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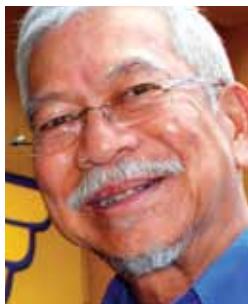
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**Gus Lagman**  
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# Beauty contests: More fun in the Philippines

**T**HEIR comments were totally expected: "The sun, the sand, and the beach are just beautiful. The people are warm and very helpful. And your staff—they're so cooperative; they delivered everything that we asked for and agreed to even the last-minute schedule changes we requested. In fact, if we were in their place, we would have been angry because of all the demands we made. But no, they remained cool. They're unbelievable! It was very different when we did our pageant photo-shoots in another Asian country last year."

Those were from some of the crew members I interviewed.

A dreamy-eyed lady said "I'm just so happy that we are here. You know, it's minus 10°C in our country right now." Another quipped, "Unlike yours, our country is not surrounded by an ocean and many seas. We only have rivers. You are a lucky people!" Still another added, "Everybody is so friendly. It's incredible that there are such people."

And who are these ladies?

They are three of the 10 finalists of the 2013 Miss Czech Republic beauty pageant and they were in the Philippines from January 24 to February 5 to shoot the photos and videos that will be shown during the pageant finals sometime in March.

Their itinerary included five days in Palawan and five days in Cebu. While they, of course, visited the famous St. Paul Underground River near Sabang, most of the shoots were done on the beach fronting the Daluyon Resort Hotel and in its nicely landscaped garden. They also did shoots in unlikely places, like the Puerto Princesa market, in a ricefield, and while driving and painting(!) a jeepney.

Accompanying them were an official of the pageant and a team composed of a hairdresser, a make-up artist, a TV news reporter, a magazine writer and about a dozen photographers and cameramen. Their output will be featured lengthily during the final night of the pageant and surely millions in the Czech Republic and neighboring countries would be watching the photos and video clips on the Philippines and would see how much more fun it truly is in our country.

**“ AAP is now actively involved in Tourism through a wholly-owned spinoff company called AAP Travel. ”**

Now, what am I doing writing about tourism and the Czech beauties? The quick answer is that AAP organized their trip here as well as their itinerary in the Philippines.

A backgrounder: AAP is affiliated with the Alliance Internationale de Tourisme (AIT), whose principal concern is Mobility and Tourism. AAP is also affiliated with the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), whose principal concern in the past was solely, Motor Sports. The two organizations merged about six years ago with FIA as the surviving entity. FIA is therefore now operating two major divisions—"Mobility and Tourism" and "Motor Sports".

Following the trend among FIA members, AAP is now actively involved in Tourism through a wholly-owned spinoff company called AAP Travel. While its main thrust is domestic tourism for both foreign and local tourists, it can also organize trips for outbound travelers. Its worldwide network of contacts (FIA has a membership of 232 auto clubs) puts AAP Travel at a terrific advantage to engage in this activity.

AAP Travel has packaged many local tours and has tested some of them, on a big scale, through the caravans that it has organized.

Back to the Miss Czech Republic finalists story: Sometime last year, while attending an FIA conference in Prague, an AAP Director—former Tourism Secretary Mina Gabor—met an executive of a Czech Republic travel agency who happens to also be a member of the beauty pageant organizing committee. She was told that in early 2012, they brought the finalists to an Asian country to shoot photos and videos. Mina grabbed the opportunity and offered the Philippines to be their destination for 2013. One thing led to another and, the rest, as they say, is history.

I had the pleasant task of accompanying the Ms Czech Republic party to the Palawan photo shoot. I must say that to be surrounded for several days by statuesque beauties (they're 173 to 181 cm tall) wearing the skimpiest bikinis was a wonderful experience for me.

But more than this, what is important is the tourism potential. By the time you read this, our country's beautiful sights and natural wonders would have been shown on television to millions of viewers in the Czech Republic and the other nations of Eastern Europe, undoubtedly attracting them to visit and have more fun in the Philippines. **ao**

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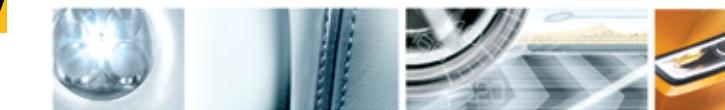
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# Changes In The Global Auto Market

**A**S 2013 unfolds and the Philippine Gross Domestic Product maintains its strength, hopes are high for the progress of the automotive industry—which is one of the major indicators of economic growth. A look at developments in other markets will show us trends in the global auto industry that may affect ours.

There's more than meets the eye in the declining demand for new cars in Japan where sales fell again last year, and in the European Union where automobile sales plunged to their lowest level in 15 years to a little over 12 million units. In contrast, 18 million cars were sold in China in 2012 and the market is expected to grow further to 21 million vehicles this year and 30 million by 2020. China overtook the United States as the world's biggest car market back in 2009.

The Asia-Pacific market is also expanding. In 2012, Indonesian vehicle sales climbed 17 percent to 900,000 units with projections to hit 1.1 million units this year and three million cars a year an eventual target according to industry analysts. A much more modest growth rate was posted by the auto industry in the Philippines, where 185,000 new vehicles were sold in 2012. The more optimistic industry leaders expect total sales to reach 200,000 units this year.

Slack economic growth is naturally being blamed for the slump in car sales in Europe and Japan, but industry analysts are worried that even when Europe's economy rebounds, the car market may never regain the nearly 16 million new vehicles registered in 2007. Changing demographics are inevitably affecting auto markets. In Japan, the graying population bodes ill for car sales now or in the future. As the population ages, car owners drive less, reducing wear on their vehicles. And cars today last longer than the cars produced a few decades ago.

An analyst at Morgan Stanley said high fuel cost, increased online shopping and social interaction, plus congested roads in increasingly crowded cities are combining to make Europeans drive less. In addition, auto markets are nearly saturated because of the comparatively young age of Europe's passenger car fleet (an average 8.4 years old compared with around 11 years in the United States, where the average is rising.)

The head of European auto industry research at UBS in London pointed out that most car purchases in the United States and Europe over the past five years had been to replace older cars, with only 2 percent of car sales there representing net additions to the total stock. This is largely different in emerging markets where 70 percent of new-car sales were net additions to consumer fleets.

It is small wonder auto manufacturers are investing heavily in emerging markets. Volkswagen AG, the first European carmaker to enter China, plans to invest a further €14 billion through 2016 in new factories and the launch of new models after spending a cumulative €12.4 billion (\$15.76 billion) from 1985, when it entered China, up to 2011. General Motors and its Chinese joint venture partners are building a third manufacturing plant costing \$1 billion

to increase annual production to 2 million vehicles by the end of 2015. Volvo Car is opening a plant in Chengdu this year that will produce vehicles for the domestic market only—the Chinese market is that large and still growing. In Asia, BMW sales rose 30 percent in 2012 including a 39-percent increase in China.

In Indonesia, as a result of the rise of an increasingly affluent middle class after years of steady economic growth, 1,000 new vehicles every day hit the streets of Jakarta, one of the biggest cities in the world. The Toyota Motor group, which includes Daihatsu, dominates Indonesia's passenger vehicle market with a 60-percent market share. Over the next five years, Toyota plans to spend up to \$2.7 billion to expand its capacity and maintain its pole position in Indonesia, now Southeast Asia's largest economy.

Since Indonesia has the world's fourth-largest population after China, India and the US, and most Indonesians have never owned a car (less than one in 20 of Indonesia's 240 million people own cars) and the population is younger than the world average, these factors—plus the booming economy and stable politics—make the country one of the world's last promising growth markets. Much of Indonesia's economy is driven by domestic demand rather than by exports to the West, thus the rapid pace of its growth while developed economies struggle.

Meanwhile in Europe, the older generation's car-based way of life seems to be losing its appeal for many young people, especially in cities with efficient urban transit systems and a bicycle-riding tradition. Aside from the aging population, Europe is truly a "mature" market in that sense. Even in the United States, some younger consumers prefer to acquire the latest high-tech gadgets such as a smartphone or a tablet or travel abroad rather than hand over the down payment for a new car. Fading interest in auto ownership seems to reflect a generational change. It may be due to genuine concern for the environment or disillusionment with the materialistic, status-seeking lifestyle.

On the other hand, the young nouveau riche in emerging markets still aspire to drive a premium German brand like Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, BMW or Audi if not Ferrari, Lamborghini, Rolls Royce, Bentley and Maserati. Luxury car makers are fascinated by the fact that the average millionaire in China is in his or her early 40s. Noting that the young, newly rich want more compact, fuel-efficient, technology-laden and sporty vehicles rather than the big limos and imposing executive sedans that the older generation drives, global car manufacturers are scrambling to meet that demand.

In the smaller, less affluent economies of Southeast Asia like the Philippines where there is no efficient or extensive public transportation system, owning a motor vehicle is a necessity, not a luxury. This is why competition is fiercest in the budget car and light commercial vehicle segments. Meanwhile in Singapore, the No.1 brand overall is not a mass-market brand, but BMW, reflecting the prosperity of the city state. Will the Philippine car market ever reach that level? **QQ**

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- Must be able and willing to devote time and energy to attend the meetings and activities of the AAP as a member of the Board of Directors.
- Must send a brief resume to the Nominations Committee, c/o AAP Executive Office, 28 EDSA, Greenhills San Juan City 1500. The deadline for submission of nominations is on April 6, 2013.
- Must pass the evaluation of the Nominations Committee. The evaluation will focus on the willingness of the nominee to volunteer his/her time and energy to the Association.
- Must be present at AAP's general membership meeting on April 24, 2013.

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## 3rd Usapan AAP:

### Industry leaders forecast 10% growth in 2013

THE Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) scored a precedent when it got Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines, Inc. (CAMPI) president Atty. Rommel Gutierrez and Association of Vehicle Importers and Distributors (AVID) president Ma. Fe Perez-Agudo together with Board of Investments (BOI) Executive Director Lucita P. Reyes as panelists for the February 7, 2013 Usapan AAP, a motoring-related media forum held by AAP every month with Cito Beltran as emcee.

Gutierrez is a vice president at Toyota Motor Philippines, the long-time market leader, while Agudo is president and chief executive officer of Hyundai Asia Resources, which is ranked No. 3 in terms of sales volume.

After the welcome remarks delivered by AAP president Gus Lagman, the auto industry leaders shared their outlook in 2013 while the BOI official elaborated on what the government is doing to grow the industry. Both Gutierrez and Agudo expressed optimism about the year ahead with an expected 10-percent growth from the previous year, thanks to the continuing strength of the economy and consumer confidence. Gutierrez revealed that some local assemblers plan to increase production to meet growing market demand while Agudo said the arrival of new, exciting models will further spur sales.

Gutierrez added that the industry is thankful for the government's support "though we haven't seen the roadmap yet," referring to the BOI's long-awaited roadmap for the development of the auto industry. BOI's Reyes said the Department of Trade and Industry has always been supportive of the auto industry. She emphasized that for several years now, the government has been consulting and meeting with both CAMPI and AVID members regarding the roadmap that is being finalized and that will be out in about two months.

Reyes said the BOI is determined to upgrade the local car manufacturing industry to make the Philippines competitive in the ASEAN region. This would require government

policy intervention reversing the present industry ratio where 52 percent of the motor vehicles are imported CBU (completely built up) while only 48 percent are locally assembled from CKD (completely knocked down) parts.

During the open forum, motoring and business reporters asked the panelists about issues on technical smuggling of cars, the impact of the Supreme Court decision upholding the law against the importation and sale of used cars, tax incentives the government plans to offer to encourage more investments in vehicle and parts manufacturing, and plans to change the excise tax structure.

An overflow audience attended the Usapan AAP, the third of a series and partook of the buffet lunch offered by AAP when the program ended at 12 noon. Among the VIPs present aside were CAMPI vice president and Nissan Motors Philippines senior vice president Val de Leon, BOI Manufacturing Industries Department director Rudy Cana, Philippine Automotive Federation, Inc. secretary general Frank Nacua, Universal Motors Corp. special projects consultant Cesar Mendigo, CAMPI Secretary General Marissa Concepcion, Philippine Global Road Safety Partnership executive director Alberto Suansing, and Motor Image Pilipinas/Subaru president Michael Ramon Luyun and marketing manager Saul Babas.



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# Parañaque steps up compliance on alcoholic drinks sales

After having learned the effects of drunk-driving from the recent Driving Under the Influence (DUI) forum organized by the Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) Road Safety Committee, the local government of Parañaque City distributed flyers and notices regarding the strict compliance of business establishments with the ordinance on the selling of alcoholic beverages within the city premises.

The City of Parañaque, headed by Mayor Florencio Bernabe Jr., consulted AAP Vice President Johnny Angeles and UP-PGH/PCS Dr. Orlando Ocampo on how to amend their existing ordinance to comply with the suggestions made at the forum. After the amendments have been approved by the City Council, AAP donated breath analyzers, and strict implementation commenced.



## New rules affecting AAP membership benefits

EFFECTIVE March 1, 2013, the AAP Board has imposed new rules regarding the benefits/privileges for AAP members particularly those needing the club's 24/7 emergency roadside service and LTO registration assistance.

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- 2** Members may change vehicles registered under their accounts as long as the new vehicle is duly registered under their names with the LTO. The CR or the OR must be presented as proof to facilitate the change, and a 24-hour processing lag is required before they can avail of benefits.
- 3** Members who have three-year memberships may use their cumulative benefits (towing service, flat tire change, dead battery service, and fuel provision) any time during the validity of their memberships.
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# AAP Travel brings Czech pre-pageant activities to PHL

**A**AP Travel opened for business only last November but it promptly won an international project that will promote the Philippines as a primary destination for Eastern European tourists.

AAP director Mina Gabor coordinated with the Department of Tourism (DOT) and Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) to persuade ESO Travel, the biggest travel operator in Eastern Europe, to choose the Philippines as its exotic Asian destination for the pre-pageant activities of the Miss Czech Republic finalists from January 24 to February 5.

AAP Travel spearheaded preparing and making arrangements together with the DOT, DFA, local government leaders and private sector sponsors for the stay of the Czech entourage in host cities Pasay, Puerto Princesa, Cebu and Subic Bay Freeport where the pre-pageant events will be staged.

On January 18, Gabor and AAP Travel executive director Eva Carmona went to NAIA to meet the advance team led by the film director and production crew who were brought the next day to Palawan to look over the sites. On January 24, AAP Travel welcomed the main party consisting of the Ms. Czech Republic finalists and journalists from major Czech newspapers, radio and television stations and Internet sites.

Evelyn Garcia, Philippine Ambassador to the Czech Republic, said, "The Philippines will be in the vacation radar of Czech travelers when the Czechs read, listen and see the finalists experiencing what we mean when we say it is much more fun in the Philippines. She revealed that the Underground River in Palawan was specified by Czech organizers as a must-see destination. "The Czechs have a connection with the Underground River," she pointed out. "The Czechs' support to vote the Underground River as one of the new Wonders of the World was overwhelming." The Czechs are also supporting the conservation of the tarsier in Bohol.



## FIA Clubs' International Reciprocity benefits

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## 2012 PTCC DRIVER'S CHAMPIONSHIP POINT STANDINGS

DRIVER / COMPETITOR	PTCC SERIES OVERALL (DIVISION 1 200HP CLASS)	RATING	RND 1	RND 2	RND 3	RND 4	RND 5	RND 6	RND 7	RND 8	RND 9	RND 10	RND 11	RND 12	T	F	RANK
WILLIAM TAN	2GO / PROMITHIUM RACING TEAM	B	20	20	20	12	D.N.F.	15	15	10	10				122		1st
DWIGHT KEVIN CARLOS	DKC RACING	B	12	15	12	15	D.Q	6	4	3	4				71		7th
ARNEL CARLOS	DKC RACING	B	0	10	15	6	10	10	8	6	8				73		6th
DON DON PORTUGAL		B	15	0	8	8	15	12	10	8	N.C.				76		4th
ENZO PASTOR	CIRCUIT SHOWDOWN	A	0	12	10	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	12	20	20				74		5th
ULY MANINGDING	EXPLORER MOTORSPORTS	B	10	8	0	20	20	8	N.C.	12	12				90		3rd
JOEY PERY	FOREX	B	0	6	0	10	12	20	20	15	15				98		2nd
JOSELU ROMERO-SALAS		C	0	0	6	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	6	4				22		8th
DENNIS UY	SEAOIL / VELOCITY RACING A	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	DNS	DNS	DNS	N.R.	D.N.F.	D.N.S.	N.R.	N.R.			0		
RAMIL MADRIAGA	IRM RACING TEAM	B	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.			0		

DRIVER / COMPETITOR	PTCC SERIES OVERALL (DIVISION 2 150HP CLASS)	RATING	RND 1	RND 2	RND 3	RND 4	RND 5	RND 6	RND 7	RND 8	RND 9	RND 10	RND 11	RND 12	T	F	RANK
LEO SAN JUAN	NISSAN COMMONWEALTH	C	20	20	12	12	15	20	15	10	15				139		1st
JEFF BORJA	SEAOIL / DARKSIDE RACING TEAM	B	12	10	20	20	8	DNS	20	20	20				130		2th
DOUGLAS MANINGDING	EXPLORER MOTORSPORTS	C	10	12	15	10	20	15	12	12	12				118		3rd
JONMARK ONG	ETHANWORX RACING TEAM	C	15	15	0	15	12	12	10	15	10				104		4th
BAYANI VARGAS	MP TURBO	C	8	8	10	8	6	D.N.F.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.				32		6th
JOJO LAVINA	IRM MOTORSPORTS	C	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.				0		
DOMINIC UY	SEAOIL MAKO / VELOCITY RACING	C	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.				0		
ALLEN MACARAIG	MAPTAN RACING TEAM	C	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	6	10	10	8	8	8				50		5th

DRIVER / COMPETITOR	PTCC SERIES OVERALL (DIVISION 3 100HP CLASS)	RATING	RND 1	RND 2	RND 3	RND 4	RND 5	RND 6	RND 7	RND 8	RND 9	RND 10	RND 11	RND 12	T	F	RANK
ALLAN ARGUELLES	CIRCUIT SHOWDOWN	N	20	20	20	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	15	15	15				105		1st
ALLEN MACARAIG	MAPTAN RACING TEAM	C	15	15	15	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.				45		3rd
PAUL ARIS ANGULAN	SHIFT RACING TEAM	N	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	20	20	20					60		2nd

LEGENDS: D.N.F. - Did not Finish    D.Q. - Disqualified (Regulation Infringes)  
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 D.N.S. - Did not Start

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2nd - 15	4th - 10	6th - 6	8th - 3	10th - 1



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# FIA group launches new magazine

**T**HE FIA family—composed of the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), FIA Foundation and FIA Institute—has launched a new international journal called *AUTO*.

The publication provides a window into the world of the FIA Family, offering access to all of its areas of responsibility—as the governing body for motor sport; as the federation of the world's automobile clubs; as an international charity for road safety; and as a global think-tank for motor sport safety and sustainability.

But it is not just about the FIA family's work. *AUTO* also covers the latest and most pressing issues across motor sport and motoring, with content that reflects important areas such as safety, development and innovation.

Jean Todt, FIA President, said: "Since I became President of the FIA I have wanted to bring together the knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm of the

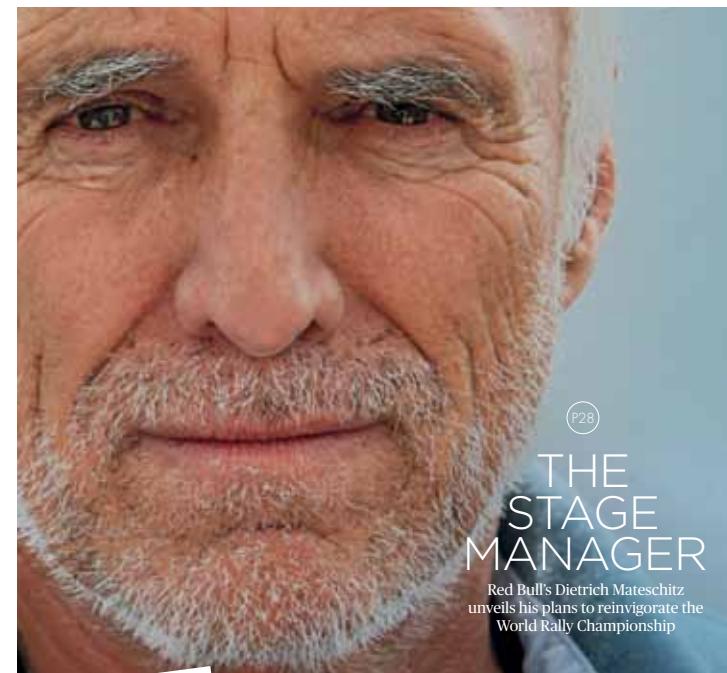
FIA, FIA Foundation and FIA Institute. By communicating the often vitally important they do, we can further engage with all of the stakeholders in the arenas of motor sport, transport, safety, sustainability and beyond."

Gérard Saillant, FIA Institute president, said: "We are delighted to be able to offer a magazine that will now combine the best features from across the FIA family. The joint publication offers a unique forum for informed debate with exclusive content driven by the most recent developments across the motor sport and motoring sectors."

David Ward, FIA Foundation director general said: "At the heart of our activities as an independent charity working in the public interest is a focus on advancing the global



# AUTO



## P28 THE STAGE MANAGER

Red Bull's Dietrich Mateschitz unveils his plans to reinvigorate the World Rally Championship

agendas on road safety and environmental sustainability. *AUTO* will provide important coverage of the latest developments in these areas. This magazine will also offer a valuable insight into our collaborative efforts to support key initiatives such as the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety."

Each issue of *AUTO* includes news, features, interviews and photography from motor sport and motoring across the world, demonstrating all that is unique, significant and worthwhile in these industries through intelligent and rigorous analysis and debate.

The publication also builds on the success of the FIA Institute's external magazine IQ and the FIA's internal publication InMotion, bringing together the best of both. The new joint publication will replace these and continue to expand on their successes. It is distributed quarterly to all members of the FIA family, as well as the wider motor sport and motoring communities. **aq**

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**Cebu and Czech beauties.** At Fort San Pedro in Cebu City, Ms Cebu and her consort welcome the Czech visitors.



# Keeping the Philippines in Czech

Story by Kap Maceda Aguila

THE Czech Republic—landlocked and hugged in its distant European perch by Austria, Germany, Slovakia, and Poland—hardly sounds like a place to peddle the Philippines as a tourist destination. It is far from our sun-soaked shores, white-sand beaches, and verdant mountain ranges.

But Prague-based Ambassador Evelyn Garcia would digress. In fact, she thinks it's a good place as any to start the lobby. In line with the Department of Tourism's now famous tourism drive that piggybacks on the catchy "It's More Fun in the Philippines" tag, the Philippine Embassy in Prague conceived of and commenced with a pitch to promote our country as an "exotic destination for summer tourism."

Come to think of it, even our national hero Jose Rizal (along with mentor Ferdinand Blumentritt) might have joined such an effort. The two well-traveled scholars had found themselves in the Czech town of

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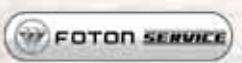
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Litomerice (Leitmeritz), where Blumentritt was said to have translated the *Noli Me Tangere* into German and wrote the preface to El Filibusterismo.

A century and a half later, ESO Travel (the largest tour operator in the Czech Republic) and AAP Travel (subsidiary of the Automobile Association Philippines) teamed up with the Department of Tourism and the Department of Foreign Affairs to host pre-pageant activities of Miss Czech Republic 2013.

AAP director Mina Gabor, who concurrently heads AAP Travel, attended the FIA Conference Week in Prague in June 2012 "and learned that the 2012 pre-pageant activities had been filmed in Thailand, thereby promoting that country's tourism industry in Eastern Europe." Why couldn't the same be done for the Philippines? she wondered.



Czech beauties with AAP director Mina Gabor (center).



Visitors from the Czech Republic were welcomed at the Cebu-Mactan International Airport by airport manager Paul Villarete and DOT Region 7 Director Rowena Montecillo.

Quickly getting ESO Travel on board, AAP Travel proceeded to make arrangements with the other aforementioned stakeholders.

Ambassador Garcia, heartened by the project, said: "The Philippines will be in the vacation radar of Czech travelers when they read, listen, and see the finalists experiencing what we mean when we say it is much more fun in the Philippines."

She continued: "Among the Czechs, the major influences in choosing a travel destination are the warm weather, recommendations of friends and television programs. The luxury Czech segment loves a place that is safe, with a lot of sun and smiling people and where they can eat, party, drink beer and be merry under the sun."

So, the statuesque candidates of Miss Ceska arrived on January 24 for



Ms Ceska contestants with AAP President Gus Lagman.

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jaunts to choice local destinations such as Palawan and Cebu—crucially covered by Czech media as the beauties went on “fun experiences... with the hospitality, friendliness, Filipino way of life, and major natural, cultural, and heritage destinations.” It should be additionally mentioned that the Czech Republic is presently involved in the protection of the world-renowned tarsiers of Bohol.

The Czech beauties, accompanied by an ESO production crew and 30 top Czech print and television journalists, were treated to a welcome dinner by AAP Travel at Resorts World Manila, the host hotel. The next morning, they paid a courtesy call to Pasay City Mayor Antonino G. Calixto and Pasay City Congresswoman Emi C.

Rubiano, followed by a visit to the Philippine School for the Deaf at F.B. Harrison, Pasay City, where they donated educational materials.

In the evening, they graced the launching party of the Audi Q3, the newest SUV from Ingolstadt, Germany, at the glittering showroom of PGA Cars in Bonifacio Global City. The Ms. Czech finalists were introduced onstage to the guests and given the honor of unveiling four of the other all-new Audi cars displayed in the showroom.

The next day, the Czech group flew via AirphilExpress to Puerto Princesa City to enjoy the beaches and tour the world-famous St. Paul Underground River, which the Czech Republic supported in its bid

to be voted one of the new Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Puerto Princesa City Mayor Edward Hagedorn gave them a warm welcome. In Palawan, the Ms Czech Republic finalists were hosted by Hotel Centro, Legend Hotel, Daluyon Resort and the DOT Region 7 office headed by Rowena Montecillo.

After six days of soaking up the sun on the beautiful beaches of Palawan, interacting with the people, partying and trying out their skills at some of the province's traditional arts and crafts, the Czech beauties flew to Cebu via Philippine Airlines for six more days of social activities, cultural/historic tours, gastronomic discoveries and sun, sand and sea. The group was welcomed at

“The Czech Republic, by the way, is the world’s biggest consumer of beer—with Germany only ranking second.”



After days of filming, the Czech finalists took a break at the Kinabuch bar in Puerto Princesa City. Drinking beer is part of Czech culture, history and cuisine. The Czech guests eased homesickness with San Miguel beer.

Plantation Bay Resort and San Miguel Brewery hosted a farewell dinner at the Savannah Garden Grill. The group partied and danced all night, drinking San Miguel beer. The Czech Republic, by the way, is the world's biggest consumer of beer—with Germany only ranking second.

These pre-pageant activities will be beamed during the finals this March to an eager Czech (and Eastern European) viewership, affording first-hand insight into our nation's sights, sounds, and myriad of delights. You don't need a genius to tell you that this is very good for putting the Philippines on the table as a tourist destination for discriminating travelers.

Eye candy, as it were, begets more eye candy. The strategy is simple as it is genius — to highlight Philippine points of interest from the fresh perspectives of the pageant candidates. The collaborative effort of the organizers also focuses on "socially responsible tourist behavior" towards sustainable tourism.

Even as it primarily targeted Eastern European travelers, Miss Ceska's 2013 foray into Philippine destinations no doubt brings renewed interest among domestic or local tourists who vicariously saw their country through new, albeit foreign, eyes. The pageant culminates in March—and all eyes will be on the beauty of the candidates and, no doubt, our country as well.

Aside from AAP Travel, the DOT and DFA, the major partners that made the Ms Czech Republic project possible were Pasay City headed by Mayor Antonino

Calixto, Resorts World Manila headed by Kingston Sian, Audi Philippines headed by Benedicto Coyiuto, San Miguel Brewery, Philippine Airlines and AirphilExpress headed by Ramon S. Ang, Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Hagedorn and the Palawan provincial tourism office headed by Rebecca Labid, Hotel Centro, Legend Hotel, Daluyon Resort in Palawan, the DOT Region 7 office headed by Rowena Montecillo,



A Ms Czech contestant tries her hand at shaping pottery in Liloan, Cebu

Plantation Bay and the International School of Sustainable Tourism headed by former Tourism Secretary now AAP director Mina Gabor.

This laudable venture is seen to fit into the macro view of increasing foreign tourists to 10 million and domestic tourists to 35.5 million by 2016.

Possible? *Ano samozřejmě* (yes, of course)! **aq**



Fernando Alegre, president of Alegre Guitars in Mactan, teaches a Czech visitor how to make a Cebu guitar.



In Cebu City, a Ms Czech finalist checks out a big bike of the Highway Patrol Group escorting the Czech visitors.

# Have permit... will drive

**D**ON'T you hate it when you and your travel buddies are forced to wait for other parties to return to the tour bus so you can proceed to your next destination? Don't you wish you can stay at a certain destination for a little while longer—just so you can take pictures of that enigmatic sunset—despite calls by your tour guide to board to bus now?

Joining tour groups may be convenient when traveling overseas but the waiting time can be tiresome—and cumbersome—particularly if you have a more laidback itinerary in mind. There's no better way to explore the sights of a foreign country than to drive along its scenic routes and byways—away from the wearisome and monotonous highways and expressways.

Your solution to this travel predicament is offered by Automobile Association Philippines, which is the only entity in the country that issues International Driving Permits (PIDP) to Philippine nationals. AAP has been issuing PIDPs since 1963, as per the policies of the 1949 UN Convention on Road Traffic to which the Philippines is one of the contracting parties. A PIDP issued elsewhere by other entities is most likely fake and using it can get the one holding it in serious trouble, particularly overseas.

The PIDP is one of the privileges enjoyed by AAP club members. It also allows members to drive private and rental cars overseas. While some countries may not

If the Philippine driver's license

require a PIDP, most car rental companies do require a client to present one.

Applying for a PIDP is very easy. All you need to do is present your valid Philippine driver's license issued by the Land Transportation Office (LTO), submit photos and pay the necessary fees and charges. If you arrive at the AAP office at 28 EDSA, Greenhills, San Juan City on a good day, there are almost always no long lines and you can breeze by the whole process in no time at all. Actual processing time is more or less one hour. However, PIDP applications coursed through the Quezon City, Makati, Alabang, Pampanga and Lipa offices often take 2 to 3 working days to process; while those submitted through Cebu and Davao offices take about 4 to 5 days.

If the Philippine driver's license is valid for more than one year, the PIDP will be valid only for one year starting from the date of issue. However, if the driver's license is valid for less than one year, the PIDP will follow the validity of the Philippine driver's license.

Overseas-based members can renew expired PIDPS through a representative (friends or relatives in the Philippines) or online by visiting the AAP website at [www.aap.org.ph](http://www.aap.org.ph). In case of an online renewal, a representative will still need to proceed to the AAP office to complete the process and submit the requirements.

Another way to apply for a PIDP is through Mail and More outlets nationwide (except those located in SM Malls) which are authorized by AAP to accept and process permits. Call the AAP main office at telephone number (+632) 655 5889 or visit AAP for details. **aq**



presented upon the previous application for your PIDP is still valid, the representative can just present a photocopy to renew the PIDP. If the national license is already expired, the representative needs to secure a temporary license from LTO and present it to AAP, together with the Official Receipt (OR). If the renewed driver's license is with the member overseas, a photocopy—together with the original LTO certification and OR—will be needed for the PIDP to be renewed.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What are the requirements for an International Driving Permit?

- AAP Regular membership (new enrollee – P1,500.00)
- Original and photocopy of valid Philippine Driving License
- Two pieces 2"x2" or passport size color ID picture, white background
- Foreign nationals, dual citizens must present the original passport, photocopies of pages showing date of last arrival. Permanent residents must present passport and/or Alien Certificate Registration along with requirements no. 1, 2 and 4.
- Authorization and any valid ID of representative in case of non-appearance
- Processing fee P300.00

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### I do not need a membership, just the International Driving Permit, why do I have to pay for membership?

Reciprocal emergency road assistance by FIA-affiliated associations can only be enjoyed through AAP membership that is why we have made the granting of PIDP an exclusive AAP membership benefit.

### Can I apply for an International Driving Permit using a student driver's permit?

Only non-professional and professional licenses are accepted.

### In what countries is the Philippine International Driving Permit honored?

The Philippine International Driving Permit is honored in almost all countries that are signatories to the 1949 and 1968 United Nations Convention on Road Traffic. The list of the contracting states is at the back of the PIDP license.

### Why can't I renew my IDP through my representative while I'm here in Japan?

Japan doesn't allow continuous use of IDP for more than a year. Members need to be out of Japan for at least 3 months to be allowed to use a renewed license.

### Japan did not allow me to use my PIDP obtained only in December. Why?

AAP was not informed until recently that Japan is not a signatory to the Vienna Convention on Road Traffic. We switched license format to the latter starting October 2012 at the suggestion of FIA. We have switched back to the Geneva Convention format which is acceptable to Japan (only for PIDP for use in Japan).



Story by: Vince Pornelos

# 2013 Chevrolet Trailblazer: Forging new paths

**W**HEN it comes to trucks and SUVs, Chevrolet is a brand that almost always comes to mind. Think Tahoe, Avalanche, Suburban.

But for the past five years, Chevrolet hasn't come out with a Trailblazer. Now, it is reviving the name to compete against the 7-seater, diesel-powered Asian SUV category.

Of course, the name Trailblazer says it all: a vehicle that doesn't worry about roads or pavement, and can take on all sorts of terrain. While the previous generation of the Trailblazer was manufactured from 2001 to 2008 in North America, the all-new variant is based off of the Chevrolet Colorado pickup, and is made in Thailand.

The new Trailblazer makes use of many of the styling cues of the Colorado with an upright, boxy front fascia, strong character lines and creases for a commanding presence on the road coupled with a high ride height. The difference is in the rear end, as the truck bed has made way for a larger, 5-door wagon body, with a modern and rounded rear end.

The 2013 Chevrolet Trailblazer measures in at 4,866 millimeters long, 1,902 millimeters wide, and 1,848 millimeters tall, making larger than its two prime competitors: the Mitsubishi Montero Sport and Toyota Fortuner, but slightly smaller than the Isuzu Alterra and Ford Everest.

Inside, the Trailblazer features interior designs similar to the Colorado. The truck-based SUV features an upright dashboard, using predominantly gray colors, with range-topping LTZ variants getting leather for its seats. The Trailblazer has room for seven passengers with two in front, three in the middle and two in the third row. The third row can fold down for more cargo space, while the second row can fold and tumble forward for even more space. All around the cabin are strategically placed cupholders, pockets and cubby holes for extra storage.

For features, the Trailblazer features an AM/FM/CD/MP3 audio system with USB input and auxiliary input. Power features such as windows, locks, mirrors and steering are standard, though the LTZ gets even more with power adjustable seats, a climate control system and cruise control.

Powering the Trailblazer is a pair of powerful Duramax diesel engines. The base LT gets a 2.5 liter DOHC 16-valve turbo intercooler Inline-4 engine. The 2.5-liter produces 150 horsepower at 3800 rpm, as well as 350 Newton-meters of torque at 2000 rpm, and is matched with a 5-speed manual transmission.

The top of the line Trailblazer LTZ gets a much more powerful 2.8-liter, DOHC 16-valve variable turbo intercooler Inline-4 engine that produces 180 horsepower at 3800 rpm as well as 440 Newton-meters of torque at 2000 rpm, and is matched with a 6-speed automatic. The 2.8-liter version has the most powerful output in the class.

Unlike the Traverse crossover that replaced the prior position of the first-generation Trailblazer, the new model features the classic body-on-frame construction that the class has been known for. The high ride height enables the Trailblazer to wade waters up to 800 millimeters deep, the best in its class, while the fully independent suspension—with double wishbones in front and 5-link in the rear—enables the occupants to ride in comfort.

Where the Trailblazer shines, especially the 4x4 LTZ variant, is in the driver aids. Apart from the standard dual airbags and anti-lock brakes with electronic brakeforce distribution and brake assist, the LTZ gets an electronic stability program, traction control, hill start assist, as well as hill descent control. Also, the LTZ gets a shift on the fly 4x4 system so the driver can shift to 4x4 mode even up to 100 km/h.

So what's the verdict? For the price, the Trailblazer is definitely convincing. For off-road, definitely the 4x4 version is the way to go, with its electronic aids that are unparalleled in the class. For everyday driving, the 4x2 Trailblazer is a great choice, even in such a highly competitive market segment. **aq**



## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>MAKE:</b>	Chevrolet
<b>MODEL:</b>	Trailblazer LTZ 2.8L 4x4 Duramax
<b>ENGINE:</b>	2.8L DOHC 16-valve Inline-4 VG Turbo Intercooler
<b>MAX POWER:</b>	180 PS @ 3800 rpm
<b>MAX TORQUE:</b>	440 Nm @ 2000 rpm
<b>TRANSMISSION:</b>	6-speed AT



## 2013 Hyundai Genesis Coupe 2.0T and 3.8 V6:

# THE Revolution WITHIN

Story and photos  
by Vince Pornelos



**F**OR the better part of a decade, Hyundai has been making steady progress with its products. Across the board, Hyundais have become better looking, more powerful, more fuel efficient, more reliable and more practical to run, successfully shedding the image of shoddiness from their early models.

Then, four years ago, Hyundai ignited a revolution from within, launching two rear-wheel drive models to show the world that they can aim higher: the Genesis series. The first was the sedan, promising the attributes of the best German sedans like size, luxury, driving dynamics while staying priced at semi-premium levels. The second model was the Genesis Coupe.

Hyundai's first true rear-wheel drive sportscar was actually designed and engineered to compete against the likes of the Nissan 350Z and the Infiniti G37 in every way possible: design, space, power, handling and pricing. After it was launched in the United States, many motoring writers considered it to be a prime competitor, not just against the 350Z and G37, but even as a respectable challenger against icons like the Ford Mustang (with the V6, of course).

The Genesis Coupe was a success in the markets it was sold at, and we were one of the first countries to get our hands on it through Hyundai Asia Resources, the official Hyundai distributor in the Philippines. Now, they have the newer version, and it's had much more work done than a mid-life makeover.

Let's see how the new Hyundai Genesis Coupe gets on, as we take both the 3.8-liter V6 version and the 2.0-liter turbo version for a spin.

On the outside, it's obvious that the Genesis Coupe has changed. The front end is not as sharp as before, but it's definitely far busier than ever; in fact, many would concur

that looks like it just left a custom auto shop rather than a production car factory. The new Gen Coupe features heavily detailed, smoked headlamps, reshaped foglamps with an LED strip, all surrounding the now-prominent hexagonal Hyundai grille.

The hood receives a power bulge along with two vents, though it's strange that they're both cosmetic and non-functional. Not much has changed toward the side, except for a set of rather wicked-looking

rims. The rear end hasn't changed much too, but those new tail lamps do look great.

The 3.8 V6 came in a screaming shade of yellow while the 2.0 turbo had a bright shade of red worthy of a legendary Italian supercar maker. Overall, it's a far more aggressively designed machine regardless of color, and definitely has its visual impact cranked all the way up to 11.

Not only has the exterior been modified, the interior was given a major redesign too.



### SPECIFICATIONS

CAR:	2013 Hyundai Genesis Coupe V6 8AT
ENGINE:	3.8L DOHC 24-valve V-6 D-CVVT
MAX POWER:	303 hp @ 6300 rpm
MAX TORQUE:	361 Nm @ 4700 rpm
TRANSMISSION:	8-speed A/T
PRICE:	P1,988,000

Sitting in the driver's seat, the first thing I notice is the dashboard. Hyundai has certainly been busy with it, particularly on the center console, now redesigned to be more in keeping with newer models like the Sonata and Santa Fe. The details have definitely improved, like a reworked gauge cluster, piano black accents and brushed metal panels. The difference between the two versions they sent us was that the V6 came with the black full-leather seats, while the 2.0T had a red leather/fabric combination. If you ask me, I prefer the red seats.

Gripping the steering wheel on both models, the rims definitely feel much better to the touch, and the buttons have improved in quality. The rather toy-ish paddles on the previous 3.8 V6 were given a thorough upgrade which frankly feel much better as well. A nifty touch is the seatbelt arm bringing your primary safety device within easy reach compared to before, and makes driving the Genesis Coupe a bit more comfortable.

I particularly liked the new touches such as the triple gauge cluster on the center console, which are different for the two models—the V6 gets an accelerator indicator (displays percentage of throttle input), a torque meter and an oil temp gauge while the 2.0 turbo gets the accelerator and oil temp gauges. The third gauge displays the turbocharger's boost level in kilopascals (kpa)—quite unusual, as enthusiasts and tuners typically prefer referring to boost in pounds per square inch (PSI).

At the center stack of the Genesis Coupes is an Infinity audio system, producing crisp, clear and punchy audio. It has USB and aux ports, and it's also iPod compatible, so nothing to worry about there. The main difference between the two is in the equipment. The V6, being the top-of-the-line variant, gets niceties like a power sunroof, power adjustable seats and the convenience of an automatic in traffic.

As stated, the Genesis Coupe gets a pair of engines. The first one (and the one we're most familiar with) is the 3.8-liter Lambda V6. The version Hyundai Philippines is bringing in still retains the previous output figures with 303 horsepower as well as 361 newton meters of torque. I'm actually surprised Hyundai Philippines didn't bring in the more powerful direct injection update to the 3.8-liter V6 available in other markets that produces 347 horsepower, but I'm not complaining. What Hyundai did bring in is the update to the transmission, as it threw out the old 6-speed auto in favor of a far better 8 speed automatic, though the 7th and 8th "gears" are actually overdrives.

The other one is a 2.0-liter, twin cam, 16-valve inline 4-cylinder engine.

It's turbocharged and, unlike the original 2.0 turbo version, the new model gets a more powerful turbo as well as a bigger intercooler, but no direct injection. As a result, the original 210 horsepower was bumped up to a very potent 260 horses and 373 newton meters of torque. Unlike the yellow V6, the 2.0T gets three pedals and a 6-speed manual.

In town, the Genesis Coupe's new automatic transmission is smooth. Silky smooth, actually. The paddles work far better than before, as the old one felt a bit flimsy. The 6-speed manual in the turbo version is pretty good and has decent splits in the ratios. It's always fun to power shift this manual transmission, but you must be a bit careful with shifting vigorously, as there seems to be no safety system that locks out the reverse gate.

The ride around town is a bit on the hard side. That was already a given with any sports or supercar, as the suspension's settings are best suited for smooth expressways rather than battered, corrugated or pockmarked city streets. Once out of the city, however, you'll love it.

On the highway, the new Genesis Coupes are just breathtaking. Floor the throttle and the car will lean back, sending all that torque and power to the rear wheels.

With the driver aids off, it will light up its tires without question every time you go all hooligan with the accelerator. 100 km/h is dispatched in just 6.9 seconds by a stopwatch in the V6, and the Turbo can actually match it. I'm sure there's

plenty more acceleration that can be had if I had more time to really try out different launch techniques, but only a complete instrumented test will suffice. You can easily go way, way past 200 kph if you wish... though do so at your own risk.

On switchbacks and mountain passes, the Genesis Coupe will not disappoint. The sport-tuned suspension has been engineered to deliver the driving dynamics you demand, and the power as well as the better 8-speed auto will ensure you can rocket out of the turn at will.

The positioning of the pedals in the 6-speed manual is ideal for heel-and-toe maneuvers, and the kick of the turbo's boost is most definitely intoxicating. And, as an added bonus, the 2.0T came with the Brembo brake package. The difference is profound; you can brake harder and later than the standard stoppers on the V6.

The driver aids like the ESP and the TCS have a tendency to be a little overzealous, kicking in quite early to curb any fun before you hit the, uh, curb. Turn it off at your own risk and depending on your skill set to handle a car that can easily kick out its own tail.

Whichever way you go with the 2013 Hyundai Genesis Coupe, you simply can't go wrong. Eye-catching style, an aggressive street presence, tarmac ripping power and excitement can be had for P1,818,000 for the 2.0T 6-MT with the Brembo brake package while the 3.8 V6 8-AT retails for P1,988,000. Few models on the market can offer so much performance for that kind of money. **Q&A**



#### SPECIFICATIONS

<b>CAR:</b>	2013 Hyundai Genesis Coupe 2.0T 6MT Brembo
<b>ENGINE:</b>	2.0L DOHC 16-valve Inline-4 D-CVVT Turbo MPI
<b>MAX POWER:</b>	260 hp @ 6000 rpm
<b>MAX TORQUE:</b>	373 Nm @ 2000-4500 rpm
<b>TRANSMISSION:</b>	6-speed M/T
<b>PRICE:</b>	P1,818,000

# Prep your car for summer

**S**UMMER is just around the corner and this usually means families and friends going on vacation. Any kind of planning, however, will surely be ruined if you suddenly get car trouble in the middle of the road on sweltering heat?

Before heading off to your favorite summer destination, car owners are advised to prepare their vehicles for the summer months. Your to-do list includes:

- Make sure your engine is properly tuned.
- Check the battery. Extreme heat tends to drain battery life, so have your battery tested at a certified automotive repair shop—especially if it is more than 3 years old.
- Stay on top of fluid levels. Today's oils are multi-viscous, so they get thinner in the heat, which could result in a lack of needed lubrication for your vehicle. Based upon the advice of a trusted service shop, you might consider switching to a slightly thicker compound if you're driving in extreme heat. Maintain a 50/50 ratio of coolant to water to optimize your vehicle's temperature. Change the engine oil and follow the owner's manual for proper oil grade for summer use.
- Check your vehicle's radiator cap. Given the temperatures to which the radiator cap is continually



exposed, its internal rubber gasket can end up cracked, deformed, damaged or simply hardened, and the cap's metal spring also weakens over time.

• Keep the gas cap tight and replace a missing or damaged cap. The US Car Care Council estimates that loose, missing or damaged gas caps result in the loss of 147 million gallons of gas annually due to warm weather. That's why experts also suggest parking



in the shade, if possible, which will also reduce evaporative emissions from your fuel tank.

- Check the battery and cable connections. While you're at it, inspect the belts and hoses, replacing any that looked cracked or frayed.

• Check the air-conditioning system. Add refrigerant if necessary to keep the system from working too hard. Also inspect the windshield wipers and spray nozzles and fill the washer fluid tank.

- Give your vehicle a good wash and wax. Then try to park where shade will cover your car for as long as possible. The best way to protect your exterior is to keep your car out of the sun.

• Keep an emergency kit in the trunk. Pack a flashlight, flares, first-aid kit, jumper cables, paper towels, extra washer fluid, a jug of water and basic tools such as wrenches, flat and Phillips screwdrivers, pliers and grips, a can of the right motor oil, extra windshield wiper fluid, a bottle of coolant, a tire pressure gauge and tire inflator, and, of course, your mobile phone. If you have kids consider traveling with another bag that has plenty of bottled water and some healthy snacks.

- Keep your tires inflated to the proper pressure. This not only improves fuel economy but also ensures that your car will handle optimally in any emergency maneuver.

• Adjust to driving conditions. This is especially important when you're carrying a heavy load—like a minivan full of kids and cargo. Slowing down will reduce strain on your engine, transmission and brakes, especially if you're in hilly or mountainous territory.

While it may take a little effort to get your car ready for summer, it'll be a lot less hassle than having to wait for a tow truck. And the good news is that you can save fuel in the process. A well-tuned engine, properly inflated tires and a smoothly operating air-conditioning system can collectively boost mileage by as much as 20 percent—and isn't that money you'd rather spend on the family vacation rather than handing to the oil company?

When in doubt, remember to always check your car's B-L-O-W-B-A-G (Brakes, Lights, Oil, Water, Battery, Air, and Gasoline) before going out. Drive safely, and happy trip!

**Sources:** Edmunds.com, The Detroit Bureau, BankRate, MyNationwide Magazine, HowToDoThings.com



## BATTERY MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY TIPS:

**T**HE primary purpose of a standard automotive battery is to provide power to a vehicle's starter. The battery also serves to ensure that should the car's alternator malfunction, there would still be some power left to get the car running for a limited period of time — hopefully enough to get you to your intended destination.

What's more, the battery acts as an electrical shock absorber, protecting vital electrical components from burning out during high voltage/current output. Developments in automotive technology have resulted in more sophisticated pieces of equipment becoming regular fixtures in today's vehicles. Since these gadgets continue to draw power even when the key is turned off, batteries have to deliver more power to serve the car's requirements.

Given the importance of a battery in your car, you must ensure that your battery is always in good condition. MOTOLITE shares some helpful tips on how to maintain your battery and how to help you maximize its life:

1. Check for cracks or deformation of battery cases and covers which maybe a result of over tightening of hold down attachments.
2. Make sure battery is secured properly in the battery tray by ensuring proper tightening of hold down clamps .
3. Loose hold down clamps will result to battery vibrations that will result to active material shedding
4. Check your vehicle electrical system regularly . Make sure that you alternator/generator and voltage regulators are functioning properly. Charging voltage limits of the alternator should be within 13.1 volts to 14.8 volts
5. Electrical wirings should be checked regularly. Electrical leakages or short will drain the power of battery.
6. Keep battery, cables and terminal connectors clean and tight at all times.
7. Use appropriate tools when installing battery clamps to battery terminals, never force connection by hammering the cable clamps to fit battery terminals.
8. Do not overload your battery. Always use the specified battery as recommended by OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer). Should you add electrical device in your vehicle , use a battery with higher electrical capacity.
9. Don't let the battery sit in a discharge condition for a very long time. Sulfate crystal will deposit in the plates.
10. Use only your battery for automotive use. Using the battery for deep cycle applications ( e.g. radio , TV , fishing etc.. ) will shorten battery life.
11. Maintain electrolyte in correct level (low maintenance batteries). When needed top up battery with distilled or demineralized water only. Adding anything other than pure distilled or demineralized water will introduce impurities that will cause adverse chemical reactions and will interfere with the normal functioning of the battery, resulting to premature battery failure.
12. Keep vent caps tight. Do not overfill your battery (for low maintenance batteries only)
13. Battery acid is corrosive, avoid contact.
14. Battery generates explosive gases. Keep away sparks, flames, cigarettes or other ignition sources at all times.

# Peugeot 3008 Room with a view

Story and photos by Jason Ang

**E**UROPEAN brands are always a welcome addition to the local automotive lineup. They bring their attractive styling, innovative technology, and spirited handling to the scene. One brand that is making a comeback is Peugeot, this time under Eurobrands Distributor, the same business group handling BMW and Kia.

The new Peugeot lineup is distinguished by being powered by diesels, except for one. Most of the new models: the 3008 and 5008 crossovers and the 508 sedan are powered by oil burners. The exception is the RCZ sports car, and a diesel engine for that car is not out of the question. As Peugeot is currently the only mass-market European brand with a Philippine presence, it has the advantage of having state-of-the-art diesel powerplants. Peugeot is reportedly the largest manufacturer of automotive diesel engines, so this is playing to the brand's strengths.

The 3008 is literally a crossover: a merging of the SUV and MPV genres, with a little luxury thrown into its cheerful-looking body shell. The front features a wide center section with a funky chromed egg-crate grille. The windshield is sharply raked and



hard shelf, which can be set on either of two levels. The rear seat back can split-fold.

1600cc sounds small these days for a compact crossover, but in the 3008, turbocharging and a common-rail system delivers 112hp. It's enough to propel the crossover briskly. When the turbocharger comes on full boost, there's a strong shove from 285 Nm of torque. In-gear acceleration is quick and confident, with 242Nm available at just 1500 rpm. A diesel particulate filter that collects pollutants and "burns" them with increased temperature cut down on emissions. Local fuel quality is not a problem thanks to this technology, said Peugeot Philippines's Marketing and Communications Director Dong Magsajo—the engines maintain their Euro 5 rating.

The 1.6-liter engine is paired with an automated manual transmission. There is a clutch and a manual six-speed gearbox, but the car's computer actuates it. Look at the floor and there are only two pedals. Instead of the conventional PRNDL arrangement, there's only Reverse, Neutral and Automatic. A gate to the left of Automatic engages the Manual mode, for which the driver uses the paddle shifters mounted on the steering column.

Both technologies are geared towards fuel efficiency, and Peugeot adds one more component: a start-stop system that automatically shuts down the engine when the car is at a full stop. It restarts the engine almost instantaneously when the brake pedal is released.

In practice, the system is operated like an automatic but feels like a manual, complete with clutch engagement and the split-second pause while the car shifts gear. The start-stop mode works unobtrusively, with the electrical systems including aircon remaining on while the engine is shut down. There's only one situation where the system hesitates: when the engine is about to shut down and you step on the accelerator, for example when crossing an intersection. In these instances there's the slightest delay in response.

The system yielded 12.3 km/liter in city driving, despite our getting caught in hours of stop-and-go Friday night and Saturday morning traffic.

All 3008s have six airbags: front, side and curtain; ABS; ESP; four wheel discs and rear parking sensor. The higher variants have a radar-based front distance alert and tire deflation warning.

At P1,495,000 we found the 3008 1.6 eHDI Active feature set quite attractive and a compelling alternative to the usual suspects. 

# Audi Q3: SUV ABILITY AND SENSIBILITY



Story by Kap Maceda Aguila

**T**HE “crossover” term doesn’t quite do justice to Audi’s newest vehicle to hit the Philippines.

At least that’s what PGA Cars corporate affairs director Amado del Rosario tells us. While the Q3 is the smallest in the Audi SUV stable, calling it a crossover would diminish its “full-fledged SUV” capabilities.

Although melding an SUV with a sedan makes good sense in a market that appreciates the promises of both genres, something is usually lost in the translation.



So that the Q3 is perceptibly more SUV than sedan is the most important morsel of information one could take away from glitzy night of beauty queens that heralded the Q3’s arrival—as well as a number of new iterations of familiar Audi rides—at the Audi Global City showroom in Taguig City. The covers also flew off the new A1 Sportback five door, the A4, the A6 executive sedan and the Q5 SUV.

PGA Cars/Audi Philippines executives led by CEO Robert Coyuto Jr. conveyed the four-ringed brand’s commitment to *vorsprung durch technik* (advancement through technology) that marks each vehicle that rolls out of the factory.

Meanwhile, towering above the guests were the head-turning ladies of the Miss Ceska or Miss Czech Republic beauty tilt-in town for a pre-jaunt pageant. The project was made possible by the Department of Tourism, Department of Foreign Affairs, ESO Travel and newly formed AAP Travel. Also in attendance was the country’s very own Janine Togonon, first runner-up at the 2012 Miss Universe.

The Q3, says Audi in a release, comfortably seats five and “sets standards for ergonomics. The wrap-around, an elegant arc extending from one front door to the other, is a design feature borrowed from the large Audi model series.”

Indeed you could be forgiven for mistaking the Q3 for its bigger Q5 brother.

Audi has a unified design ethos that resonates in its portfolio of rides. This also means you can confidently expect the standard bells and whistles and, well, technik.

So, the Q3 is a “real urban SUV,” not a retooled sedan. What does that mean for you? Audi says to expect commensurate performance courtesy of all-wheel drive, a capable engine, and increased ride height.

The power plant for the Q3’s Philippine appearance is a robust two-liter TDI Quattro, good for 177 horses. It boasts direct injection with turbocharging, and a start-stop system. Mating this diesel-fed engine with a seven-speed, S-Tronic, dual-clutch transmission should make for

enhanced efficiency. We’ll give you the skinny on performance once we get behind the wheel, but Audi-supplied numbers are as follows: zero to 100 kph in 8.2 seconds, top speed of 212 kph. These tell you that the Q3 is no pushover.

PGA Cars is bullish about the Q3’s prospects in particular in the light of vigorous sales of the A1 subcompact. Even as the hatch has proven to be the perfect entry point to the the A line, the Q3 is expected to reach a wider swath of buyers—who may or may not be familiar to the SUV portfolio.

For more information visit, any of the Audi showrooms in Greenhills, Alabang or Global City, call tel. (02) 727-0381 to 85. **aq**



**Q3 is a “real urban SUV,”  
not a retooled sedan.**



## Hyundai Accent CRDi VGT hatchback BACK IN FINE FORM

**T**HEY say good things come to those who wait. Well, the wait might just be over. The long-awaited Accent CRDi VGT hatchback is here. Ready to conquer the Philippine roads and the Filipino hearts, the new Hyundai subcompact embodies the head-turning “fluidic” sleekness of the present Accent, but with a sportier edge of its new hatchback form.

The Accent CRDi VGT hatchback continues Hyundai's pursuit of defying convention by offering extraordinary value and features that inspire motorists to create brilliant moments in the life space of a Hyundai car. Hyundai's landmark design philosophy, “Fluidic Sculpture,” is evident in the Accent hatchback, with its sleek curves and undulating lines that form its unmistakably aerodynamic build. Sporting 16-inch alloy wheels and a rear spoiler with a high-mount stop lamp, the dynamic looking style of the hatch, not only creates a sporty profile from the outside, it also increases the life space inside, making it one of the largest in its class. With the Accent hatchback's 60:40

split folding rear seats, you're ready to get your gear and other travel must-haves in order.

Slip into the driver's seat and get ready for action with the Accent's Motor Driven Power Steering (MDPS). Drive virtually effortless with this steering system that relies on an electric motor for accurate handling, reducing the car's dependence on the engine to supply steering power, thus, lessening engine load and contributing to better fuel economy. The steering wheel is likewise wrapped in leather, enabling the driver to give it that firm grip and control while driving, and is fitted with audio control for easy listening with your favorite music playing in the background. It's even tilt

adjustable, which further adds to steering comfort.

Enjoy life's music played on the Accent CRDi VGT hatchback's sound system which has an auxiliary input and a slot for USB to make it even easier for you to choose how you want your music played.

### PERFORMANCE WITHOUT COMPROMISE

Built for power and redesigned for exhilaration, the Accent CRDi VGT hatchback is the only hatchback in its class to be power-driven by a diesel-fed engine. The new 1.6-liter CRDi diesel engine delivers maximum torque output of 26.5 kg-m at 1900-2750 rpm for pulling power that doesn't disappoint, especially during demanding city drives. It may be a subcompact, but it churns out more power than you'd expect in its class. This hatchback delivers impressive maximum power output of 128 ps at 4000 rpm—incredibly the best engine power in its class, made possible by the incorporation of the VGT, or Variable Geometry Turbocharger. VGT makes use of variable vanes that enable optimum air flow to the engine for optimized combustion that gives the car the best possible boost of power at any RPM range.

With great power, you'd likewise expect exceptional fuel economy from this hatchback. In that area, the Accent hatchback once again rises to the occasion because the 1.6-liter CRDi diesel engine of Accent hatchback is optimally mated to 6-speed

manual transmission to give you an extra gear to keep the engine at its optimal RPM range. The 4-speed automatic transmission variant allows for smooth shifting to give the Accent hatchback precise responsiveness with minimum fuel wastage. Drivability is supple yet stable, thanks to the Accent hatchback's MacPherson strut front suspension and coupled torsion beam rear suspension, which gives it ample stability in city driving.

Safety should not come as a luxury. In a Hyundai, it is an absolute priority. The new Accent CRDi VGT hatchback is equipped with above-class safety features such as its rigid structure and high-tensile steel strength. This increases stiffness of the structure while allowing flexibility in terms of suspension tuning. This results in better balance between precision and ride comfort while giving occupants extra protection on the road.

Another key safety element for the Accent is its braking system, which consists of ventilated front disc brakes and solid rear disc brakes with anti-lock braking system to provide you optimal stopping power and control when emergency situations call for it. Dual Airbags are also available for 1.6L A/T. electric heated power side mirrors fitted in the Accent CRDi VGT hatchback also serve as new safety features, which help prevent fogging on the side mirrors that might hinder the driver's rear view of oncoming cars. 



### VOLVO opens North EDSA Centris dealership

VOLVO opens its doors to all Volvo enthusiasts at the northern Metro with the Volvo North EDSA Centris. Photo shows (from left) Volvo North EDSA Chief Financial Officer and Vice Chairman, William Tan with Vincent Licup, Chairman and CEO of Volvo North EDSA, receiving the Official Volvo Dealer Plaque presented by Volvo Cars Asia Pacific President Carl Goran Larsson. The Volvo North EDSA Centris is located at Two Cyberpod ETON Centris, EDSA corner Quezon Avenue, Quezon City. Call (02) 376 4943, 376 4947, 376 4965 for a test drive.

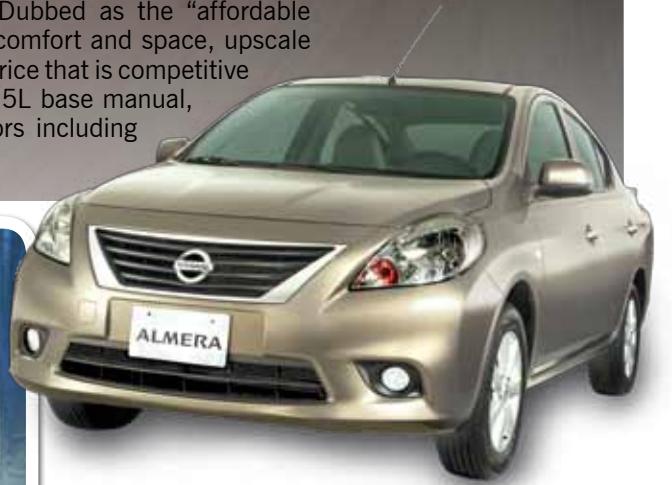
## Nissan rolls out the all-new ALMERA



THE all-new Nissan Almera 1.5L—Nissan Motor Philippines, Inc.'s entry in the thriving compact sedan category, is now available in the country. Dubbed as the "affordable dynamic sedan," the all-new Almera boasts of class-leading comfort and space, upscale design together with great functionality, yet comes at an affordable price that is competitive in the sedan segment. This sedan comes in three variants—the 1.5L base manual, 1.5L base automatic and 1.5L mid automatic—with exciting colors including titanium gray, brilliant silver, alpine white and bluish black.



Photo shows (from left) Allen Chen, President and CEO of Nissan Motor Philippines Inc.; Ambassador Raymond L.S. Wang of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Arlene Arcillas, Mayor of Sta. Rosa, Laguna, and Shinichi Koyama, Vice President for Business Management of Nissan Motor Asia Pacific, during the launch ceremony.



# Isuzu Philippines 2012 sales leap 20%

POSTING its best annual performance since 2004, Isuzu Philippines Corp. (IPC) in 2012 sold 11,759 vehicles, a 20% increase from the 9,820 units delivered in 2011, with the improvement coming alongside the domestic automotive industry's 11% growth last year. Based on the combined figures released by the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc. and the Truck Manufacturers Association, the total puts IPC in fourth spot in the Philippines's ranking of best-selling vehicle manufacturers. It also makes Isuzu the third-biggest manufacturer of commercial vehicles in the country.

IPC's tally last year was powered by the Isuzu Crosswind, which accounted for over half of the company's sales. The Crosswind sold 6,244 units in 2012 compared to its 5,029-unit total in 2011—a 24% growth and also the model's best-ever record since 2004. Last year, demand for the Crosswind peaked in November and December, with the vehicle snagging the second spot in the country's AUV segment during those months. The Crosswind's strong market showing landed it in the list of the top 10 bestselling vehicles in the country in 2012.

Another model that contributed to IPC's overall sales in 2012 was the N-Series, which recorded its best total since 1996. IPC delivered 1,630 N-Series models in 2012, or a significant 36% more than the 1,196 units it sold in 2011. The growth guaranteed the N-Series' continued success as it became the country's top-selling light-duty commercial truck for 14 consecutive years.

The Isuzu D-MAX pickup also posted



gains in 2012 with sales of 2,691 units compared to the 2,500 sold in 2011. Meanwhile, IPC's flagship model, the Alterra SUV, sold 838 units last year.

The proliferation of used, imported trucks and buses in the market continues to affect sales of brand-new units. IPC, however, managed to improve the 2012 tally of the medium-duty Forward trucks by selling 257 units, up from the 193 units sold in 2011. Isuzu's heavy-duty trucks and buses also logged an all-time high record

of 99 units sold last year, compared to the 47 moved in 2011—and a momentous leap from only four units sold in 2002.

"The 20% growth of Isuzu Philippines Corp. in 2012 is proof that the company continues to offer value-laden products that are appreciated by Filipinos," IPC president Ryoji Yamazaki said. "In 2013, Isuzu will be even more aggressive as we increase our brand equity, and improve our dealer facilities and services, as we target to sell 13,000 vehicles."

### ACC/BMW ties up with AFPMBAI



ASIAN Carmakers Corp.(ACC), the official importer and distributor of BMW vehicles in the Philippines, has officially formalized its partnership with the Armed Forces & Police Mutual Benefit Association, Inc. (AFPMBAI) for the long-term lease of an AFPMBAI property in Bonifacio Global City, Taguig. The lot will be the future site of the BMW flagship dealership, envisioned to be the largest and most modern BMW showroom in the country. Photo shows (from left) Maricar Parco, ACC President; Jose Ch. Alvarez, ACC Chairman; Brigadier General Ricardo C. Morales, President & CEO of AFPMBAI; and Col. Edmundo F. Gammad, Vice President for Finance of AFPMBAI, during the signing ceremony. ACC boasts of the widest dealership network in the luxury vehicle segment—with six dealers working closely under the ACC helm. These dealers are: Autowelt BMW in Cebu, Autohaus BMW in Quezon City, Autozentrum BMW in Alabang, Prestige Cars BMW in Makati, Premier Cars BMW in Pampanga, and Premium Motoren BMW in Cagayan de Oro. ACC-BMW is supported by the BMW Group regional office for Asia in Singapore through BMW Asia Pte. Ltd.

# Hyundai shares a brilliant Christmas with dealers and media



The highlight of the grand Yuletide dinner hosted by Hyundai Asia Resources Inc. (HARI) for the company's media friends was an OPM Christmas concert, "Isandaang Tinig ng Pasko," featuring Ryan Cayabyab and a hundred-voice chorale with special performances by this generation's hottest young rockers. Photo shows (from left) HARI Chairman Emeritus Richard L. Lee; HARI President and CEO Ma. Fe Perez-Agudo; Ryan Cayabyab; Nicole Asensio; Ebe Dancel; and Yael Yuzon With Mr. Cayabyab on the piano, the choral—composed of groups from the Ateneo de Manila University, University of the Philippines, University of Santo Tomas, University of the East, and Mass Appeal — sang original Filipino carols.

**H**YUNDAI Asia Resources, Inc. (HARI), the official distributor of Hyundai in the Philippines, made the Christmas season even more brilliant with its exclusive preview of the Accent hatchback during a series of Christmas celebrations themed: "Sharing the Filipino Brilliance." Together its dealer partners and media friends, HARI shared in uniquely brilliant and Filipino fashion with the presence of OPM Maestro, Ryan Cayabyab, conducting a hundred voice choral, in intimate back-to-back concerts titled "Isandaang Tinig ng Pasko."

With Mr. Cayabyab on the piano the choral—composed of groups from the Ateneo de Manila University, University of the Philippines, University of Santo Tomas, University of the East, and Mass Appeal—sang original Filipino carols to the delight of the audience.

The afternoon Christmas celebration with the 40-strong Hyundai dealer network was made even more special with a performance by internationally awarded recording artist Jed Madela. While in the evening, Hyundai's media friends were treated to Cayabyab's Christmas carols and songs from some of the country's young Indie rock sensations on the rise: Ebe Dancel, Nicole Asensio of General Luna, and Yael Yuzon of Sponge Cola.

Helping promote the beauty and brilliance of Filipino culture and the arts is a prime advocacy of Hyundai in the Philippines and, said HARI President and CEO Ma. Fe Perez-Agudo. "Isandaang Tinig ng Pasko" is Hyundai's sharing of Filipino brilliance, a special Yuletide gift to its key stakeholders this year," she said.

In her Christmas keynote greeting, Ms. Agudo added that "We take pride in offering nothing less than a world-class brand to Filipinos, in a uniquely Filipino way... I wish from the bottom of my heart that today's brilliant performance would renew in all of us the fire of pride of being Filipino."

Both concerts also featured as side exhibits, winners of the recently concluded Hyundai POP (Pride of the Philippines) Art contest, and the newly launched book, "On the Ball," the success story of Hyundai Asia Resources Inc.

From celebrating a season of brilliance to driving brilliance in mobility, Hyundai is out to prove it's right where it should be—in the hearts and minds of Filipino motorists everywhere.



## Caltex 'pumps up' new Plaridel bypass road station

**M**OTORISTS on their way to Northeastern Luzon and Cagayan Valley can now fuel up at the newly opened Caltex service station on Pulilan-Plaridel Bypass Road in Sto. Cristo, Pulilan, Bulacan. Owned by Power Image Petroleum Trading, the Caltex station offers customers fast service that is never rushed and safe facilities before pushing up Dalton Pass or heading further east to enjoy surfing in Baler, Quezon. The station uses a Retailer Owned, Retailer Operated (RORO) business model that allows entrepreneurs to own and operate Caltex service stations successfully. RORO Caltex service stations have access to retail business consultants, marketing strategies, reliable supply chains, advanced technology, and world-class training from Chevron Philippines Inc., marketer of the Caltex brand of fuels and lubricants.

## MITSUBISHI MOTORS PHILIPPINES

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**M**ITSUBISHI Motors Philippines Corporation (MMPC), one of the country's leading automotive assemblers and distributors, marks another milestone as it celebrated its 50th year anniversary in February. Having been able to reach 50 years in the automotive business is considerably MMPC's greatest achievement so far. In fact, MMPC is the longest staying automotive company in the Philippines.

MMPC's rich history of business dates back on February 20, 1963 upon its incorporation as Chrysler Philippines Corporation. Assembly operations immediately commenced in May 1964. Chrysler Philippines Corp. manufactured models such as the Dodge Colt, Minica F4, Lancer, Cimarron and Mitsubishi trucks. After 15 years, the name Chrysler Philippines Corporation was then changed to Canlubang Automotive Resources (CARCO) on October 1978. 100% ownership of CARCO was acquired by Mitsubishi Motors Corp. (MMC) and Nishio Iwai Corp. (now known as Sojitz Corporation) and the entire manufacturing operations were consolidated in the Cainta plant in 1985. On January 1987 MMC and Nishio Iwai Corp. formally took over and incorporated Philippine Automotive Manufacturing Corp. (PAMCOR).

With its commitment to provide vehicles that are of the highest quality and to be able to meet the market's rapid growth and demand, PAMCOR continuously invested on upgrading its plant and manufacturing facilities. The company pioneered advancements in the different automotive manufacturing processes making its products superior and world-class in quality level. PAMCOR was the first to bring the state-of-the-art Japanese automotive painting technology in the country. A total of P200 million was invested for the 8-dip Cathodic Electro Deposition Process (CEDP) primer system. This system assures a fully primer-coated body even the most difficult to reach crevices of the car body. With its pursuit to provide customers with vehicles of the highest quality, PAMCOR was recognized as one of Asia's top five leading companies for product quality and Service—the only automotive company to receive such prestigious recognition.. In April 1996, MMC became the major shareholder with 51% stake of PAMCOR which eventually led to officially changing the company name to MITSUBISHI MOTORS PHILIPPINES CORPORATION (MMPC) in August 1996.

New models such as the Adventure were introduced in 1998 which instantly captured the market. With the success of the Adventure, MMPC was able to regain its Number 1 position. On December 2009, MMPC achieved its 500,000th unit production milestones, making it the first automotive manufacturer in the country to reach such feat. The 500,000th unit production milestone is also the commencement of the local production of the Lancer EX. The addition of the Lancer EX to MMPC's production line is a testament of MMC's confidence on the local manufacturing and skills of the Filipino workers.

Last year a new model Mirage and the 1.6 variant of Lancer EX were launched. The intro of these new models expectedly strengthened MMPC's presence in the passenger car segment. Thus, significantly increasing MMPC's annual sales and market share.

After several decades MMPC proves to be among the country's strongest automotive manufacturers and brands. MMPC

was able to surpass all the challenges including the economic crisis in the 1980s and the Asian crisis in 1997 as well as several natural calamities affecting the industry during the previous years. Through periods of recovery and growth, MMPC has expanded and has been aggressively pioneering advancements in the different manufacturing processes.

Today, MMPC continues to introduce models that are engineered to provide driving pleasure to its valued customers. MMPC now enjoys an extensive product lineup, which spans from passenger cars, light commercial vehicles and trucks and bus. Its model lineup continues to grow strong with its latest models such as the Mirage, Lancer EX, Pajero, Montero Sport, ASX, Strada, Adventure, L300, Fuzion and Canter and Fuso trucks and buses. These vehicles prove to be not only world class but are also award winning. MMPC's numerous accolades and recognitions garnered from several prestigious award giving bodies such as Car of the Year, Auto Focus People's Choice Awards and C! Awards are a testament of MMPC's pride on its products.

Throughout the years, MMPC has been an active partner of the government in sustaining the automotive industry. It has significantly contributed to the Philippine economy and has given numbers of Filipinos the opportunity to showcase and develop their skills and knowledge through creation of jobs. As of December 31, 2012, MMPC has 855 employees. Aside from these accomplishments, MMPC also takes an active role as a corporate citizen through its solid Corporate Social Responsibility programs dedicated towards environmental and social initiatives. MMPC believes that the essence of the corporation's existence does not only rely on the achievement of its business goals and targets but also in enriching the society by actively taking initiatives on improving lives of the people and working at its best to protect and preserve nature. As it marks half a century of existence, MMPC aims to further strive to deliver its commitments of providing driving pleasure through world class vehicles and service satisfaction to every customer and its shall unceasingly foster worthwhile social and environmental programs.

## ASIAN TRANSMISSION CORP. CELEBRATES ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY



Asian Transmission Corp. (ATC) is also celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. ATC is MMPC's sister company which was established by two of Japan's largest conglomerates — Mitsubishi Motors Corporation and Sojitz Corporation in 1973. The company manufactures transmission assembly units and component parts which are sold not only in the country but in other Asian countries. ATC exports to Japan, Thailand, Taiwan, Malaysia and Indonesia. As of January 2013, ATC has already produced more than 6,080,000 transmissions.

From mid- 2014, ATC will start to produce a new six-speed manual transmission (6MT) which is developed for Mitsubishi Motors Thailand's new-generation vehicle. Annual production volume will be expected to be around 60,000 transmission assemblies.

Quality has always been the Number 1 priority of ATC. In fact, ATC it has more than 490 highly trained and skilled employees motivated to produce products with enduring quality. ATC's vision is to become the center of excellence and reliability in automotive parts production in the world.



LAST January 22, 2013, Columbian Autocar Corporation (CAC), exclusive distributor of Kia vehicles in the Philippines, held its annual Kia Dealer Conference and Awards Night at Hotel Sofitel Manila.

Dressed in their best red carpet attire, CAC executives and dealer representatives gathered together for this much-awaited event to celebrate another fruitful year for Kia and give recognition to the people who made its success possible, citing individuals and dealerships that have exemplified outstanding work in sales and after-sales services.

The event started off with a scrumptious buffet followed by a rousing speech from CAC Chairman, Jose Ch. Alvarez, who thanked the Kia dealers for their fine contributions to bolster the Kia's stellar performance.

"2012 was a year of record growth spurred by a growing preference for KIA vehicles in the country. We out-performed all other brands in the country, registering a growth rate of 57.4% year on year," Alvarez said. "This milestone would not have been possible without your full support, and I thank the people who comprise the Kia family," Alvarez added.

Hosted by the Kia Sorento brand ambassador and celebrity Marc Nelson, the 2013 KIA Dealer Awards Night gave out several awards to individuals and top dealers who showcased exceptional performances in 2012. Awardees went home not only with trophies but also special incentives like trips to Korea and Hong Kong.

CAC President Ginia R. Domingo, who gave out the awards, remarked "Each winner was chosen through an extensive selection process and without a doubt, everyone deserved the recognition for their work over the past year. 2012 was indeed a remarkable year for KIA and we are incredibly grateful to know that all of them are with us as we pursue new goals and overcome new challenges for the KIA brand."



## Columbian Autocar Corporation holds 2013 Dealers Conference and Awards Night

### THE 2012 KIA DEALER AWARDS AND AWARDEES WERE:

#### GSI Compliant Dealers

- KIA Davao KIA Congressional
- KIA Pasay KIA New Manila
- KIA Quirino KIA Manila Bay
- KIA Fairview KIA Dipolog
- KIA Ilocos KIA Bacolod

#### Special Awards for After-Sales

- Customer Relations Officer of the Year - Ms. HazleMacalindong
- Service Advisor of the Year - Mr. Juanco Lagos
- Technician of the Year - Mr. Eleazar Morata
- Warranty Processor of the Year - Ms. Charmaine AllyaGeda
- Parts Man of the Year - Mr. Reynaldo Rey
- Parts Manager of the Year - Mr. Dodie Pisantes

#### Special Awards for Sales

- KIA Sales Consultant of the Year - Mr. Yuki Ian Emerson Yamauchi of KIA Sucat
- Sales Manager of the Year - Ms. Sykie Defante of KIA Sucat
- General Sales Manager of the Year - Mr. Edouard Christian Camacho

#### KARISSMA Awardees

- Abelardo S. Santos of KIA Alabang
- Antonio Rubi M. Ang of KIA Davao
- Augusto C. Camacho of KIA Las Pinas/ KIA Pasay/ KIA Quirino
- Christopher C. Trajano of KIA Fairview/ KIA Global City/ KIA Ilocos
- Clemente C. Garcia of KIA Bulacan
- Ernesto B. Rizarri of KIA Ormoc
- Franz C. Alvarez of KIA Molino
- Hazel S. Golango of KIA Acropolis/Kia Metroeast

#### Outstanding After-Sales Achievement by Region

- KIA Davao (Excellence Award for Mindanao region)
- KIA Cebu-Gorordo (Excellence Award for Visayas region)
- KIA Las Piñas (Excellence Award for Metro Manila)

#### Outstanding Sales Achievement Award by Region

- KIA Davao (Excellence Award for Mindanao region)
- KIA Cebu-Gorordo (Excellence Award for Visayas region)
- KIA Batangas (Excellence Award for Luzon region)
- KIA Alabang (Excellence Award for Metro Manila)

#### ACT SMART 2012 Award

- KIA Global City

#### Dealer of the Year Award

- KIA Cebu – Gorordo

# FOTON holds 2013 annual dealer conference



Dealer of The Year : FOTON General Santos



Dealer Rookie of The Year : FOTON San Pablo



Dealer of The Year : FOTON Balintawak

ON February 1, 2013 at The Richmonde Hotel in Eastwood City in Libis, United Asia Automotive Group Inc., exclusive distributor of Foton commercial vehicles in the Philippines, hosted its Annual Dealer Conference. Foton dealers all over the Philippines came together to talk about future plans, targets and aims for 2013 as well as other ways to improve services to provide not only what the customers need but to exceed customers' expectations.

Foton Philippines predicts a 42% vehicle sales growth for 2013 as it sees a lot of future for its newest passenger vehicle offering the Foton Thunder. With its 2.8-liter ISF Cummins engine, Foton is very positive that the Thunder is a strong competitor in its segment.

During the said event, Foton Balintawak and Foton General Santos were awarded as Dealers of the Year for Luzon and VisMin, respectively, reaching the highest number of vehicle sales and aftersales performance for 2012.

Foton San Pablo bagged the Dealer Rookie of the Year Award. With its new tagline, Empower Your Business, Foton Philippines' directions for this year is to provide solutions to its target market with its wide range of commercial vehicles, continuously growing dealership network, and strengthened aftersales programs.

Certainly worthy of being called one of the most promising automotive brands in the Philippines, Foton promises the Filipino market of bigger and better things to come this 2013.

**H**ONDA Cars Philippines Inc. (HCPI), Honda's automobile production and sales subsidiary in the Philippines, launches variants to the all-new CR-V line-up, following normalized vehicle supply from Thailand.

Added to the existing CR-V roster of 2.0LX AT and 2.4EX AT are the new variants 2.0V MT & AT, 2.0S AT and 2.4SX AT all providing car-like drivability and ride comfort, as well as having an excellent interior versatility and utility, yet with attractive pricing.

The all-new CR-V sets the new standard for its market segment in terms of quality and refinement. The design of the new CR-V offers features that exceed customer expectations — more sportier and more dynamic. Interior detailing is enhanced to offer a sedan-like experience in terms of comfort, quality, stable driving and modern innovations.

All variants are equipped with the Eco Assist system, which consists of the ECON mode that controls the engine, drive-by-wire, transmission, and air-con performance to improve fuel consumption and Eco coaching ambient light promotes a more fuel efficient driving habit by glowing green when throttle



## Honda adds more variants in CR-V lineup

input is light and glowing white when throttle input is heavy.

These also come with the i-MID or intelligent multi-information display which features a 5-inch LCD display that shows various information to the driver such as audio and fuel consumption, and is controlled with intuitive controls located in the steering wheel. The i-MID also allows

the customization of display and certain vehicle settings.

The SRPs of the new CR-V offerings are: 2.4 liter SX AT for P1,525,000; 2.0 liter S AT for P1,390,000; 2.0 liter V AT for P1,325,000 and 2.0 liter V MT for P1,275,000. Additional P20,000 is needed for special color White Orchid Pearl in the 2.0 S and 2.4 SX variants.



## Toyota Motor Philippines unveils the all-new 2013 RAV4



**T**HE RAV4 is a name conceived as a vehicle name suited for a compact SUV that matches its active, sporty, youthful and stylish image. This iconic name was derived from the first letters of the words; Recreational, Active, Vehicle and it being a 4x4. In January, Toyota Motor Philippines (TMP) unveiled the all-new 2013 RAV4 to join its strong commercial vehicle lineup.

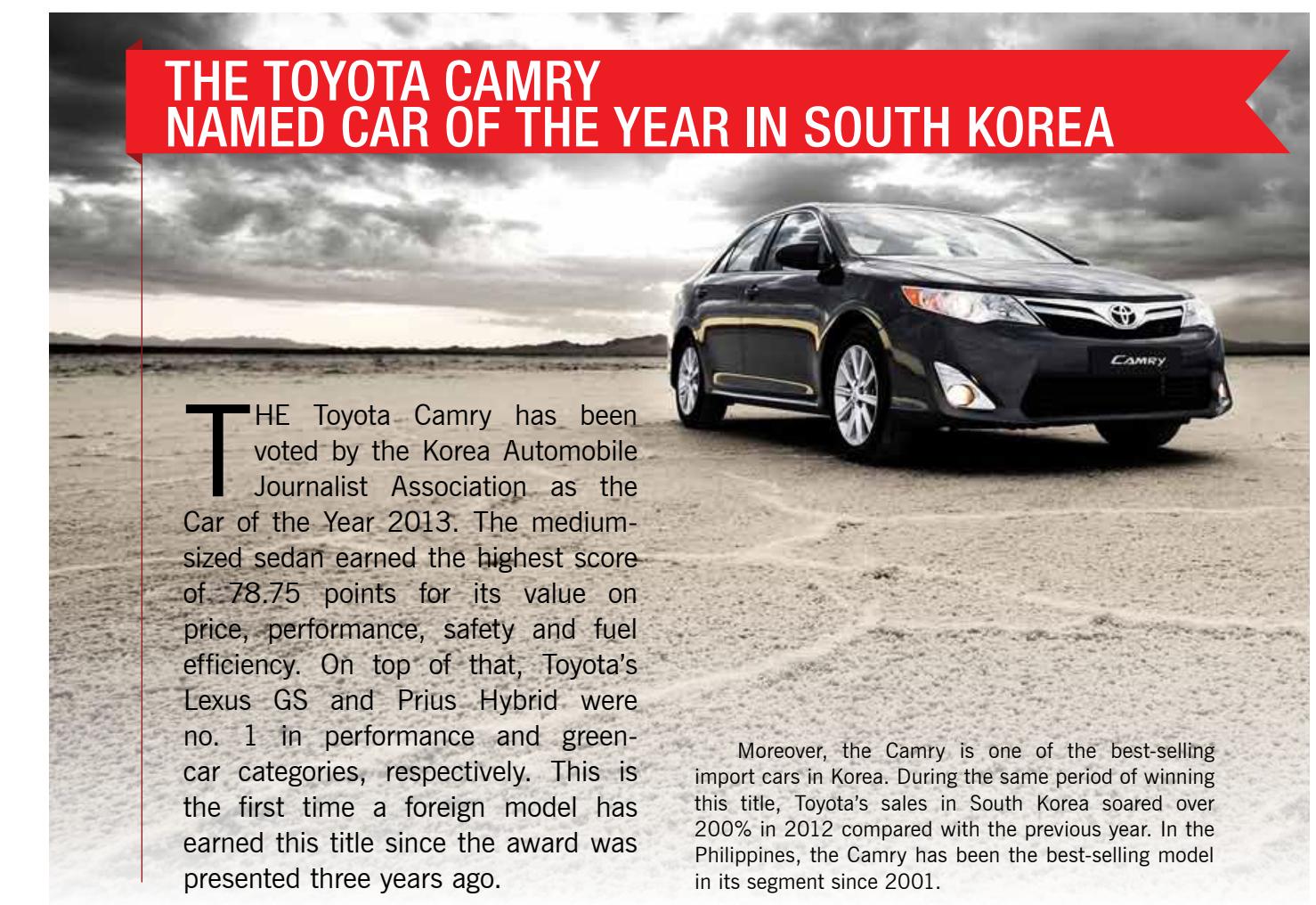
Unconstrained and filled with a youthful vibe, the all-new RAV4 is visually more powerful than ever before. The RAV4 is built with a stroke of sophistication that makes it more appealing to those who catch a glance on it. Aerodynamics is also given importance for its exterior styling and Aero Stabilizing Fins have been added on the outer mirrors and rear combination lamps to ensure driving

stability. It is equipped with stylish 17-inch aluminum wheels and tires with low rolling resistance that contribute to better fuel efficiency. The overall exterior design aims to capture the essence of a compact SUV's agile and sporty character by adding a sense of excitement.

The RAV4 is powered by a 2.5-liter Dual Variable Valve Timing-intelligent engine which aims to achieve fuel economy, high engine output and decreased fuel emissions. Furthermore, excellent acceleration performance has been ensured, particularly from low to high speeds with its 6-speed automatic gearbox.

The all-new RAV4 is now available in three variants: 4x4 priced at P1,963,000; 4x2 full option priced at P1,581,000; and a 4x2 variant is also available for P1,357,000.

## THE TOYOTA CAMRY NAMED CAR OF THE YEAR IN SOUTH KOREA



**T**HE Toyota Camry has been voted by the Korea Automobile Journalist Association as the Car of the Year 2013. The medium-sized sedan earned the highest score of 78.75 points for its value on price, performance, safety and fuel efficiency. On top of that, Toyota's Lexus GS and Prius Hybrid were no. 1 in performance and green-car categories, respectively. This is the first time a foreign model has earned this title since the award was presented three years ago.

Moreover, the Camry is one of the best-selling import cars in Korea. During the same period of winning this title, Toyota's sales in South Korea soared over 200% in 2012 compared with the previous year. In the Philippines, the Camry has been the best-selling model in its segment since 2001.



## Berjaya Auto Philippines introduces YOJIN3 Total Care

**B**ERJAYA Auto Philippines, the exclusive distributor of Mazda in the country, today announced the introduction of a new vehicle ownership program—the YOJIN3 Mazda Total Care. Through the program, Berjaya Auto Philippines will be offering a) 3-year free periodic maintenance service, b) 3-year roadside assistance with exclusive Mazda concierge service, and c) 3-year bumper-to-bumper manufacturer warranty. YOJIN3 Total Care will be bundled to all brand-new Mazda vehicles sold starting January 1, 2013 at no additional cost to the customers.

Derived from the Japanese word "Youjin" which stands for "care" in English, YOJIN3 is Berjaya Auto Philippines' approach to worry free ownership experience. The first-in-industry program aims to free Mazda owners from after-

sales concerns of owning a vehicle making it more rewarding and enjoyable. For a period of 3-years or 60,000kms, whichever comes first, new Mazda owners will enjoy free periodic service maintenance that includes parts, labor, and lubricants. To further enhance the worry free experience, the owners will also have access to Mazda's nationwide roadside assistance and exclusive concierge service, which includes reservations for hotels and restaurants. To top these off, all new Mazda vehicles come with standard bumper-to-bumper warranty for 3 years or 100,000 Kms, whichever comes first.

"We are putting real commitment behind best in industry customer experience with every Mazda sold from Berjaya Auto Philippines and our network of dealerships. All the customer needs to do is to schedule the service, bring the

car in and pick it up – we take care of the rest including the cost of service. Plus they enjoy stress free motoring for 3 years under our nationwide roadside assistance with concierge service," said Steven Tan, Chief Executive Officer of Berjaya Auto Philippines. "YOJIN3 takes out the worry and stress of owning a Mazda, leaving you to enjoy driving exhilaration of Mazda's zoom-zoom!" he added.

Berjaya Auto Philippines started operations last January 2013 as exclusive distributor of Mazda vehicles, spare parts, and accessories. Mazda vehicles sales and service dealerships are located nationwide in Mazda Alabang, Mazda Greenhills, Mazda Makati, Mazda Quezon Avenue, and Mazda Pasig in Metro Manila, and Mazda Cebu, Mazda Pampanga, Mazda Batangas, Mazda Dagupan, and Mazda Cagayan de Oro in the provinces.



# CONNECT WITH AAP THROUGH ITS FACEBOOK PAGE



Aside from its bi-monthly supplement in the Philippine Daily Inquirer and AQ, its glossy full-color quarterly magazine distributed free to its members, the Automobile Association Philippines runs a Facebook page that welcomes inputs from members as well as the motoring public.



AAP's Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/AutomobileAssociationPhilippines>) is like an open letter inviting members and interested motorists to post their queries, suggestions and comments. The page is updated with real-time announcements and news just like AAP's official website.

To drop comments and post questions about AAP membership, benefits, etc., just log on to your Facebook account, search for Automobile Association Philippines and "like" the page.

If you don't have a Facebook account, you can still connect with AAP through its official website (<http://aap.org.ph>). Under the 'Contact Us' tab, click on the "Inquire Online" button and submit your inquiry. You can also click on the "Live Chat" button to talk to an AAP representative about your concerns. AAP will answer your query at the soonest possible time.

Through the social media, AAP, the national auto club and foremost advocate of road safety and motorists' interests, is just one click away.

## ATTENTION, AAP MEMBERS!



The AAP-Goodyear Autocare Service Center located at 682 Aurora Boulevard, Quezon City is now open for business on Sundays.

### Services offered:

- Tire Mounting
- Wheel Balancing and Alignment
- Brakes
- Oil Change
- Tune up
- Suspension
- Diagnostic



### Sales:

- Goodyear Tires
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- Batteries
- Accessories
- Insurance

Up to 20% discount for AAP members

\*Sunday autocare service is open exclusively for AAP members only

\*Monday-Saturday autocare service is moved to 7AM-5PM for AAP members and non-members

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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AAP members enjoy premium benefits such as:

- 24/7 Emergency Roadside Service
- LTO Vehicle Registration Assistance
- Free Personal Accident Insurance
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- 24/7 Discounted Ambulance Service \*
- Car/Non-Motor Insurance Discounts
- FIA International Reciprocity
- Discounts from Partner Establishments

Additional AAP products and services:

- Issuance of Philippine International Driving Permit
- Issuance of Competition License for Motor Sports \*
- AAP Car Battery and Service Center
- AAP Member Service Vehicle Program \*
- 24/7 Road Safety Call Center
- Touring Assistance
- Club Activity Discounts

\* Not available in some offices

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