean-up deposits that affect engine performance. We have also increased the friction modifier content designed to instantly reduce friction in critical engine areas, thereby helping the engine deliver more power," said Pia Que-Ang, Shell V-Power Brand Manager.



**G**LOBETROTTING in his 1988 Mercedes-Benz G-Class for the past 22 years, Gunther Holtorf finally arrives in Philippine shores—the 199th on his continuously growing list of countries in his round-the-world journey.

## German world-record traveller completes Philippine tour in Mercedes-Benz G-Class



Gunther's ever-reliable G-Class named "Otto", his companion since he began the world tour, has already clocked in 800,000 kilometers—approximately 20 times the length of the equator. Gunther and Otto have shared many memorable journeys; especially that he eats, sleeps, cooks, showers, and practically does everything in his car.



#### START OF AN ADVENTURE

Gunther was a former manager of Lufthansa Asia, and has probably flown in to countless countries during his stint. However, jet setting wasn't enough for him.

It was in 1990 when Gunther and his late wife Christine decided to crisscross the African continent. Having travelled from the northernmost tip of Algeria to South Africa to Tanzania and everywhere in between, both realized that they wanted to see the rest of the world, too.

True enough, the husband and wife team had gone from the southernmost tip of America in Tierra del Fuego all the way up to Canada and Alaska, crossed all the way to Australia, and circled the Middle East and Asia.

Unfortunately, Christine succumbed to cancer in 2010, and Gunther continued his tour with Otto alone since then.

#### PHILIPPINE TOUR

Gunther stayed in the country from April to May to complete the Philippine leg of Otto's Round-The-World Record Tour. His tour of the Philippine archipelago started towards the southern region, where he hopped from island to island in Visayas and Mindanao via a RORO (roll-on/roll-off).

The trip down south included visits to famous tourist destinations like Mt. Apo, Mt. Mayon, Taal Volcano, Bohol and Puerto Galera. He also continued his tour to other Mindanao provinces like Zamboanga, Cotabato and even ARMM.

To wrap up his Philippine expedition,

Gunther drove Otto all the way up to Northern Luzon, where he and Otto trekked the Bontoc-Sagada-Banaue area and visited other provinces in the region.

"I really enjoyed my stay in the Philippines. Apart from the beautiful scenery and the rich culture, what made my trip here worthwhile is the warm hospitality of the people I met along the way. The Filipinos are very friendly and are always willing to lend a hand. Now I know why 'It's more fun in the Philippines', Gunther shares.

After the Philippine leg, Gunther is planning to continue his Round-The-World Record Tour in Japan.

# Mitsubishi Motors Philippines collaborates with Department of Energy and MERALCO on i-MiEV Electric Car Evaluation

**M**ITSUBISHI Motors Phils. Corp. (MMPC) is pleased to announce that an Electric Vehicle or EV Cooperation Agreement with the Department of Energy (DOE) and MERALCO is underway which mainly covers the use of Mitsubishi Motors' zero emission electric car the i-MiEV (i-Mitsubishi innovative Electric Vehicle), for evaluation and demonstration purposes. MMPC will be the first auto manufacturer to bring in a pure electric car in the country given that its principal Mitsubishi Motors Corporation is in the forefront of EV development.

This collaboration project will entail MMPC to lend demo cars of i-MiEV to both DOE and MERALCO for the purpose of studying EV's behaviors and performance when utilized in Metro Manila in various conditions, and also examine the impact to power system when EV is charged. The outcome of the evaluation will enhance the understanding of EV and determine the requirements of supporting charging infrastructure. It will also be a preparatory step toward the possible future introduction and create greater public awareness of electric vehicles.

The ceremonial turnover was staged at the 2nd Electric Vehicle Summit 2012 wherein MMPC President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Hikosaburo Shibata presented to DOE Secretary Jose Almendras, and MERALCO President Manuel Pangilinan the first i-MiEV unit to be used under this EV Cooperation Agreement. MMPC was also invited as a resource company in this EV Summit to provide an overview of Mitsubishi Motors EV business being in the forefront of EV development.

Mr. Hikosaburo Shibata said that "This collaboration project is just timely given the various challenges the automobile is facing today which includes environmental pollution, global warming and the rising cost and depletion of petroleum-based energy supplies." Shibata added that "We are pleased to be the first auto manufacturer in the Philippines to collaborate with DOE and MERALCO to evaluate the potential role of electric vehicles in the society and also addressing environment issues."

The EV Summit is part of the continuous effort of the government, non-government organizations and private sectors on the promotion and development of green vehicles such as electric vehicles, in response to the significant environmental and economic demands.

Organizing this summit are the Department of Trade and Industry, Manila Economic and Cultural Office, Electric Vehicle Association of the Philippines, Meralco, Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities and Partnership for Clean Air. This will be held on May 24 to 25, 2012 at the Meralco Multipurpose Hall. The theme is "Mobilizing the Region in Electric Vehicle Promotion and Development."

## TURN OVER CEREMONY



From Left to Right:  
Taizo Furuhashi – Executive Vice President, Mitsubishi Motors Phils. Corp.; Honorable Francis Tolentino – MMA Chairman; Manuel V. Pangilinan – President and CEO, Meralco; Honorable Sec. Jose Rene Almendras – Department of Energy; Honorable Usec. Cristina Panlilio – Department of Trade and Industry; Hikosaburo Shibata – President and CEO, Mitsubishi Motors Phils. Corp. Oscar Reyes – COO Meralco



## ABOUT THE i-MIEV

**L**AUNCHED by Mitsubishi Motors in 2009, the i-MiEV as the ultimate eco-car, a solution to the various challenges the automobile faces today including environmental pollution, global warming and the depletion of petroleum-based energy supplies. Aside from being environmentally friendly, the i-MiEV is also very economical since the cost per kilometer to drive the i-MiEV is one third of a comparable gasoline vehicle. Cost per kilometer can drop of up to one ninth of that of gasoline depending on the cost of electricity. Charging the i-MiEV is very convenient since it can be charged anywhere with electric power source. There are two ways of charging this car such as using a normal 220-volt outlet and a quick charger. It takes about 7 hours to charge on a 220 volt and 30 minutes for the quick charger to charge up to 80% of battery capacity once the battery is almost empty.

With its zero carbon dioxide tailpipe emissions and minimal well-to-wheel generation of carbon dioxide, the i-MiEV makes a valuable contribution to climate protection which also made it to be the recipient of the "Environment Special Grand Prize" at the 25th International Automobile festival in Paris.

To date, the i-MiEV is now selling in many countries and regions all over the world, including Japan, Europe, Hong Kong, Australia, Estonia and in the United States and Canada sales of i-MiEV started last year. In Japan, the i-MiEV has been in the market since July 2009 and it was later launched in Europe by the end of 2010. Since then Mitsubishi Motors has sold around 4,000 units in Japan and has exported a total of over 10,000 units. Mitsubishi Motors Corporation is collaborating with other countries like the Principality of Monaco, Iceland, Denmark, Singapore, Thailand and others in their efforts to popularize EVs.

Mercedes-Benz was one of the first to use such technologies, partnering with OEM supplier and developer Bosch for anti-lock brakes, traction control and stability control systems. Other German manufacturers such as BMW and Audi have their own technologies to ensure that their cars -especially the high powered models- are safe to drive for anyone.

Many of the other manufacturers in the sports car and super car classes draw on decades of experience in motorsport competition. Porsche is one, and their cars utilize their own systems for safety, especially since the rear-engine rear wheel drive layout of their iconic sports car, the 911, is inherently unstable. Things like Porsche Stability Management (PSM) and Porsche Traction Management (PTM) are standard equipment, along with the extra stability offered by four-wheel drive systems.

Ferrari is one of the leaders in such technologies, as expected from one of the oldest and most competitive teams in Formula One. Models such as the California, 458 and FF use technologies like F1-Trac and an advanced stability control system. The FF, the new hatchback from Ferrari, also uses 4-wheel drive.

Lamborghini is a supercar manufacturer known for cars named after famous fighting bulls. The brand's earlier models like the Diablo and Countach were notoriously difficult to drive hard, and thus the brand gained a reputation as 'widow-makers'. Today's Lambos are much safer than the supercars of old, using the very latest in manufacturing technology such as carbon-fiber construction (for lighter weights and better strength than steel), as well as being fitted with sophisticated traction control, stability control and four-wheel drive technologies..

More than that, many of the manufacturers of high performance machines also make it a point to host their customers at track days and driver training events. BMW has their driver programs in Germany, while Mercedes has the AMG Driving Academy, teaching their customers how to handle their cars. Porsche has the Porsche World Roadshow to teach customers and participants how to maximize the potentials of their 911s, Caymans and Boxsters, and tours various locations and countries to do so.

On top of the many programs that manufacturers offer, there are many schools that offer high performance driving lessons for a fee. Overseas, people can enroll at the Skip Barber Racing School (U.S.) or at the Bondurant School of High Performance Driving (U.S.). Locally, the leading organization that teaches people the basics as well as advanced aspects of high performance driving is the Tuason Racing School, headed by JP Tuason.

Car safety may be particularly tricky, even contradictory to an extent, when it comes to sports and super cars. High horsepower figures, high speeds and quick acceleration don't usually appear with the word "safety" in a sentence.

Nevertheless, premium and sports car manufacturers spend billions of dollars to make their cars safer by developing high tech solutions to make the car's abilities more manageable.

More to the point, long experience has taught us that machines -whether in supercars or regular family compact cars- need to be treated and used with a lot of respect. Much like a horse will not respect a careless rider, a car (especially a powerful one) will not respect our driving abilities nor will it coddle a driver's inadequacies, faults or bad habits.

Road safety doesn't just mean having a safer car. It begins and ends with us: the nuts behind the wheel. **aq**



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# TOO HOT TO HANDLE

## Supercars and safety

THERE'S no doubt about it, cars are getting faster, more complex, and more dangerous.

Especially in the field of supercars and sports cars, horsepower figures and speeds have increased so much that it begs the question: are they still safe?

Over the years, manufacturers have developed and incorporated so many new systems to keep things in check, to ensure that customers that buy their cars have the very best in safety. After all, no manufacturer in the supercar or sportscar business want tragedies associated with their cars, and as a result, many sportscars have advanced systems as standard equipment on top of the usual airbags. >> TURN TO PAGE 47



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A photograph of three young adults (two women and one man) standing outdoors next to a silver car. They are all smiling and looking down at a silver tablet device held by the man in the center. The woman on the left is wearing a red top and a gold watch. The woman on the right is wearing an orange top and dark pants. The man in the center is wearing a pink shirt and a straw hat. The background is a bright blue sky.

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