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# Is it worth it?

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continues to receive queries and complaints from members about the delay in the release of their car plates. Unfortunately, we can only inquire for them and sometimes, recommend possible solutions.

How did this car plate problem come about, anyway? Let me relate what we know about this matter. A few months ago, we attended a hearing at the Senate regarding what appears to be some irregularities in the conduct of the bidding for the supply of car plates. Three basic issues were discussed during the two-hour hearing:

- LTO violated Commission on Audit rules when it signed a P3.6 billion contract with the winning bidder when their approved budget was only P280 million.
- LTO was charging an extra P50 for the sticker when that item was supposed to be covered by the supplier's bid of P450 per registration.
- Why the LTO has to replace the old plates when there's nothing wrong with them and the law states that a car's plate number should not change during the entire life of the vehicle.

On the first, LTO's response was that the said budget was adjusted later. COA didn't seem to agree with the claimed dates of the LTO. On the second, there was no plausible explanation.

On the third, the only explanation the LTO could offer was that they wanted to standardize the car plate design. According to them, there are 10 existing designs currently in use. The senators asked what was wrong with many designs? As the vehicles are retired, so will the old designs anyway, they said.

The exchange went back and forth and at noon, the meeting adjourned with the promise of additional hearings in the future.

Since the first two issues are legal in nature, I shall leave them for the COA to resolve. The third, however, is not a violation of the law, but rather a management decision made by the LTO. Let's

first take a look at the benefits of that decision. The only benefit, apparently, is what they mentioned during the hearing – and that is, that the car plate design would be standardized. What substance it adds to the registration system is unclear, if any at all.

Let's now take a look at the costs of that decision. It's P450 per vehicle, so assuming that there are a total of 8 million vehicles as of the end of 2014, the total cost to the vehicle owners would be P3.6 billion! For what? So the designs would be standardized?!

Not only that. The automotive industry forecasts sales of more than 300,000 vehicles in 2015. That's an average of more than 25,000 a month whose car plates the LTO cannot not deliver on time!

If they can't deliver car plates on time for 300,000 vehicles, why did they have to undertake the replacement of 8 million more? Even the logistics alone of having to order the fabrication of each number when a vehicle is registered, is already a nightmare. A nightmare that is now somewhat shared with hundreds of dealers and millions of car owners.

### What can the LTO do now to get rid of this nightmare? Here's a possible solution:

- 1 Stop replacing the existing car plates of old vehicles.
- 2 Focus only on new vehicles – 300,000 pairs of car plates at P450 each, will only amount to P135 million, way below the approved budget of P280 million. And surely, it would be much less if based on cost. The COA problem would automatically be solved, as well.
- 3 Announce that those who have already paid will get a credit when they next register their vehicles (it would be optional and receipts must be presented).

Of course, this might mean renegeing on the contract with the supplier, but it's probably easier to deal with one entity than with millions of individuals. And chances are that a good lawyer would find loopholes in the contract. Surely, late deliveries and poor quality are reasons enough to terminate a contract.

It's truly a bad project that's not worth continuing. It wasn't worth starting in the first place. **QQ**

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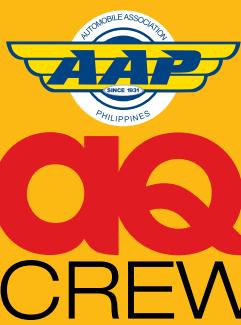
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# The Biggest “Reveal” of The Year

# 2015

will be remembered as the year when one of the biggest frauds in recent automotive history was revealed.

On September 22, 2015, Volkswagen – the largest car manufacturer in Europe and second to Toyota in global sales -- stunned the world when it admitted that 11 million of its diesel cars sold worldwide, including nearly 500,000 in the United States, are equipped with software programmed to conceal the emission of the pollutant nitrogen oxide (NOx) when it detects that the car is undergoing emissions testing.

During normal driving situations, the software, called a “defeat device,” turns off the emissions control system, allowing the car to spew as much as 40 times the maximum limit of NOx allowed by the United States Clean Air Act. Turning off the pollution control in a diesel car improves its torque, acceleration and fuel efficiency, according to automotive technicians.

NOx is linked to health problems affecting the lungs such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema, and other respiratory ailments. In warm, sunny conditions, NOx can turn into ground-level ozone, or smog, and particulates.

The cheating was discovered when researchers at the International Council on Clean Transportation, a non-profit automotive research group, together

with scholars at West Virginia University used sophisticated devices that collected and analyzed exhaust fumes as the cars were driven along routes, mainly in California.

The American Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ordered the recall of 482,000 VW 2.0-liter TDI diesel passenger cars sold in the U.S. since 2009 and the government of Germany has ordered the recall of 8.5 million VW diesel cars in Europe with the tainted software.

**“ So now it appears that Volkswagen’s self-inflicted crisis has come full circle, covering 1.4-liter, 1.6-liter, 2.0-liter and 3.0-liter diesel engines. ”**

The VW cars affected are equipped with 2.0-liter diesel engines in the model years 2009 through 2015, including the Audi A3, VW Jetta, Beetle, Golf and Passat models.

Recently, new tests conducted randomly and in real-world conditions on the road rather than in traditional laboratory settings found the tricky software in 3.0-liter V6 diesel versions of the 2014 VW Touareg, the 2015 Porsche Cayenne and the 2016 Audi A6 Quattro, A7 Quattro, A8, A8L and Q5.

The tests were conducted by the EPA, the California Air Resources Board and Environment Canada. Kudos to these organizations as well as the International Council on Clean Transportation!

Audi and Porsche are the premium brands of the Volkswagen Group, which disputed the findings and pledged to cooperate with the EPA “to clarify the matter in its entirety.” Previously, Volkswagen also challenged the EPA’s findings for one year about the defeat device in 2.0-liter TDI cars before finally acknowledging its scheme.

More recently, in the first week of November, Volkswagen admitted it had understated carbon dioxide emissions for about 800,000 of its vehicles sold in Europe and overstated the cars’ fuel economy, including a number of gasoline-fed cars. Most of the cars with the CO2 problem have an engine known as EA 288, of which there are 1.4-liter, 1.6-liter and 2.0-liter versions.

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Embattled, Volkswagen is scrambling to regain the trust and loyalty of its customers worldwide. Over here, VW Philippines announced that none of the diesel cars it sells (1.6 TDI Polo, 2.0 TDI Jetta, Touran and Tiguan, 3.0-liter V6 Touareg Sport) has the deceptive software and that all its vehicles comply with the Euro 4 air quality standard, which becomes law on January 1, 2016.

VW PH has also stepped up its advertising of the Polo, Touran and Touareg, offering these models for no down payment and zero percent interest or other special financing plans. **aq**



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Mazda Philippines president Steven Tan tells the participants how eager Mazda is to help promote the grassroots MSDP.



AAP director and motor sport committee chair Mandy Eduque shared his insights and experiences with the young drivers. At right is Vip Isada, the lead instructor.

# Culminating its 2015 Motor Sport Development Program, AAP Prepares for 2016

THE Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) recently concluded the first-ever nationwide Motor Sport Development Program (MSDP) at the grassroots level.

The AAP grassroots training platform is designed to discover and develop individuals aged 16-19 years who aspire to compete in motor sport and have the potential to become champion race car drivers. The program consists of lectures and on-road trials that educate participants about basic race driving skills, motor sport psychology, safety, vehicle dynamics, race strategy and the conditioning of both the driver and the vehicle.

AAP director and motorsport committee chair Mandy Eduque noted that the MSDP is a program that aims to get young people involved in motor sport the right way. In the process, Philippine motor sport gains new participants and thereby grows and develops.

The MSDP participants were trained by 10-time national car rally champion Vip Isada and his team of expert motor sport competitors: Robbie Hermoso (7-time

national co-driver and navigator champion), Art Guevara (national rally champion in 2000, navigator champion in 2003), Bebot Reyes (race organizer and official) and Milo Rivera (AAP's motorsport ambassador to the FIA).

One hundred aspiring young race car drivers participated in the program's five separate legs conducted in key regional centers of the Philippines. The program was launched last August 30 in Megatent Libis, Quezon City followed by the Visayas leg on September 26 in Bacolod City, October 11 in Cebu City and the Mindanao leg on November 14 in Davao. The culminating and

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The top five participants (1st row, from left to right) Jero Consing (Bacolod); Bernard Michael Santos Chenee Jimenez, Raymond Cudala, Partick Oliver Bautista and Paolo Santos along with the organizers and instructors for this year's MSDP (2nd row: from left to right) Ivan Isada, Milo Rivera, Bebot Reyes, Art Guevarra, Mark Desales, Vip Isada and Oski Nuke.



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AAP VP Johnny Angeles and PGRSP secretary-general Bert Suansing (standing, 7th and 8th respectively from the left) and AAP Advocacies manager Cynthia Reyes (in red shirt, standing behind Suansing) pose with OSG employees after the road safety seminar.

## AAP CONDUCTS ROAD SAFETY SEMINAR AT OSG

In pursuit of its goal to promote road safety in the government agencies as well as the private sector, the Automobile Association Philippines conducted a seminar for 32 employees of the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) last November 10.

The Road Safety Department of AAP headed by AAP vice president Johnny Angeles, together with Philippine Global Road Safety Partnership (PGRSP) secretary-general Bert Suansing, spoke about the importance of road safety, provided some tips on safe driving and shared AAP's vision/mission for the country on motoring-related issues.

Before the seminar, AAP Advocacies department manager Cynthia Reyes, gave a pop quiz regarding road signs to remind, as well as inform, the employees about

the traffic signs and symbols that they see posted along the road.

During the seminar, Angeles and Suansing reminded the attendees about Republic Act 4136 (The Land Transportation and Traffic Code) and the need for its proper implementation.

The seminar also took up the importance of driver etiquette.

Afterwards, May Raquel Tonog, Administrative Officer for the Training and Development Section, said that the program was a success as evidenced by the summary of results of the Post Evaluation provided by the participants. They concluded that the seminar was very "informative, educational, practical and helpful."

In the assessment report, she stressed that the road safety points of the seminar

"should be practiced and observed by everyone to ensure a safe and trouble-free driving experience not only for the driver and their passenger/s, but for the welfare of the riding public."

"The OSG, particularly the participants, are grateful to be given the opportunity to be a part of your advocacy in promoting road safety and proper driving etiquette," Tonog said.

Angeles welcomed Tonog's evaluation of the seminar. He said that one of the top priorities of AAP is to promote the welfare of the motoring public as a whole.

"We are also glad that we are serving the community through this kind of effort," Angeles said, as he thanked the OSG for inviting AAP to present a road safety seminar. **aq**



## AAP distributes motorcycle helmets to Nueva Ecija school children

THE Automobile Association Philippines (AAP), together with the Philippine Global Road Safety Partnership (PGRSP), has been distributing Protec motorcycle helmets to public school children since 2010 in support of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 and the "Save Kids Campaign" of the United Nations, FIA (International Automobile Federation) and Asia Injury Prevention Foundation.

AAP is the only Philippine affiliate of the FIA while AAP President Gus Lagman serves as chairman of the PGRSP, whose secretariat is housed in the AAP office at 28 EDSA, Greenhills.

The helmets are given free to children who ride to school on motorcycles with their parent or an adult relative. Last September AAP went to Nueva Ecija to distribute helmets to students of the St. Christopher Academy (SCA) of Nueva Ecija.

AAP vice president and Advocacies Committee chair Johnny Angeles, 3M Sales Manager Rowan Rellosa, PGRSP Program Coordinator Marte Perez, St. Christopher Academy of Nueva Ecija School Directress Cynthia Anggulo, Nueva Ecija Vice Mayor Albert Caraang and Aileen

Mappala of the University of the Philippines National Center for Transportation Studies (UP-NCTS) attended the event.

Crisanto Cruz, the principal of SCA Nueva Ecija, expressed his sincerest gratitude to AAP and PGRSP for choosing their school to participate in the UN's campaign to promote road safety. Vice Mayor Albert Caraang commended the project of AAP and PGRSP, saying, "This might be a small step but it will result in a bigger purpose and that is to save lives of children."

AAP Vice President Johnny Angeles stressed that helmets save lives. "We have distributed helmets to children since 2010 in many parts of the Philippines. We aim to lessen if not to eliminate the accidents involving motorcycles in which most of the victims are children," he said. Angeles reminded the children to always use their helmets when traveling on a motorcycle and not just give the helmet to their parents instead.

After the helmet distribution, 3M Philippines Sales Manager Rellosa donated reflectorized stickers to the 30 drivers of tricycles that usually transport students to and from school. **aq**

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The marshals who took the officials safety training program pose with AAP motor sport operations manager Mark Desales and instructors Osaki Nuke and Olson Camacho.

## AAP Holds Practical Training Course for Race Marshals

**F**Ollowing the Officials Safety Training seminar last August at Clark International Speedway for licensed track side marshals, the Automobile Association Philippines conducted another practical training program last November 22, this time at the Megatent Libis in Quezon City.

Sixteen licensed track side marshals attended the practical training course as part of AAP's continuing program for motor sport officials.

The training was done on the last day of the grassroots Motor Sport Development Program (MSDP), where the participants ran on a track made by the instructors led by 10 –time National Rally Champion and MSDP Lead Instructor, Vip Isada.

According to AAP motor sport department operations manager Mark Desales, the training was held in preparation for the Vios Cup on November 28-29.

"This is to ensure that our marshals are fully-equipped in time for AAP-sanctioned events such as the Vios Cup, among others. We want to keep the calls made by the marshals fair and accurate in order to make the event lively yet safe," Desales said.

During the training, marshals took a refresher course on the proper use of flags and the proper reporting should

any untoward incident arise during an actual race.

Different scenarios were simulated during the training, including a red-flag situation, deployment of the safety car and emergency vehicles. The young drivers participating in the MSDP as well as the track side marshals were engaged in simultaneous racing scenarios.

AAP, the only Philippine member of the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) which governs all four-wheel motor sport worldwide, was authorized by the latter to train and develop local motor sport marshals after achieving the silver (second highest) level of accreditation in the FIA Institute's Officials Safety Training Program.

AAP was awarded silver accreditation by the FIA Institute after the auto club trained for three years with the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS), an FIA Institute regional training provider. 



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# Car Park Buildings will ease traffic flow on alternative roads

To clear the alternative routes of illegally parked vehicles and other obstacles, the Automobile Association of the Philippines (AAP) reiterated its call for the construction of car park buildings in strategic places around Metro Manila.

AAP president Gus Lagman made the call in conjunction with the traffic decongestion efforts being undertaken on Epifanio delos Santos Avenue (EDSA) by the Philippine National Police-Highway Patrol Group (PNP-HPG) and the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA).

During the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in Manila, the HPG and MMDA urged motorists to use alternative routes to avoid traffic jams on EDSA, one lane of which was blocked off for the exclusive use of APEC delegates.

However, traffic flow on the alternative routes, called "Mabuhay Lanes," was impeded by illegally parked vehicles and sidewalk vendors. The MMDA had a difficult time removing these traffic obstructions.

Lagman said that car park buildings would provide a place for motorists to park their cars and thus clear the Mabuhay Lanes more effectively.

"The government and the private sector can invest in constructing car park buildings. The government has the land, the private sector can build on it. Aside from clearing the road of blockages, it can be a money-making venture," Lagman said.

"Constructing safe and secure car park buildings does not need much capital. Operating them would be profitable due to the acute shortage of safe parking facilities in Metro Manila."

"A car park building would need a very simple engineering plan. No windows and walls are needed, just a simple cement flooring and a sturdy roof. A few inexpensive toilets are a plus, a few security personnel to man the area and it is bound to make money," he claimed.

"A six-story car park building with a 1,000 square meter footprint can be constructed and finished in less than a year," he added.

The national auto club president said that the idea was first discussed when the MMDA sought AAP's assistance to solve the traffic gridlock in the vicinity of La Salle Greenhills and Poveda.

"After considering numerous options, we came up with the idea of a car park building to be constructed beside or near the gates of the schools," he said.

Lagman pointed out that motorists who park their vehicles on the street outside a secured parking facility run a greater risk of getting carjacked, bumped, sideswiped or their vehicles being broken into by criminals.

A car park building, on the other hand, not only provides a safe place for your car, it also benefits the general public by helping to reduce the number of obstacles on the road, Lagman concluded. **aq**

## continuation... AAP Prepares for 2016

championship leg was held the weekend of November 20-22 at Megatent Libis, Quezon City.

Out of the 100 aspiring young drivers trained and evaluated, five were selected by the instructors and officers of AAP's motor sport division for showing the ability, attitude and characteristics of a future motorsport champion.

The five finalists are Jero Consing from the Bacolod leg, Raymond Ryan Cudala, Chenee Hazel Ang Jimenez, Patrick Oliver Bautista, Bernard Michael Santos and Paolo Ivan Santos, all from Manila. They will undergo further motor sport training by the AAP MSDP instructors.

MSDP head Mark Desales, who is the operations manager of AAP's Motor Sport Division, said that they did not base their judging on how fast the participants finished the laps. "We rated them by identifying who is coachable and trainable, for we believe that this is the foundation of a champion," he said.

Desales added that the program will be conducted every year from now on. "The next AAP-MSDP is slated in March and June in Luzon, April and July in Visayas and May and October in Mindanao. By November 2016, the top three students per leg will

compete in shootout eliminations," he said.

Mazda Philippines president Steven Tan vowed to continue supporting the MSDP. "Many drivers are on the road without the proper knowledge. What the AAP and Mazda Philippines want is for you (young drivers) to learn racing the right way," Tan told the participants.

The AAP-MSDP is made possible by the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), the organization that governs all four-wheel motor sport worldwide. AAP's local partners in the MSDP are Mazda

Philippines (official vehicle of the program,) Aeromed Ambulance Transport and Sabelt. The MSDP Manila and provincial legs are held in partnership with different individuals and event venues such as David Feliciano, Edwin Rodriguez, Walter Zamora of Walter Lights and Sounds, Diane Borja of The Food Couture, Bibong Narciso, Kikong de la Rama in Bacolod City; Jong King, Paolo Santos, Jojo Lloren and SRP Cebu during the Cebu leg and Willie Torres, Sonny Dizon, Kirk Estioko, Sta. Lucia Realty, Crocodile Farm during the Davao City leg. **aq**



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ERS interventions per year	Individual	PIDP	Individual	Group	
	4 interventions or 100 km tow distance whichever comes first	4 interventions or 100 km tow distance whichever comes first	3 interventions or 60 km tow distance whichever comes first	2 interventions or 40 km tow distance whichever comes first	4 interventions or 100 km tow distance whichever comes first

Members may avail of ERS for their registered cars at any time, or for any non-registered car they are using provided they are present at the time of the service. ERS interventions include towing, (flat) tire change, battery boosting, fuel provision and simple mechanical repairs.

Current AAP service areas are:

- All of Metro Manila
- Along the following expressways: North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway (TPLEX), South Metro Manila Skyway and ground-level expressway from Magallanes to Alabang (SOMCO), Alabang-Calamba-Sto. Tomas Expressway (ACTEX).
- Within 25 km road distance from AAP offices at Alabang, Cebu City, Davao City, Lipa City, and San Fernando, Pampanga.

ERS is available 24/7, with an average response time of 30 minutes to 1 hour, weather and traffic conditions permitting.

To facilitate prompt service, please provide the following information to the responding operator:

- Full name and contact number
- AAP membership number
- Model, color, and make of vehicle
- License plate number of vehicle
- Exact location where vehicle has stalled and nearby landmarks
- Access restrictions or limitations (e.g. basement or multi-level parking, security gates, one-way streets, etc.)
- Location where vehicle is to be towed
- A brief description of the problem with the vehicle

AAP cannot take responsibility for members' complaints about their vehicles and their contents after an intervention. This is because very often, the authorities will not allow the preparation and acknowledgement of a check list. It therefore requires the member or his representative to be present during the intervention and to accompany the vehicle while being towed. If this is not possible, the member will be asked to execute a waiver designed for the purpose.

Extra charges for services which are in excess of the allowed interventions are P500 per non-towing intervention or P50 per tow kilometer, subject to a minimum P500 charge. Travel distances for

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#### ERS Assistance to Non-Members

Non-AAP members are serviced and charged corresponding ERS fees at the expressways according to rates approved by the tollways and the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) which are published on AAP tow vehicles. The charge for non-continuing tows from the nearest exit or the storage area is P1,500 for the first 10 km, and P100 per km thereafter.

Non-AAP members may request for tow services out of the expressways if they enroll as 'member-on-the-spot.' Charges are explained by the responding operators, depending on the extent of the required service.

AAP voluntarily grants a 20% senior citizen discount to registered car owners present at the time of intervention.

#### ERS Exclusions

The Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) does not allow motorists, whose cars break down on the road, to choose a towing service provider in designated Tow Away Zones. Breakdowns are towed by the first to arrive on the scene among accredited towing companies, at least to the nearest emergency bays where repair is allowed for a maximum of 2 hours within which AAP members may call for assistance.

At the Expressways' Tow Away Zones, where vehicles may not be fixed, stalled vehicles have to be towed to the nearest exit or to the destination of owner's choice, for additional charges.

#### The following are the contact numbers to call for assistance:

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Cruising along the road of INC's Ciudad de Victoria

# AAP Travel's 10th Drive Tourism Caravan Goes To Bulacan

**AAP** Travel, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Automobile Association Philippines (AAP), aims to upgrade the knowledge and appreciation of Filipinos about the history, scenic beauty, arts and culture of their own country. AAP Travel has been doing this by conducting Drive Tourism Caravans, the latest of which took a hundred participants driving in a convoy to Bulacan on Saturday, October 3, 2015.

The one-day Bulacan sojourn, themed "Enjoying Bountiful Harvests and Exploring the Off-Beaten Paths of History and Culture," was AAP Travel's 10th Drive Tourism Caravan and was attended by AAP directors, members and friends plus a few journalists. It was organized with Petron Blaze 100 Euro 4 as the major partner/sponsor in cooperation with the Department of Tourism Region 3, the Tourism Office of Bulacan under Governor Wilhemino Sy-Alvarado, the Tourism Promotions Board, Manila North Tollways Corporation and Aeromed, the official ambulance provider of AAP.

After the flag-off early morning at the Petron Marilao station, the caravan motored to Ciudad de Victoria, a 140-hectare tourism enterprise zone in the towns of Bocaue and Santa Maria, Bulacan that integrates residential and office buildings with shopping, entertainment, leisure, education, business and sports facilities. The centerpiece of Ciudad de Victoria is the Philippine Arena and Philippine Sports Stadium, considered the biggest in the country.

After visiting the magnificent structures of Ciudad de Victoria, the caravan proceeded

to the historic church of Barasoain, which dates back to the 15th century, and then headed to the Kamestizuhan street where the ancestral house of Santos-Uitangcoy is located. It is a national heritage house owned by one of the leaders of the women of Malolos who played a crucial role in Philippine history. They were the heroines to whom Dr. Jose Rizal addressed his famous letter "Sulat sa mga Kadalagahang Taga-Malolos" ("A Letter to the Women of Malolos".)

Following this discovery, the participants got to taste the local rice cakes outside the Bulacan Pasalubong Center. The next stop was the East West Seed Farm in San Rafael, from where high-quality vegetable seeds are exported to about 60 countries worldwide. The caravan participants experienced harvesting hybrid vegetable plants at the farm.

From the seed farm, the caravan participants drove to the Daily Bread Organic Farm in Bustos for a sumptuous lunch.

As part of AAP Travel's CSR, the participants visited the Bahay at Yamanni San Martin de Porres in Bustos, a shelter for abandoned children. The children presented a



The Historic Barasoain Church of Malolos

special show that included a group playing the violin and a boy performing a break-dance. Incidentally, the children live in special stone houses similar to those owned by thelvetans of Batanes.

Before returning to Manila, the caravan made a final stop at the Municipal Office of Bustos where Mayor Ariel Mendoza welcomed the participants, gave a short talk on Bustos and served *minasa* and coconut sherbet, the local delicacies.

Many caravan participants were pleasantly surprised and impressed by the heritage sites and unheralded attractions that Bulacan has to offer, since tourist attractions are often associated with well-known destinations far from Manila.

What made AAP Travel's caravan truly exciting and memorable was the extra services it provided unexpectedly. Regan Cua, one of the regular participants of the drive – tour caravans, was provided a free preventive maintenance check-up at Motortech – Petron Car Care Center a day before the caravan. Petron emphasizes the importance of regular preventive maintenance check-ups particularly before a long drive as part of their road safety campaign.

"I always ensure that our car is in good running condition anytime I drive with my family. I am very thankful to Petron for the safety that was provided to my family," said Cua. His family also won a Petron collapsible reflective emergency cone during the caravan lunch program.

For more details about AAP Travel's upcoming caravans, call 551-0014.



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## CLUB NEWS

THE recent meeting of the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism set out an ambitious agenda for the coming year, focusing on the implementation of a new business plan, increasing club development and strengthening the advocacy position of the Federacion International de l'Automobile (FIA) and its member clubs.



# World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism Unveils 2016 Development Program

FIA Deputy President closes year of 'progress on multiple fronts' with promise of enhanced agenda for clubs

Addressing the meeting, Brian Gibbons, deputy president for Automobile Mobility and Tourism said: "The past year has been characterized by progress on multiple fronts and I believe we are well placed to deliver on our objectives and also respond to an increasing agenda. We are gearing up to not only deliver on our [2014 Mobility Plan] but also to produce an enhanced mobility agenda encapsulating our needs around policy advocacy and service enhancements. Work on these agendas is already underway."

At the top of the council's agenda is the implementation of a new business plan for 2016. This centers on four key strategic aims: achieve global club development through learning; positioning the FIA as a global advocate for safe, accessible and sustainable mobility; supporting clubs in providing services to members and communicating effectively with mobility regions and clubs.

In the area of club development the FIA is targeting the provision of learning opportunities to all member clubs through the expansion of the FIA University to include a senior management course.

Increasing the capacity of clubs will also involve the continued delivery of the club development program. The council also pointed to the value of the annual Mobility Conference as a forum for knowledge exchange and networking and revealed that following the 2016 conference in Helsinki, the 2017 edition will take place in Tokyo.

The council also committed to further supporting clubs in their provision of services to members through advancing the development of the FIA Driver Training Certification Program announced last year and by undertaking a feasibility study to evaluate opportunities for the FIA to support a network of driver training centers.

The council also agreed to strengthen the position of the FIA as a global advocate

for safe, accessible and sustainable mobility and in particular referenced active participation in key international forums such as the ITF Summit, the World Economic Forum and the Clinton Global Initiative.

Global advocacy on road safety is set to be enhanced through the activities of the recently launched FIA High Level Panel for Road Safety as well as via support for the UN Special Envoy, the Action for Road Safety Campaign and the Road Safety Grants Program.

Finally, the council noted the continuing improvements in communication with FIA regions and with member clubs but added that while it will further roll out the FIA Connect platform to support effective governance and decision making, a more broadly effective platform will be sought.

Reflecting on the past year, Secretary General McKellar added: "It's been a busy year for Mobility, a year in which we have seen substantial structural change within the organisation. It's also been a key year in terms of building our advocacy capacity, particularly on the road safety front. **aa**



## FIA welcomes new milestone in the fight for road safety

MINISTERS and heads of delegations gathered in Brazil for the Second Global High-level Conference on Road Safety adopted the Brasilia Declaration.

Bringing together 2,200 participants from 136 countries, including representatives from over 70 Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) member clubs, the conference had among its objectives to evaluate the progress of initiatives to reduce road traffic deaths and injuries worldwide through the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety, which has reached its mid-point.

The Second Global High-Level Conference on Road Safety was organized by the Brazilian Minister of Health in partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO), the Pan-American

Health Organization (PAHO) and the informal group of the Friends of the Decade of Action.

The Brasilia Declaration recommends the actions that must be taken in order to reach the goals of the Decade and the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals. This includes:

- Stronger road safety management, legislation and enforcement,
- The promotion of safer roads and sustainable modes of transport,
- The protection of vulnerable road users,
- The development and promotion of safer vehicles,
- Increased awareness and capacity of road users,
- Improvements in post-crash response and rehabilitation services,
- Strengthened cooperation and coordination towards global road safety, and;
- An upscaling of financing for road safety.

Jean Todt, FIA President and UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety, who participated in the conference, leading the FIA delegation, said: "The Brasilia Declaration on Road Safety, adopted by all delegates, reconfirms the road map set for the Decade of Action. To meet these ambitious road safety targets, governments need to urgently remobilise their efforts. It's time for results." **aa**

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## All-new Audi TT:

By Kap Macea Aguila

# Tech and Teeth

**F**irst introduced as a concept car at the 1995 Frankfurt Motor Show, the Audi TT sports coupé captured the fancy of car enthusiasts when it rolled out of the Ingolstadt, Germany-based carmaker in 1998. Its geometrical, coherent design language was seen to lead a design revolution, and the coupé soon became among the most coveted vehicles in its class.

"You dare or you don't," simply declares Audi Philippines in its marketing copy for the third-generation of the TT, officially launched locally recently at the Bonifacio Global City showroom. For those wondering, the appellation "TT" is said to have been derived from the "motor racing tradition of the Neckarsulm Strickmaschinen Union (NSU) in the British Isle of Man TT (or Tourist Trophy) motorcycle race." NSU, which first competed in the TT in 1911, later "merged into the company now known as Audi." Today, TT also stands for "technology and tradition," itself adhering to the company known for its iconic mantra: "Vorsprung durch Technik" (Advancement through Technology).

Announced Audi Philippines head Benedicto Coyouto, in a speech delivered before the unveiling: "Today marks a new day in Audi history...The TT has always led Audi into bold, new innovation."

Indeed, the new TT, in a very real way, banners the future for the Four Rings. Audi regional training manager Richard Sorensen, speaking in front Audi customers and members of the media, said the TT premieres Audi's impressive Virtual Cockpit feature, which supplants



traditional physical analog gauges with a generous 12.3-inch LCD screen. Located conveniently in the driver's field of vision (compared to traditionally located multimedia screens), Sorensen called it the "highest-resolution, quickest-processing-speed display ever put in a car."

Last year, this writer had a chance to see the Virtual Cockpit at the Audi Forum Ingolstadt, installed in a TT roadster. Foreign

press and visitors were clearly impressed. Gauges can appear as old-school dials or as part of futuristic full-screen views. You might prefer, instead, a map unfurling in front of you on the screen. Plus, "Imagine going through a list of nearby restaurants on the virtual cockpit," Sorensen said. Audi's own proprietary MMI (Multimedia Interface) has evolved since its release in 2001 — increasing driving comfort through intuitive

control and displays for infotainment and vehicle functions.

It being a sports coupé, the TT is not all tech candy, but a looker and performer as well. Those who may have been put off by Beetle-esque hints profile of the past iteration have reason to rejoice. The all-new TT (actually launched at the 2014 Geneva Motor Show) is a vastly improved vehicle both inside and out. Designers sculpted the vehicle with crisp edges, lending well to a muscular profile. Audi says there are "no superfluous lines" in the "low, wide, stretched" body. Sorensen insisted that the all-new TT (or 8S) is "a lot edgier than the previous generation.

"(Still) we basically kept the formula very, very similar," he adds. "There's a lot of shapes on the car that we're used to seeing on the TT — the narrow glass area, the sloping roofline, big wheel arches."

Even as the physical dimensions are similar to its elder sibling, the new TT's

(unsuccessfully, of course) to stick a magnet to its chassis.

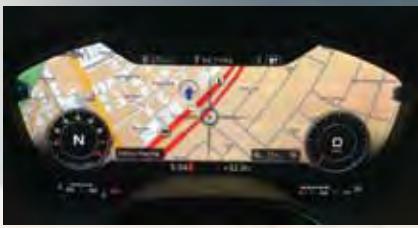
Innovative thinking is evident in this Audi even through its air-conditioning controls. "They are in the ventilation outlets themselves," explained Sorensen. This demonstrates operating logic, while freeing up valuable control-panel space for a cleaner layout within.

Viewed from the front, the massive hexagonal of the TT looks like it's ready to inhale sheep; the four rings on the bonnet is a guarantee it can. Completing the bad-man look are the 3D-design headlights. Xenon-plus units come standard, while full-LED headlights come with the S line package. "The pioneering Audi Matrix LED technology is optional, wherein the high beam is generated by controllable individual LEDs. There is an unmistakable contour created by the separating strip in the headlights, which is illuminated by light guides," reports Audi. "The Matrix

LED headlights consist of 12 LEDs and include another Audi innovation: dynamic turn signals that light up sequentially in the direction in which the driver is steering. The predictive cornering light uses navigation data to move the cone of light into the curve before the steering wheel is turned."

In a release, Audi Philippines reports that the Audi TT was named as Auto Express Coupé of the Year. The vehicle, said the respected car magazine, "lives up to its predecessors' billing as a style icon, but is more focused and better to drive than ever." Car and Driver magazine gives the TT coupé high marks for both "snazzy styling and peppy performance," which appeal to the "practical and passionate." **AQ**

**Audi AG Director  
Richard Sorensen  
presented the new  
features of the new  
Audi TT.**



The TT is a truly groundbreaking vehicle on many fronts as it premieres Audi's proprietary innovation called the "virtual cockpit."



wheelbase increases by 37 millimeters to 2,505 millimeters. Of significance, too, is the fact that the present TT is actually — at 1,335 kilograms — 50 kilos lighter than the one it replaces.

The second-generation TT already saw Audi taking strides in lightweight construction as it featured a so-called Audi Space Frame body constructed of aluminum and steel. The all-new TT takes the "composite construction principle even further." The company reports it's all about "the right amount of the right material in the right place for optimal functions." While keeping occupants safe, the technology positively impacts acceleration, handling, and fuel consumption. Richard Sorensen showed just how generously aluminum was used in the new TT by attempting



WITH 2016 just around the bend, car enthusiasts are keeping their cards and cash close to their chest in anticipation of new models that are scheduled to hit the global market. From supercars to fuel efficient hybrid automobiles, car buyers are in for a treat with hot new cars scheduled to hit showrooms as early as the first quarter of 2016.

We'll see practical and fun cars, supercars and possibly the latest generation of hybrid and all-electric sedans and SUVs. Some models may be mere design upgrades, while others will surely push the envelope of technology and conquer physics with their insane engines that will make any environmentalists weep.

To keep you up-to-date with what's over the horizon, we have compiled the best cars destined to join your garage-full of exotic cars.



Text and photos  
by Dino Ray V. Directo III

# 2016 hottest cars: ***Hot, locked and loaded***



Mazda MX-5

## Nissan GTR NISMO

This race-oriented 660 bhp special model of the GT-R is considered to be the swan song model for this esteemed series. Established as one of the best performing supercars in the automotive sphere, Nissan has drawn on decades of racing experience gathered by NISMO, the brand's motor sport specialists, to develop the ultimate Nissan GT-R.

The Nissan GT-R NISMO features exclusive styling that embraces the longstanding racing philosophy of form following function. It has numerous motor sport-inspired technologies to enhance the car's performance through optimized aerodynamics, suspension and powertrain, creating a well-balanced machine that is at home on both the road and track.

The Nissan GT-R NISMO was made available in Japan early 2014 and Nissan Philippines Inc. has already announced the availability of this supercar in mid- 2016,

## Mazda Miata MX-5

The MX-5 is an iconic model representing Mazda's vehicle-engineering philosophy—the pursuit of driving pleasure. Environmental and safety demands are much more stringent than they were in the first generation MX-MX-5 was introduced 25 years ago, but the fourth generation stays true to the model's original aim of offering the pure driving fun that only a lightweight sports car

can. It achieves this through the adoption of SKYACTIV technology and refinement of its appeal to the senses and sensations through which people enjoy cars.

The design of the all-new MX-5 reveals another layer to Mazda's KODO design language. The exquisite proportions make the driver and passenger stand out, and both the interior and exterior evoke the exhilaration of open-top driving. It is the most compact of any generation MX-5 so far and is more than 100 kilograms lighter than the model it replaces, promising a dramatic leap in Jinba-ittai driving fun.

As of July 2014, total production volume of the Mazda MX-5 exceeded 940,000 units and it continues to hold the Guinness World Record for the best-selling two-seater sports car. This highly-celebrated model has received over 200 awards from around the globe including Japan Car of the Year 2005-2006. Mazda has again revived the open type sports car concept in the local market.



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Honda Civic Type R



Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution

### Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution X

Fans of the diamond star will surely move heaven and earth to have this baby sitting in their garage. With a ready 291 bhp on tap at 6,500 rpm and a full 300 lb.-ft. of torque beginning at 4,000 rpm, the last of the series Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution X has already been certified by car collectors as a future collectible. Having won numerous drivers' championships – including four straight from 1996 through 1999 with Finnish racing legend Tommi Mäkinen – in the extremely challenging on- and off-road circuits featured in the World Rally Championship, this specialized racing machine has developed down the years as one of the best cars to have ever come out of Japan.

At the heart of the Evolution X is the 4B11 T/C powerplant features a “square” design with a bore and stroke each measuring 86.0 mm, a compression ratio of 9.0:1 and a reinforced cast-aluminum engine block and an aluminum cylinder head. Power production is further maximized by the installation of a high-volume free-flow exhaust system with dual exhaust outlets, while weight balance is improved with the turbocharger and stainless steel exhaust manifold positioned close to the firewall at the rear of the engine. The DOHC 16-valve 2.0-liter turbocharged and intercooled inline-4-cylinder engine feels completely willing and able at virtually any mark on the tachometer. It's a Japanese rocket that can hold its own against its European and American rivals.

### Toyota 86 Open Top

Although Toyota is keeping their pie holes sealed at the moment, the FT86 that you see here is being displayed at every car show in this planet as an exercise to test the waters. Toyota claims the multilayered soft top and its glass rear window fold down to store neatly behind the Lilliputian rear seats, while making minimal impact on luggage space. (Commandable measures to be sure, but honestly, we had pretty much forgotten the 86 even had a back seat—or a trunk, for that matter.) Exterior dimensions remain unchanged compared to the global-market GT 86, at 166.9 inches long, 68.9 inches wide, and 50.0 inches high.

The powertrain and chassis essentially are unchanged from the coupe. The Subaru-sourced, naturally aspirated 2.0-liter horizontally opposed boxer engine (fitted with Toyota's proprietary D-4S port/direct injection) mates with either a six-speed manual or automatic. Struts in front and a multilink setup out back handle suspension duties. Likewise, the 13.1:1 electric power steering carries over, as do the brakes.

Toyota claims it is further evaluating how going topless can impact the performance, balance, weight, aerodynamics, and rigidity of the GT 86. But it somewhat paradoxically also states that the car was designed with a cabriolet in mind. Regardless, various measures intended to maintain chassis rigidity are currently being analyzed, including the use of door-lock reinforcements, while also keeping a focus on low overall weight. Toyota hopes to keep the cabriolet “weight neutral” relative to the coupe's figure of less than 2800 pounds.

### Honda Civic Type R

The Civic Type R last saw production in 2010, but its returning to the global scene once again was confirmed at the 2015 Tokyo Motor Show when Honda took the wraps off this iconic pocket rocket. The newest version features a huge step up in performance output. The old Type R saw horsepower figures of 222 hp (Japan) and 197 hp (Europe), while the newest model makes the leap to 306 hp.

At 306 hp from a 2-liter inline-4 means a high output of 153 hp per liter. However, that doesn't come at the expense of tractability and low end power, as the maximum torque of 295 lb-ft is available at a mere 2500 rpm. Honda claims the key to these numbers is their new turbocharger with VTEC (Variable Timing and lift Electronic Control) technology, which gives abundant power across the rpm range.

Although the Civic Type R will be exclusively sold in Japan and in some key markets in Europe and Southeast Asia, Honda Cars Philippines revealed that the return of the Civic SiR is being seriously considered. **QQ**



# THE FUTURE OF MOBILITY

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**T**OKYO, Japan—It was a red letter date for car and motorcycle enthusiasts the world over as the 44th staging of the Tokyo Motor Show at the Tokyo Big Sight in Koto Ward. The bi-annual event featured the innovative technologies and the latest trends of 30 vehicle manufacturers from around the World and 130 relative companies such as parts suppliers and car accessory makers. “The Tokyo Motor Show is a must see event to check out what’s going on with the Japanese auto industry. There [were] 76 World premier launches, including 67 from the domestic market,” says Toyokazu Ishida, director general of the Tokyo Motor Show office at the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA).



This year, the highly anticipated launch during the show was that of the new Honda NSX, new Civic Type R, the S660 Kei car and the Clarity Fuel Cell Vehicle (FCV). The all-new Civic Type R hits the Japanese market beginning this December across Japan. Powered by Honda’s newly developed 2.0L VTEC Turbo engine and mated to a six-speed manual transmission, the Civic Type R embodies the company’s “Soul-shaking Superior Drive” concept. Prior to its launch, the Type R was tested on the North course of the famed Nurburgring circuit in Germany and has set a new world record of seven minutes and 50 seconds lap time, the fastest for any FF production vehicle.

Like Honda, powerhouse Toyota Motor Corporation unveiled several concept vehicles including the FCV Plus, a hydrogen-powered car with unconventional looks. Toyota also unveiled the S-FR Sports car and the KIKAI, a fusion of retro and futuristic designs.

Nissan, on the other hand, displayed its electric Kei car concepts, the Teatro for Dayz, the Nissan GRIPZ concept and quite possibly, the shape of the next generation GTR, the Nissan Concept 2020 Vision Gran Turismo. Other big launch events which made a buzz were the introduction of the new BMW M4 GTS Sports Coupe, Subaru with their Impreza five-door concept, the beefed up S207 Impreza STi and the 17-car display of Volkswagen which had its Polo R WRC on display. **qq**

# New Ford Focus with EcoBoost: Refined and Smarter



**T**HE new Ford Focus comes to the market, introducing a new level of refinement with a bolder, more sophisticated and dynamic package with advanced technologies, marking an evolution of the Focus nameplate.

Its sleeker, modern design hints at the updates that make one of the world's most popular compact cars even better—including new and improved driver assistance technologies that take the hassle out of parallel and perpendicular parking.

The new Focus is also more economical than ever—all while maintaining the fun-to-drive Ford DNA experience that has helped to make it so popular around the world.

The stylish new exterior design displays a new level of sophistication. A lower, wider stance that emphasizes width, and a new hood that sweeps elegantly toward the signature trapezoidal grille, give the car a bolder and more muscular presence on the road.

Slim, chiseled front headlamps link the aggressive front end to the clean, flowing lines of its sides, which kick up at the rear window. More rectangular, elongated fog-lamps add to the bolder front end. The rear of the car has a sleek new fascia and tailgate arrangement, as well as thinner tail lamps, and a sculpted rear spoiler to enhance aerodynamics.

The refined and athletic exterior is complemented by a modern new interior.

Ford designers paid particular attention to customer feedback on the current generation Focus, which called for a simpler, more intuitive interior with fewer controls and switches. The simplified interior offers more space with a variety of new convenient storage options for a more comfortable driving experience.

The new Focus also offers impressive levels of cabin quietness, with sound deadening materials—including sound-insulating windshield glass, thicker side-window glass, thicker carpets, increased insulation in the door trims, and improved engine insulation—for increased refinement.

Reflecting the need for modern drivers to stay connected at all times, the new Focus is equipped with Ford's advanced connectivity system, SYNC 2, which offers a smarter and safer way to stay connected. Drivers can operate the car's climate controls, entertainment system and a linked smartphone with natural voice commands. A centrally placed, high resolution, 8-inch touchscreen puts even more control at the driver's fingertips, with color-coded corners for easy menu navigation.

The vehicle is available with Enhanced Active Park Assist, which builds upon Ford's popular Parallel Park Assist with the addition of Perpendicular Park Assist.

In urban driving up to 50 km/h, an improved Active City Stop system can help to mitigate low-speed collisions.

Using a windshield-mounted sensor to detect braking, slower-moving or stationary vehicles in front, the system pre-charges the brakes if the car is approaching a vehicle in front too quickly. If the driver fails to take action, the system reduces engine torque and automatically applies the brakes to reduce the impact of a collision.

The new Focus even allows owners to encourage safe driving when they are not behind the wheel with Ford MyKey. Owners can program a spare key to reduce the maximum speed of the vehicle, give an earlier low-fuel warning, limit the volume of the in-car entertainment, or even disable it completely if the seatbelt is not fastened. The technology can provide reassurance to owners when lending their car to less experienced drivers.

The new Focus is powered by a powerful and efficient 1.5-liter four-cylinder EcoBoost engine, which offers 180 PS of power and 240 Nm of torque.

It also features technologies introduced in Ford's multiple-award-winning 1.0-liter three-cylinder EcoBoost engine. A new cylinder head design with improved cooling and an integrated exhaust manifold improves efficiency by delivering a more efficient feed of air into the engine and helping it to operate at optimal temperatures.

On the go, the new Focus takes the nameplate's class-leading driving dynamics and fun-to-drive DNA to a new level with enhanced handling. Ford engineers have carefully tuned the suspension and shock absorbers for a more solid and responsive vehicle that feels firmly connected to the road.

A more refined Electric Power Assisted Steering system further improves the driving experience with more precise steering and lower effort, while reducing unwanted damping and providing excellent feedback to the driver. 

## The new Focus will be available in four variants at the following price points:

1.5L Focus GTDI EcoBoost Sport+ AT	(P1,278,000)
1.5L Focus GTDI EcoBoost Titanium+ AT	(P1,278,000)
1.5L Focus GTDI EcoBoost Sport AT	(P1,088,000)
1.5L Focus GTDI EcoBoost Titanium AT	(P1,088,000)

The new Focus comes in eight captivating colors—frozen white, panther black, ingot silver, winning blue, magnetic metallic, lunar sky, candy red and mustard olive.



**T**AKING the center stage at the Mazda stand at the 2015 Tokyo Motor Show was the RX-Vision sports car. The RX-Vision, seeming to glow red despite the subdued lighting, represents Mazda's future sports car, and the return of one its most famous technologies, the rotary engine.

# MAZDA'S VISION FOR THE DRIVER'S CARS OF TOMORROW

By Jason K. Ang

The rotary engine does not have pistons that go up and down cylindrical chambers. Instead, the Wankel rotary, named after Germany's Felix Wankel, uses a triangular rotor that rotates within an ovoid chamber. The rotary movement makes this type of engine theoretically more efficient than a piston engine.

Mazda is the only automaker that has mass-produced the rotary engine. Its first application in the Mazda lineup was also in a sports car, the Cosmo Sport. A well-restored Cosmo Sport, a genuine classic by now, was also on the Mazda stand. The rotary engine is able to rev smoothly to a high redline, allowing it to produce more power relative to its displacement.

The Mazda Cosmo Sport was followed by the RX-7, which became the company's flagship sports car. The first-generation RX-7 was a thrill to drive, with its rotary quickly and smoothly revving to a then unheard-of 7000 rpm redline. Two more generations of RX-7 followed. One of them was featured in the hit film series *Fast & Furious*, as the signature vehicle of Sung Kung, a.k.a. Han.

Mazda took the rotary engine to the highest achievement in motor sport: outright victory at the Le Mans 24 Hours Race. The Mazda 787B prototype racecar was powered by a 700-hp, four-rotor rotary engine. The 787B was the first and so far the only Japanese car to win the world-famous endurance race.

But with ever-stricter fuel efficiency and emissions regulations, the rotary engine was put into hibernation. Mazda had to temporarily cease production of the rotary engine as the company faced an economic crisis. Development of the engine continued within Mazda's engineering department.

The rotary made a comeback in 2003, as the new-generation "Renesis" engine.

The rotary's compact dimensions allowed for a more unique configuration, such as with the Mazda RX-8 sports car. The RX-8 was a four-seat sports car with four doors, the rear doors pivoting from the rear pillar. The main attraction of the RX-8 was of course its keg-sized rotary engine, capable of spinning quickly to 9000rpm.

The rotary has always been a part of Mazda's engineering efforts. The new Skyactiv-R rotary engine was mentioned a couple of months back during our tour of the company's Hiroshima headquarters. But we were politely asked not to mention it for the time being. Now, at the Tokyo Motor Show, Mazda has unveiled the Skyactiv-R rotary as the new engine to power its upcoming sports car.





## *The rotary-powered RX-Vision sports car was the main attraction at the Tokyo Motor Show*

The RX-Vision also represents the next phase of Mazda's Kodo-Soul of Motion styling language. Kodo was developed to capture a sense of movement or motion within the car's body design. The first phase uses the car's edges and lines to carry that sense of motion. The next step involves the use of reflections on the car's curved body panels to further express that movement. Thus the RX-Vision's sculpted fenders and even bumpers playfully reflect movement in the way they catch light.

Present at the Tokyo Motor Show was Ikuo Maeda, Mazda's design chief. He says that the RX Vision is not a true successor to the RX-8 sports car, but something different.

"We opened all of our secret drawers to get design ideas for the RX-Vision. The RX-Vision is a sports car, and sports cars are the freest form of design," said Maeda.

He continues: "We tried to express the Kodo design language by capturing a living form. This living design is expressed through the car's lines in Kodo. For the next generation of Mazda cars, we will express the motion through reflections on the body surface."

"The design essence of a sports car is its engine and airflow management. For Mazda's brand, this vehicle is absolutely essential."

Kiyoshi Fujiwara, Mazda's R&D chief, described some of the innovations used for the new Skyactiv-R rotary engine. The ignition system, he says, took inspiration from the Dragonball anime series. Its ignition system throws out a fireball similar to the characters on the TV show, a unique solution required for the new rotary engine. The development of the engine will take another 1-2 years for validation.

Fujiwara also said that Mazda is

not developing a conventional MPV, but instead a seven-seater vehicle suited for families. He was no doubt referring to the Koeru show car, taking its bow in Japan after the global debut in Frankfurt a few weeks earlier. The Koeru was indeed the precursor to the all-new Mazda CX-9, which debuted in Los Angeles barely two weeks after the Tokyo Motor Show.

Fujiwara's opinion is that cars, and computers should support the driver, but that the human is more clever than the machine.

Maeda, Mazda's design chief, had this to say on creating good-looking cars: "We want to create a form to touch anyone with its beauty. The reason for [younger customers] going away from cars is that the young can't find products to move them. By creating beautiful cars, we want to change the landscape of the city streets." **AQ**



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# ELECTRIC DESIRES, AMPLIFIED

**M**ENTION the words “electric vehicle” to a regular person and images of small, sterile-looking, geeky modes of transport would probably come to his or her mind. Yes they are more environment-friendly, but generally uninspired and unlikely to elicit any kind of emotion except perhaps boredom. Sure Tesla has, for quite some time, been producing exciting EVs, but at a price range that’s way, way beyond reach of the regular schmoe.

Mitsubishi aims to change all that—typical perceptions and expectations towards EVs, with technology they’ve already developed and refined, for the present. From the 44th Tokyo Motor Show held at the Tokyo Big Sight just last October, Mitsubishi’s President himself, Tetsuro Aikawa, unveiled their own take on the near-future of electric vehicles with the stunning Mitsubishi eX Concept Electric Crossover.



**A new generation of EVs has begun**

It's inevitable. Eventually all automobiles will have to be totally weaned off their dependence on fossil fuels, and that smarter, more capable and desirable electric vehicles will take over the highways. Mitsubishi is pushing hard for its realization to happen sooner than we'd expect. The 100% electric powered eX, with its radically sculpted hyper-athletic stance, reveals Mitsubishi's holistic design direction for their new and upcoming nameplates, as characterized by their



emergency braking when necessary to avoid collisions.

Linked to a navigation app, the Intelligent Display also allows the driver to pull-up online search information via Cloud. The system's AI function will make recommendations based on the driver's interests and preferences it has learned from continuous usage. While you're at it, why not plug the house in to your eX for a change? Its advanced Lithium battery is capable of powering your home appliances for days at a time.

Intelligent safety features include an

# Mitsubishi is set to crank up your future with Electric Vehicles

signature Dynamic Shield front design. A high-capacity, high-density Lithium battery powers the eX's cutting edge EV system that runs a pair of lightweight and compact high-output electric motors that give it an extended 400-kilometer cruising range (that's like a drive from Manila to Subic Bay and back, with almost 100kms' mileage to spare) and potent 4WD capability. This drivetrain delivers a total of 140 Kilowatts of power, which in combination with the overall reduced weight from the compact size and materials used, provide for some seriously assertive acceleration even in EV standards. The eX concept is actually the embodiment of Mitsubishi's latest technologies, that focus on greatly improving the total cruising range and performance of their electric vehicles.

**An EV that shatters perceptions**

The main battery mounted underneath the eX's body, gives it a low center of gravity. It powers the twin electric motors that run its advanced 4WD system and proprietary S-AWC integrated vehicle dynamics control systems that provide

the eX with highly responsive handling and exceptional stability even under the most demanding driving situations and conditions. Variable drive modes allow the vehicle to easily take on a wide range of terrains, depending on the need. AUTO mode for example uses external cameras and sensors to monitor road surfaces and allow the vehicle to adjust and compensate accordingly for an optimal drive and ride.

**More eco-friendly, smarter, safer, and more fun. What's not to like?**

The stuff of science fiction will soon be standard equipment. The eX Concept will utilize an Augmented Reality (AR) windshield to complement an intelligent display that would provide enhanced driving information. With connected car technology linked to an information network, the AR windshield will provide route guidance, send vehicle proximity and lane departure warnings, and with Caution Tracking, alerts the driver of approaching cars or pedestrians that are outside of his field of view, to give him ample time to react and avoid accidents altogether. It will also activate throttle control and

infrared camera, which along with other sensors in-car, constantly monitor the driver to make sure he's in the most optimal condition to operate the vehicle- checking his eye blinking, changes in posture, heart rate, as well as irregularities in his driving manner and encourages him to rest when he needs it.

**Adaptable, more future-ready,**

The Mitsubishi eX Concept Crossover is also geared towards the further development of technologies that would eventually make its EV successors capable of semi and fully automated driving. Imagine your eX self-parking to the nearest charging bay, then driving up to fetch you when you're done with dinner, to safely drive you home afterwards. The eX Concept Crossover boldly represents Mitsubishi's direction towards a more sensible and sustainable automotive near-future for its EVs and general product line. And with the way they've seamlessly fused-in the high-performance and stunning design aspects into it, Mitsubishi has made the prospect of the eventual big shift to EVs a lot more desirable indeed. **qq**

The winners of the 2015 CAGI Car of the Year awards on display at the 2015 Fontana Clark Auto Motorama pool party.  
 2015 Car of the Year - Mazda 2 Skyactiv R 4-door  
 2015 Truck of the Year - Nissan NP300 Navara 2.5L 4x2 EL 7AT Calibre



## CAGI Names Mazda 2 and Nissan Navara as 2015 Car and Truck of The Year - Philippines

**A**FTER months of preparations and four Testfests, the Car Awards Group, Inc. (CAGI), the country's premier automotive award-giving body, has named the Mazda 2 the 2015 Car of the Year-Philippines (COTY-P) and the Nissan Navara the Truck of the Year-Philippines (TOTY-P). The announcement was made at the CAGI Gala Awards Night last November 13, 2015 held at the Fontana Hot Spring Leisure Parks & Casino in Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga.

The overall Car of the Year title was awarded to the Mazda 2 Skyactiv R 4-door, which also won the Best Subcompact Car category. It outshined all the other 65 nominees that vied for the top award, beating them for its merits in performance, aesthetics, driving experience, and price just to name a few. The last Mazda to get the award was the Mazda 6 that won in 2013 - 2014.

Meanwhile, the Nissan NP300 Navara 2.5L 4x2 EL 7AT Calibre earned the Truck of the Year - Philippines award, besting its competitors in the highly contested truck wars. The same variant topped the 4x2 Pickup category, while the all-new Ford Ranger Wildtrak 3.2L 4x4 AT took home the best 4x4 Pickup award.

As for the other winners in the car categories, the Suzuki Celerio GL 1.0L MT was named as the Basic Subcompact Car of the Year, while the Kia Forte Koup 2-door Sedan received the Best Compact Car of the Year award. The Mazda 6 Sports Wagon won the Best Midsized Car category, the Volvo S60 D4 Polestar in the Best Premium Sedan segment, and the Jaguar XE 2.0 as the Best Luxury Sedan.

This year's awards also saw a large number of crossovers and MPVs on the entry list. Top honors in the Best Subcompact

Crossover SUV category went to the Nissan Juke, the Best Compact Crossover SUV to the Honda HR-V 1.8L EL CVT, while the Best Crossover SUV award was given to the Mazda CX-5 AWD Sport. But the most extravagant of them all is the Lexus NX 200t F-Sport that took home the trophy as the Best Luxury Crossover SUV of the Year. The MPV categories, on the hand, was a clean sweep by Honda who won both the Compact MPV and Luxury MPV of the Year with the Mobilio 1.5V CVT and Odyssey 2.4L EX-V Navi, respectively, while Ford took home both the 4x2 and 4x4 SUV categories with the Everest Trend 2.2L 4x2 AT, and Everest Titanium 3.2 4x4 AT variants.

The most exciting vehicles that entered the 2015 COTY-PH awards, however, were the sports and luxury cars. The Volkswagen Golf GTI, Subaru WRX 2.0 MT, and Mazda MX-5 MT were the big winners in the Best Sports Hatch, Best Sports Sedan, and Best Sports Car categories. Then there were the big muscle cars from



**Big winners**

The Mazda team represented by (L-R) Germain Alilio, Field Sales Specialist; Sherlyn Co, Corporate Communications and Relationship Manager; Japheth Castillo, Sales And Marketing Director; Steven Tan, President & CEO; David Asuncion, General Sales Manager; Ralph Garcia, Marketing Manager; and Mark Tamula, Field Service Specialist.



**Truck of the Year winners**

(L-R) Robby Consunji, President, Car Awards Group, Inc.; Dax Avenido, PR and Product Planning Manager, Nissan Philippines, Inc.; SJ Huh, General Manager for Marketing, Nissan Philippines, Inc.; Therese Sarmiento, PR & Communications officer, Nissan Philippines, Inc.; and Subir Lohani, Managing Director, Carmudi Philippines.

Ford and Lexus with the Mustang 5.0 V8 GT Premium taking the Best Premium Sports Car award and the RC-F taking the Best High Performance Sports Car. Finally, the extravagant pair of the Rolls Royce Wraith and Ferrari California T was this year's Ultra-luxury Car and Sports Cars of the Year.



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**2015 Aston Martin V12  
Vantage S**



Fontana Luxury  
Lifestyle Award  
**2015 Rolls Royce  
Wraith**



CAGI Safety Award  
**2015 Ford Everest  
titanium 3.2L  
4x4 AT**



HitchPro Outdoor  
Lifestyle Award  
**2015 Land Rover  
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AirAsia Philippines  
Consumer Award  
**2015 Suzuki Celerio  
GL 1.0L AT**

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"CAGI has completed the most thorough and critical consumer-oriented vehicle review process in the country. We tested 78 cars and trucks from the 2015 model year, involved roughly 1,500 testdrives over 4 days. To all the car manufacturers and distributors who fielded an entry in this year's COTY Awards, we highly appreciate your trust and confidence for allowing us to test and scrutinize your cars. Above all, thank you for supporting the objective of the COTY Awards to raise consumer awareness," said Robby

Consunji, president of the Car Awards Group, Inc.

"On behalf of CAGI, I would like to thank all our sponsors who helped us out this season, with a special mention of our event partner, the audit firm KPMG R.G. Manabat & Company who was instrumental in refining the process and methodology of the COTY Awards. They were also the ones who tabulated the votes and conducted an independent validation of the scores that led to this year's batch of winners. We would like to thank our event partner Fontana Hot Spring Leisure Parks and Casino for graciously hosting our Testfests, as well as our gala awards night, and to our co-presenter carmudi.com.ph for their trust and support," he added.

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TMP president Michinobu Sugata celebrates together with the day's race winner Allan Uy.

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# BEST RACE EVER

The final round of the Vios Cup saw speed gladiators battle it out in a myriad of overtaking and side by side racing at the make-shift 2.7 kilometer track arena.

In fact, prior to the actual event, Toyota Motor Philippines (TMP) President Michinobu Sugata said:

"This final race in Subic will be the widest and longest out-of-circuit track that the Vios Cup will ever see! Creating a racetrack at the famed Subic Bay International Airport definitely puts an edge to this motor sport event."

"I personally look forward to this fourth and final leg because aside from it being an all-new track which will really bring out the best in our racers, we now have a total of 47 racers present making this undeniably more exciting," he added.

And, exciting, indeed, it was.

The man earlier mentioned, Allan Uy, headlined the news in Subic as he beat 46 others to qualify for pole position with a time of 1:21.230. Not far behind were Bobby Domingo (1:21.527) and fellow Toyota Quezon Avenue teammate Dominic Ochoa (1:21.600).

Second-year veteran Uy, admittedly shared that competition now has become more challenging than last year.

"Racers are becoming faster and faster. Now it would only take a five second difference between the first placer and the 25th," he said.

Further proving his point was the undeniable relentless action in heat 1 wherein fourth place qualifier Raymond Ronquillo dove right in front of him as he almost spun out after just two laps into the race, stealing away the lead. It was a brutal

**"Uy!"** This probably might have been the best expression everyone blurted out while

witnessing first-hand the fourth and final leg of the Toyota Vios Cup season 2 recently held at the tarmac of the Subic International Airport inside the former American naval port in Zambales. Not only for the sudden sheer excitement brought about by the adrenaline-pumping race, but more so, by the man dashing to the helm at the middle of all the action and drama, forging the affair to be one helluva race to remember.



Championship points leader Andres Calma hangs on to 7th place.



The 2.7 kilometer make-shift race track was the widest and longest among the off-tracks used.

fight for first as they constantly diced at each other. However, it was not until the seventh lap that Uy was able to muster all his energy to slip by Ronquillo, escaping his tight defense and overtaking on his left as they approached the first corner of the track. There was a louder squabble of cheers and jeers from the crowd there on.

Meanwhile, Ronquillo's fellow Toyota Balintawak tandem and Cebuano pride 17-year old Daniel Miranda who was biting their tail-end all along managed to trim his gap. As Uy slowly widened his lead, their impending bout for second in this 14-lap race was inevitable. It was a Ronquillo-Miranda clash by this time. And by the 9th lap, the young driver from the South outmaneuvered his older teammate and was then in the running. This, however, was only short-lived as the less experienced

Miranda overshot at the back loop the lap after, giving back Ronquillo the spot. And as the checkered flag was being beckoned for race-leader Uy, Miranda immediately sprang into action with a surprise attack that allowed him to recapture second as the two were on the verge of crossing the line, leaving his much experienced teammate the last spot on the podium.

"I was waiting for Raymond to make a mistake and by the time I saw an opening I just went for it," Miranda said.

Fourth-placer Basti Escalante, meantime, slingshot his way from tenth. While fellow championship contender Andres Calma finished fifth, defending champion Luis Gono placed sixth while Victor Buensuceso

jumped up six places for seventh. From then on, it was Ramon Tanjuantco, Tonton Ramos and Jette Calderon.

"It was a hard-fought race. Everyone was fast. I almost spun out," expressed Uy.

"I better concentrate on the last heat to be able to win that championship," he added.

And laser-sharp focus, he did.

But for heat 2, it was at first a toss between Dominic Ochoa and Raymond Ronquillo for the lead early on. The Toyota Balintawak dark horse briefly was at the helm until Ochoa overtook him on lap 3. The two went at it for a few more laps while heat 1 winner Allan Uy maintained his composure and trailed close by. Lightning fury was upon

the two up front until the tension had risen too much, resulting in Ronquillo tangling with Ochoa during the middle of the race. It was the perfect chance for Uy to grab the lead and from there on, he never looked back. It was smooth-sailing until the two-year Vios Cup veteran eventually grazed right through the checkered flag.

He was followed by Carlos Loinaz and Basti Escalante for second and third places, respectively.

Meanwhile, defending champion Luis Gono and young Cebuano hotshot Daniel Miranda fizzled out due to mechanical failure.

The championship race proved critical in the last heat as Andres Calma, who led them in points prior the Subic leg with 146 points, placed seventh. While Daniel Miranda and Estefano Rivera who both followed with 105 and 104, respectively, were now further down the rankings. Now legitimate title contender Allan Uy, meantime, had 89 points that time.

With Miranda and Rivera out of the picture, it will all boil down to both Calma and Uy, with the official announcement of winners set on December 16, 2015.

Meanwhile, in the combined Promotional/Celebrity class grid, celebrity host Sam YG would have further validated his dominance in heats 1 and 2, if not for his 15 second penalty together with fellow celebrity female best driver Phoemela Baranda due to a crash at the barrier in the first race.

Nonetheless, both celebrities were honored as the best drivers in their respective classes. While Miko Maristelo, Lord Seno and Kiko Dysico were also given accolades in their own division.

## THE BEST RACE EVER

With the Toyota Vios Cup season 2 coming to a close with this dramatic round 4 ending, no one would have summed up the classic racing affair better than Brembo local distributor Francis Aguila.

He said: "Both as a racing fan and as a sponsor, I believe that this Subic leg was the best ever in terms of organization, production, clean non-stop racing action and driver discipline."

"And with that, kudos to everyone." **AQ**



TMP president Michinobu Sugata will forever leave behind this racing legacy.



Pole-sitter Allan Uy takes advantage early on.



The record-breaking 47 race car drivers participating in round 4 at the Subic International Airport.



# Toyota Introduces New Avanza



TOYOTA unveils the new Avanza to local shores this September 2015. The best-selling "Compact Multi-Purpose Vehicle" (Compact MPV) has been remodelled with a variety of improvements in style and capabilities. Since it was first introduced in 2006, the said vehicle has already sold over 50,000 units nationwide proving it to be the preferred choice in its segment.

Toyota's compact MPV sports a new engine that promises more power, improved fuel efficiency and an enhanced level of suppressing Noise, Vibration, Harshness (NVH) for a more comfortable ride. The new Avanza is presented in a 1.5 or 1.3 Liter Dual VVT-I, 4 cylinder in-line 16-valve DOHC engine that provides a maximum output of 103hp/6,000rpm, and maximum torque of 136Nm/1600-4,200rpm.

While it has become smarter on the inside, its exterior looks are equally just as advanced. The redesigned headlamps, grille and bumper have been granted a more upscale appearance that carries all throughout to its fog lamps and lower grille. All in all, it expresses a wider stance, making it more refined but still as multi-faceted and as multi-functional, what an MPV has originally been designed for. Moreover, the new Avanza now has a set of \*15 inch alloy wheels for a sportier look.

As you step inside the vehicle, the upgrade is further emphasized as seen

in its new colour interior. With darker and more sophisticated shades of \*brown and gray, the Avanza certainly aims to make the driver and passengers feel more comfortable while inside the car. Its meter gauge has also been elevated with an eco-indicator to help guide the driver for optimum fuel efficiency. For utmost convenience, the vehicle is now equipped with a \*navi-ready touchscreen display audio. As the Avanza is designed also for utility purposes, the vehicle's 3rd row seats can be now customized through its 50:50 split tumble functionality. This allows versatility by offering more cargo space for its passengers.

Just like all the other Toyota models, the best-selling compact MPV just got better with more safety features. With safety as a priority, it now carries an Anti-lock braking system with electronic brake-force distribution in all variants. Compared to its previous model, it now carries a Child Restraint System (isofix and tether anchor.) **aa**

## The new Avanza **D**

is offered in several variants with a starting SRP of P667,000.

1.5G AT	-	P910000
1.5G MT	-	P869000
1.3E AT	-	P797000
1.3E MT	-	P756000
1.3J MT	-	P667000

The new Avanza comes in a refreshed color line-up: Nebula Blue Metallic, Black Metallic, Grey Metallic, Silver Mica Metallic, Beige Metallic and White. Visit your nearest Toyota dealership to witness the transformation of the new Avanza.

For more information on the New Avanza, log on to [www.toyota.com.ph](http://www.toyota.com.ph) or contact our Customer Assistance Center at 819 2912 or visit any of the 46 authorized Toyota dealerships nationwide.





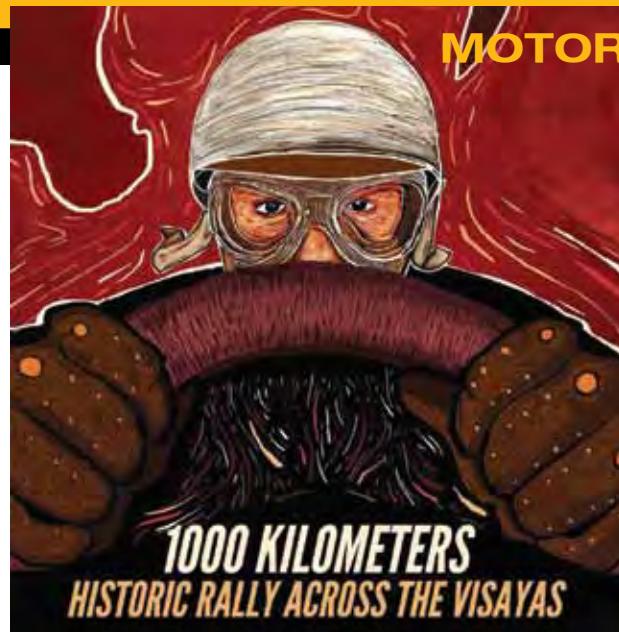
## Petron Value Card: A Caravaner's Companion

LAST October 3, 2015, AAP in partnership with Petron Blaze 100 Euro 4 organized the 10th Drive – Tour Caravan to the province of Bulacan. With the theme "Enjoying Bountiful Harvests and Exploring the Off – Beaten Path of History and Culture", participants discovered an uncharted part of history such as the crucial role the women of Bulacan played in history, unraveled hidden man-made treasures such as the Ivatan Stone House Village in Bustos and harvested hybrid vegetable plants of East West Seed in San Rafael.

The participants were very happy to receive the Petron Value Card (PVC) entitling them to P1,000 worth of fuel. Through the PVC, travelers can better enjoy drive – tour caravans because now they can travel worry and hassle - free since it provides special benefits such as free towing and roadside assistance, year-round personal accident insurance and special privileges such as use of clean and spacious restrooms developed for the exclusive use of PVC customers.

Petron continuous to provide its customers not only quality fuel, but also complete roadside assistance that would ensure safety and comfort while motoring. Twenty – five years ago, Petron introduced Lakbay Alalay to serve as a reliable traveling companion during long holidays. Now, with the PVC, traveling is more convenient any time of the year. As a rewards card, it enables customers to earn points which can be used to pay for products or services at all participating Petron establishments.

Beyond the regular auto services, Petron always provides new and exciting promotions to make motoring a convenient and fun experience. **aq**



## PETRON FUELS 1,000-KM TOUR DE CEBU



**P**ETRON, the country's leading fuel brand, was the official fuel sponsor of the 2nd Tour de Cebu, held last October 3 to 5, 2015. Twenty-two vintage sports cars manufactured on or before 1972 participated in the event.

Billed as a historic vintage sports car rally, the Tour de Cebu traversed 1,000-km across the Visayas, starting off from the I.T. Park in Lahug, Cebu, then on to Santander, then crossing over to Negros Island including the cities of Dumaguete, San Carlos, Kabankalan and Bacolod, then back to the port of San Carlos. Petron service stations served as pit stops through the route.

Petron has the widest distribution network nationwide, with over 2,000 Petron stations all over the archipelago. These range from mega stations with many convenience facilities and partner establishments along the expressways, to strategically-located micro-stations in remote, rural locations.

All Petron service stations are built and operated to stringent standards to ensure that customers get fuels tested and handled meticulously every step of the way, accurate fuel volume every time they gas up, along with customer service that goes the extra mile. **aq**



## Ford Philippines Launches New Explorer Sport Loaded with More Smart Technology, Powered by EcoBoost

**T**HE new Ford Explorer Sport arrives in the Philippines with more smart technologies powered by the groundbreaking EcoBoost® engine technology. The new Explorer Sport delivers an ideal combination of form and function that has redefined yet again how the industry will think about the sport utility vehicle (SUV) segment.

Innovative, high-performance and fun-to-drive, the new Explorer Sport is the latest member to join Ford Philippines' vast SUV lineup; currently the largest offering in the market today.

"The new Explorer Sport continues to lead the way in innovation, power and performance in a smart vehicle that you would want in an SUV," said Kay Hart, managing director, Ford Philippines.

### Comfortable and capable, new look

The new Explorer Sport has been updated inside and out to offer a more comfortable driving experience that complements its new rugged look.

Customers can enjoy the tuned suspension and will benefit from its unique steering gear, front and rear springs, struts and rear dampers for a more dynamic driving experience, all while sitting high on 20-inch Machined Aluminum Wheels with Painted Pockets offering an improved ride and handling.

Interior changes include new door seals, an enhanced sound package with engine subframe mounts specially tuned to reduce vibration.

The new Explorer Sport's aggressive yet sophisticated hood badge grabs attention. The design of the high gloss black grille speaks of confidence in every movement.

Outside, the new Explorer Sport exudes ruggedness with its robust design. The heightened grille and LED headlamps paired with a new closed-off lower roof rack and a new rear spoiler help to improve aerodynamics.



### More innovation equals greater performance, more fun

The new Explorer Sport is equipped with even more smart technologies designed to further enhance both the driver and passengers' ride experience, such as:

- Front 180 Degree Camera with Washer: A first in its segment and exclusive to its class, the new Explorer Sport has wide-angled front camera lenses now with a built-in washer, eliminating the hassles of blurry screens when parking.
- Front Park Assist technology is also present in the new Explorer Sport to help drivers during stressful parking situations. With this, drivers can easily park the new Explorer Sport with more ease and confidence with sensors to warn the driver of oncoming vehicles.
- Smart-Charging USB ports: Located at the front and rear sides of the vehicle, the new Explorer Sport offers two (2) USB ports designed to charge smart

devices up to two times faster than conventional ports -- an ideal for those on-the-go.

- Hands-Free Liftgate: A convenient tool that allows customers with pre-occupied hands to easily open or close the new Explorer Sport's liftgate with a kicking motion below the center of the rear bumper.

The new Explorer Sport is powered by a 3.5-liter twin-turbocharged EcoBoost V6 delivering 370 PS of power at 5,500 rpm and 475 Nm of torque at 3,500 rpm. It is also mated with 6-Speed SelectShift Automatic for a smoother driving experience.

"Our EcoBoost engine is the perfect example of technology that optimizes performance. We've also made sure to keep the new Explorer Sport's adventurous personality while continuing to offer fuel efficiency without sacrificing power. We're confident that the new Explorer Sport will exceed the expectations of our customers yet again," said Hart. **AQ**

### The new Explorer Sport in the Philippines

The new 3.5L Explorer Sport will be available in all Ford dealerships nationwide this month, at a price of PhP 2,819,000. It comes in three elegant colors: Tuxedo Black, White Platinum and Magnetic Metallic.





## Training at Porsche for underprivileged young people in Asia

# Prospects for young Filipinos in the growth regions

**S**INCE 2008 the Porsche Training and Recruitment Center Asia (PTRCA) in Manila has been offering Filipinos from underprivileged backgrounds career opportunities in the car industry. The brands Audi and Volkswagen now become new cooperation partners in this initiative. In future the companies are planning together recruiting junior technical staff from PTRCA, with job opportunities mainly in the Middle East region. The development of the PTRCA to PTRCA 2.0 with the new cooperation partners means that much more young Filipinos will be accepted in the training programme. Instead of the current 32 trainees per year, in 2016 there will be 120 and in 2017 even 145.

In the past six years, in cooperation with the Don Bosco Technical Institute (DBTI) and the local importer and dealer PGA Cars Inc. Porsche has already trained more than 250 young adults as motor vehicle service mechatronic technicians. They cover the sports car manufacturer's growing demand for qualified specialists, especially in the Porsche centers in the Middle East and Asia Pacific growth markets. "Good English language skills and the good work ethic the people of the Philippines are known for are beneficial here," explains Michael Drolshagen, Head of After Sales at Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, the reason for setting up the PTRCA in Manila. Training there was and remains first and foremost a recruitment programme.

Jayson Supan's story is an example of this. In 2008 he was one of the first graduates of the PTRCA. In February 2009 he started working as a motor vehicle service mechatronics technician at the Porsche Centre Al Nabooda Automobiles LLC in Dubai. The career of Jayson Supan has continuously advanced to the present

day. He is currently making the transition from a system technician to a diagnosis specialist. This means that he is once again expanding his area of responsibility and his salary. Even his present salary is several times higher than the average wage in the Philippines. This puts him in a position to build his own house in the Philippines and to pay for his brother's schooling in his distant home country. In addition, he is helping his parents to set up a small rental company for motorbikes and vans in the Philippines.

The success of the training programme can also be seen in the extremely low fluctuation rate of less than 3%—in regions where 20% is usual. Robert Coyiuto Jr., businessman and owner of PGA Cars Inc. in Manila: "I am glad that we have – along with Don Bosco – established the success of the program from the initial idea from Porsche AG and us. Having reached our six year mark last December, we are confident of the skills of the graduates and long term potential of the advanced training curriculum. The PTRCA not only provides a highly skilled and proficient labor force for the global Porsche and Volkswagen Group network but also provides the underprivileged yet highly deserving Filipino youth the opportunity to become breadwinners for their families. This also underlines the fact that as a successful company we put a strong priority on our corporate social responsibility. This is my commitment."

The 250 graduates of the PTRCA to date are distributed over 11 countries. The focus is on the Middle East where skilled technicians are highly required. There the extremely well trained motor vehicle service mechatronics technicians ensure the high service quality expected by customers in the Porsche centres.

Starting this year, PTRCA extends its scope by including Audi and Volkswagen for the Middle East region. Benoit Tiers, Group Managing Director of AVME (Audi Volkswagen Middle East) comments this choice: "The programme has proven its value and we can build on it quickly and easily. It demonstrates the strengths of our Group by using synergies and know-how across the Volkswagen Group brands. We will be closely involved in the PTRCA 2.0 in the next years as we plan to participate in the development of the curriculum, but also to look at further training for teachers and eventually the equipment. The expansion of the PTRCA programme to include a body technician apprenticeship and from 2017 service advisor training programmes lends additional dynamism. This noticeably further increases the benefits for all Volkswagen Group brands and the dealer network."

The Order Salesians Don Boscos play a major role in the overall structure of the PTRCA. With its Don Bosco Technical Institute the society has outstanding educational expertise and excellent technical know-how. In addition, the Salesians Don Boscos are the ideal partner for working with underprivileged young people. With their long-standing presence they enjoy a high level of acceptance, especially in the poor districts of the Philippines.

The development of the PTRCA to PTRCA 2.0 with the new cooperation partners Audi Volkswagen Middle East means that in future even more space is needed. So it's good that the Don Bosco Technical Institute is currently building a new 6,000-square meter training facility in Manila. With the appropriate equipment the brands also ensure that the young people are instructed in accordance with state-of-the-art technology. In addition, thanks to future cooperation agreed with the German Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, after their final examination they will receive a certificate that can be even better compared with the European qualifications framework. **AQ**

**H**ONDA Cars Philippines, Inc. (HCPI), Honda's automobile business unit in the Philippines, debuts the All-New Legend 3.5 Sport Hybrid SH-AWD at the Solaire Grand Ballroom, Paranaque City. Honda's new flagship model is available at Honda Cars Global City and Honda Cars Greenhills with suggested retail price of P4,380,000.



## Make way for the all-new Honda Legend 3.5 Sport Hybrid SH-AWD

The all-new Legend is a fusion of three customer values - pride and prestige of ownership, advanced features and technology, and exhilarating driving experience.

Honda's entry to the luxury vehicle segment combines opulence with state of the art driving technology. Aptly named as the All-New Legend 3.5 Sport Hybrid Super Handling All-Wheel Drive, it adopts a high-output and fuel-efficient hybrid system that combines one engine with three electric motors. This combination enables the All-New Legend to deliver a total maximum output of 380ps at 6500 rpm and 47.1 kg-m at 4700 rpm of torque; which makes it the most powerful Honda car to date.

Under the hood of the all-new Legend are Earth Dreams Technology V6 3.5 L direct injection i-VTEC with Variable Cylinder Management (VCM) engine and a 7-speed dual clutch transmission (DCT) with an integrated high-performance electric motor. At the rear a Twin Motor Unit (TMU) and an intelligent power unit equipped with high-power lithium-ion batteries are located. Each rear motor is independently controlled and can provide either drive or deceleration power to its wheel in any ratio.

Another area where the all-new Legend shines is the amount of convenience and safety technology features put to it. Honda utilized an Advanced Driver-Assistive System called Honda SENSING in the All-New Legend. Using cutting-edge sensing technologies, Honda SENSING system aids the driver to prevent or effectively respond to dangerous driving situations.

This system receives information from two different devices. One is a millimeter-wave

radar that can be found in the front grille and the other is a monocular camera mounted on the upper, inside part of the windshield.

Through these sensing devices, several new convenience and safety functions were applied in the all-new Legend such as Collision Mitigation Braking System (CMBS), Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) with Low Speed Follow (LSF), and Lane Keeping Assist System (LKAS).

Other vehicle safety systems that are standard in the all-new Legend are the multi-view camera system with four wide angle cameras located on the front grille, right and left door mirrors and tailgate, Blind Spot Information (BSI), and Cross Traffic Monitor (CTM).

Additional safety features found in the all-new Legend are driver and front passenger airbags, driver and front passenger side airbags, side curtain airbags, and a driver's knee airbag, Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA), Hill Start Assist (HSA), Front (2) and Rear (4) Parking Sensors, Emergency Stop Signal and a Pop Up Hood for pedestrian safety.

With all the advanced technologies and systems in place, Honda's signature "man-maximum, machine-minimum" packaging design philosophy is very evident. The cabin feels roomier than what the numerical values state which is supplemented with acoustic glass windshield and window.

Likewise, the familiar Honda "Dual Personal Structure" interior concept was taken notches higher. It is fitted with premium, high quality, and soft touch materials throughout the cabin with tasteful application of luxurious wood and metal accents. Exquisite perforated black Milano leather seats come standard

in the all-new Legend. Climate controlled 8-way power with 4-way lumbar support seats are also standard for the driver and front passenger.

The all-new Legend is also equipped with a new fully electronic push-button gear selector that eliminates the conventional shift-lever. This allows the driver to easily select a drive mode with a push of a button and is supplemented with an Electric Parking Brake (EPB) with Auto Brake Hold.

Other standard interior comfort and convenience amenities are smart entry with push start button, power tilt and telescoping steering, power sunroof, expanded rear door sunshade, and dual screens – an 8-inch Navigation screen and a 7-inch touch screen. The latter provides easy access to key functions such as air-conditioning, navigation and audio.

Furthermore, the all-new Legend has built-in ultra-premium Krell audio system which comes with 14 speakers and an amplifier that sets a new benchmark for high-fidelity sound in this luxury vehicle.

On the outside, the all-new Legend's high-quality jewel-eye LED headlights grab attention. Its eight LED bulbs and 16 precisely focused lenses result to better visibility on the road in any condition. The LED lighting technology was extended to the front and rear fog lights, turn signal lights and tail lamps.

The all-new Legend is readily available in three colors: crystal black pearl, white orchid pearl and super platinum metallic with black Milano leather interior. Other exterior colors such as gilded pewter metallic, pomegranate pearl and graphite luster metallic are available upon order. **AQ**

SUZU Philippines Corporation (IPC) officially unveils the 3.0 VGS Turbo variants of D-MAX and mu-X model in response to power driven customer demands.

On October 22, IPC announced that on top of its existing D-MAX and mu-X variants, the company is introducing its 3-liter variants to answer the long public clamor for a bigger engine. "While our current D-MAX and mu-X line-up is very much appreciated by the market, there are those who wish to have more power. Thus, we are giving our customers the freedom to choose – between our current 2.5-liter engine and the new 3.0 VGS Turbo variant," said IPC President Hajime Koso.



# ISUZU introduces 3.0-liter variants of the Isuzu D-MAX and mu-X



## Improved Power and Performance

Earlier previewed in Thailand, both the Isuzu D-MAX and mu-X is equipped with one of Isuzu's most powerful engine, the new 4JJ1-TC (HI) 3.0-liter Diesel engine. Fitted with Common Rail Direct Injection and an intercooled Variable Geometry System (VGS) turbocharger, the engine responds quickly even at low speed and eliminates "turbo lag" or the delay in the distribution of power.

The new 4JJ1-TC (HI) engine also promotes Isuzu's reputation of being reliable, durable and fuel-efficient. Its lifetime steel timing chain and anti-friction melt-in cylinder liners are among its advantages that ensure durability. Evaluated to produce 163 Ps at 3,200 rpm and a high 380 Nm of torque from 1,800 to 2,200 rpm, the engine also provides plenty of power, translating to

less gear changes, effortless hill climbing and easier off-road driving.

## Safety and Styling

The new 3.0 VGS Turbo variants also has more premium features like the new LED Daytime Running Lamps (DRL) for the Isuzu mu-X LS-A – which not only adds to the sporty appearance of the SUV but also acts as an avoidance safety feature. This new set of lights increases the vehicle's conspicuity, making it easier to detect as it approaches other vehicles on the road.

Adding to its already packed safety features, the Isuzu D-MAX LS 3.0 VGS Turbo has a new tailgate mounted Reverse Camera, which automatically activates when the driver engages the transmission to reverse. With this, the rearview will be projected on the 7-inch touchscreen entertainment

system to help assist in reverse parking and alleviating blind spots.

Leveling up its styling, the mu-X LS-A 3.0 VGS Turbo has a Chromed Muffler Cutter tailpipe, which rather completes the variant's chrome finish – front grille, door handle, and rear door garnish.

## Color and Pricing

The Isuzu mu-X 3.0 VGS Turbo is available in six dynamic color options: Splash White, Cosmic Black, Titanium Silver, Aqua Blue, Outback Brown and Silky Pearl White. Prices are set at P1,398,000 for the mu-X 4x2 LS-A A/T; P1,708,000 for the mu-X 4x4 LS-A A/T. An additional P10K will be added to the variant price for all Silky Pearl White units.

Meanwhile the Isuzu D-MAX 3.0 VGS Turbo comes in the exciting Venetian Red color along with the existing colors Cosmic Black, Garnet Red, Titanium Silver and Splash White. The Isuzu D-MAX 4x2 LS M/T is priced at P1,090,000; D-MAX 4x2 LS A/T at P1,160,000; D-MAX 4x4 LS M/T at P1,360,000; D-MAX 4x4 LS A/T at P1,430,000.

The Isuzu D-MAX and mu-X 3.0 VGS Turbo variants are now available in all authorized Isuzu dealership across the country. In Metro Manila, Isuzu dealerships are located in EDSA Balintawak, Quezon Avenue, Commonwealth, Pasig, Manila, Makati and Alabang. In the provinces, Isuzu dealerships are located in Isabela, Pangasinan, Cabanatuan, Pampanga, Bulacan, Cavite, Batangas, San Pablo, Bacolod, Iloilo, Mandaue, Cagayan de Oro, Davao, and General Santos. **aq**

## Euro 4 Caltex with Techron now in Metro Manila and major PH cities

**E**URO 4 Caltex with Techron gasoline is now available in Caltex stations in Metro Manila and select major cities with full availability nationwide by the end of the year.

Marketed by Chevron Philippines Inc. (CPI), Caltex with Techron is proven to keep vital engine parts clean so vehicles can perform at their best. Combined with the introduction of cleaner fuel standards such as Euro 4, motorists can be assured that their engines will be equipped with specially-formulated ingredients which would not only keep engines clean but also offer maximized of power, better fuel economy, smoother drive, lower emissions and reliable performance.

This is in compliance with the Philippine Clean Air Act and Department of Energy Circular No. DC2015-06-0004 mandating the use of environmentally clean fuels that meet specified emission standards. The main objective of the emission and fuel standard upgrade is to improve vehicle emissions for better air quality. This has to be done in unison with the availability of Euro 4 compliant vehicles.

CPI expects that Euro 4 Caltex diesel and gasoline fuels will be available in all Caltex stations in the Philippines by January 1, 2016. **aq**



## Caltex and HSBC giving away 1,500,000 Mabuhay Miles for free

**C**ALTEX and HSBC are giving their customers more reasons to fuel up by giving away a total of 1.5 Million Mabuhay Miles for free.

Starting Aug. 15 to Dec. 31, 2015, each fuel up of P1,000 using HSBC cards at participating Caltex stations earns one raffle entry for a chance to win one of ten 100,000 Mabuhay Miles or the grand prize of 500,000 Mabuhay Miles from Philippine Airlines (PAL).

This promo is in addition to the 3% rebate that Caltex offers on HSBC transactions and various loyalty rewards programs. Customers can use their HSBC cards together with other Caltex rewards program to earn points at the same time. For Caltex customers, enjoying the journey is no longer limited to the roads. They can take the fun across the sea and skies.

On top of all these freebies, only Caltex with Techron provides drivers with the five benefits of maximized power, improved fuel economy,

lower emission, smoother drive and reliable performance.

The offer is exclusive to all primary and supplementary credit cardholders of HSBC Philippines. If a cardholder's name is drawn more than once on a raffle date, the prize with the higher value will be awarded. The raffle prize will be credited to the winner's Mabuhay Miles account. The prize is non-transferrable and non-convertible to cash.

The grand raffle draws will be held on Jan. 14, 2016 at HSBC's office in Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. To claim the prize, the winner must present the required papers at any HSBC branch within sixty (60) days from the cardholder's receipt of the notification letter. The miles to be awarded are subject to Terms and Conditions of PAL Mabuhay Miles. Terms and conditions apply. Per DTI-FTEB SPD Permit No. 1027, Series of 2015. Please refer to <http://www.caltex.com.ph> for more details. **aq**





## NISSAN CELEBRATES ALL NEW BEGINNINGS WITH THE NEW NISSAN ALMERA

**N**ISSAN Philippines Inc. (NPI), continues to bring Innovation that Excites to the Philippine market as it recently introduced the newest model in their subcompact sedan line-up, the new Nissan Almera. A refreshed take on the previous model, the new Nissan Almera offers an upgraded design and features, making it a vehicle for all new beginnings.

"We at Nissan Philippines are proud to introduce the new Nissan Almera as the perfect partner for all new beginnings" said Antonia Zara, NPI President and Managing Director. "Combining the best of fuel efficiency with generous cabin and trunk space that leads other cars in its class, the new Nissan Almera is the ideal car that will be with you and your loved ones through many of life's important milestones."

### REFRESHED DESIGN AND COMFORT

The new Nissan Almera brings an updated look from the previous version. Elegant lines and premium finishes on the exterior create an eye-catching presence on the road. A redesigned front bumper with boomerang-inspired headlamps, a bigger and bolder front grille, and front chromed accents all present a striking appearance. At the back, a remodeled rear bumper is complemented with black diffuser cladding and chromed trunk garnish. A large lip spoiler and newly-designed 12-spoke alloy wheels also add to the sportiness of the vehicle's design.

Inside, the refreshed Nissan Almera's cabin features a new center cluster layout with a piano black finish. Adding to the premium interior design are the new multi-information display, three-spoke steering wheel, and high-quality leather seats in the top range variant. The new Nissan Almera's unmatched interior spaciousness also contribute to its status as one of the most comfortable vehicles in its class.

Other features that contribute to a comfortable driving and riding experience are cup and bottle holders at the center

console and door sidings, a rear cabin comfort fan that provides dual ventilation and speed control for better cabin air circulation, iPod connectivity, push-button start and re-mote keyless system. An Anti-Lock Braking System, Electronic Brake-Force Distribution, Brake Assist and Dual Front Airbags also provide added security.

### EASE OF OWNERSHIP

The new Nissan Almera features upgraded, high quality parts and technology, which lengthens the intervals between periodic maintenance service (PMS). In addition, the cost of spare parts for the new Nissan Almera are also lower than before. This keeps maintenance costs down at 30 percent lower than other cars—the lowest of its class.

### SUITED FOR EVERY NEED

The new Nissan Almera now offers two different powertrains to suit the customers' requirements. The 1.5L VL engine features automatic transmission with an inline 4-cylinder DOHC 16-valve engine with a power of 99ps at 6,000 and a torque of 134NM at 4,000rpm. In addition to its



impressive driving performance, the 1.5L VL model is also equipped with premium touches such as high-quality leather seats, a side turning lamp on the door, and a leather wrapped steering wheel, to ensure the comfort of both the driver and passenger.

The 1.2L manual transmission, on the other hand, features a DOHC CVT engine, with a power of 79ps at 6,000rpm and torque of 106NM at 4,400rpm, ensuring maximum fuel efficiency, without compromising driving pleasure. Suspension for the vehicle is provided by MacPherson strut at the front and a rigid axle and torsion beam at the rear.

The new Nissan Almera will be available in five different variants: the new 1.2L M/T at PHP630,000, the 1.5L E M/T at PHP726,000, the 1.5L EA/T at PHP762,000, the 1.5L V automatic transmission at PHP845,000, and the range-topping 1.5 VL automatic model is at PHP880,000. It will come in four different colors, namely Brilliant Silver, Alpine White, Bluish Black, and Titanium Grey. **QQ**



# Mercedes-Benz's new SUV family makes its local debut

MERCEDES-BENZ SUVs have a storied pedigree. The G-Class, where the "G" stands for Geländewagen (German for an off-road vehicle), has been capturing the hearts and minds of sports enthusiasts for over 35 years. Its footprint can be seen on every SUV Mercedes-Benz has ever designed.

Mercedes-Benz's new worldwide campaign "Make the best of every terrain" builds on the success of the G-Class and takes it to new heights by introducing three new models – each of which are more than able to master any type of ground. These new SUVs, the GLE, GLE Coupe, and GLC, together with the iconic G-Class, were recently unveiled by Auto Nation Group, Inc., the general distributor of Mercedes-Benz in the country.

*Auto Nation Group, Inc. launches the much-awaited and revamped SUV lineup at the Rockwell Tent.*

The four cars, together with the GLA, complete Mercedes-Benz's new SUV lineup. Each of these vehicles are optimally armed for all challenges on and off surfaced roads – from the GLA through the elegant SUVs in the guise of the GLC, GLE and the sporty GLE Coupé to the legendary G-Class. Five SUVs with five distinctive personalities with a unifying goal conquering every terrain imaginable.

These vehicles will be distributed by Auto Nation Group through its dealer networks that include Mercedes-Benz Greenhills, Mercedes-Benz Bonifacio Global City, Mercedes-Benz Alabang and Mercedes-Benz Cebu. **AQ**





## Ferrari F12tdf: Track-level performance on the road

**F**ERRARI unveiled the F12tdf on November 8, which paid homage to the Tour de France, the legendary endurance road race that Ferrari dominated in the 1950s and '60s, particularly with the 1956 250 GT Berlinetta which won four consecutive editions.

It was a race that rewarded cars that combined maximum performance with the driveability and ease of use that enabled the competitors to race for hundreds of kilometers a day over fast, tortuous roads and on circuits.

The F12tdf is the ultimate expression of the concept of an extreme road car that is equally at home on the track, and just 799 units will be built by the Italian automaker.

The F12tdf is a concentration of technical innovations which involve all those areas central to Ferrari's DNA: engine, aerodynamics and vehicle dynamics. As a

result, in terms of acceleration, roadholding and agility, the new berlina is second to none.

The F12tdf's performance is assured by the 780 cv, naturally-aspirated V12 derived directly from the F12berlinetta's multi-award-winning engine. The car's exhilarating dynamic behavior, specifically its lateral acceleration in corners, is due to an 8% increase in the ratio of the front tires compared with the rear ones.

The car's natural tendency to oversteer as a result of the change in tire sizes is compensated for by the innovative rear-wheel steering system—known as the Virtual Short Wheelbase, which is integrated with the other vehicle dynamic control systems—that guarantees the steering wheel response times and turn-in of a competition car while increasing stability at high speed. Cornering speeds are also higher thanks to the

significant increase in downforce, at +87%, which has reached unprecedented levels for a front-engined V12 berlina.

A radical redesign of the bodywork, interior, engine, transmission and running gear, along with the abundant use of carbon-fiber inside and out, has slashed 110 kg off the car's overall weight. All of these factors combine to produce record performance figures: 0-100 km/h in 2.9 seconds and 0-200 km/h in 7.9 seconds in addition to a substantial boost in lateral acceleration. The F12tdf laps Fiorano in just 1 minute and 21 seconds.

Outstanding stopping distances are guaranteed by the adoption of the new Extreme Design one-piece brake callipers already seen on the LaFerrari. This new-generation system means the car can brake from 100-0 km/h in just 30.5 m and from 200-0 in 121 m. **QQ**



## THE NEW JAGUAR XE BREAKS NEW GROUND INTO A TOTALLY NEW MARKET SEGMENT

**J**AGUAR Philippines launches The New Jaguar XE in the Philippine Motoring Industry on 22nd of October 2015. This event will be a Phenomenal Launch at the Palace Pool Club, that promises to entertain all the guests with a very dramatic choreography of lights and sounds as it reveals The New Jaguar XE.

With a revealing message from its Chair and President, Mr. Wellington Soong, narrating the Jungle SAGA of Twenty-year JOURNEY that started in 1995, as it commemorates TWO DECADES of Cooperative Partnership with JAGUAR and now embarking on its Third Decade.

"Power of Agility in the Urban Jungle, the ownership of a Jaguar purrs with passion and excitement from the roots of its heritage when Sir William Lyons started in 1922 and still alive today with so much benefits from the advances of technology from the aluminum and magnesium metallurgy, suspension and advanced electronics. This is the foundation of what a Jaguar is," Wellington C. Soong, Chair and President of Jaguar Cars Inc.

The Jaguar XE is a revolution of most advanced engineering design and technology. It is the most aerodynamic Jaguar saloon car ever produced. It is the first Jaguar to be developed through Jaguar Land Rover's new modular vehicular structure, with a long 2.835 mm wheelbase and low seating position that altogether delivers a streamlined profile. Its aluminum density is at 75%, delivered through a monocoque or single shell architecture, the first in the compact executive car segment to be built in this manner. The Jaguar XE boasts sophisticated body engineering features including the use of aerospace-inspired joining technology which puts out an outstanding combination of strength, stiffness and durability of the chassis.

The Jaguar XE has refined exhaust gas recirculation system;

Jaguar's powertrain engineers have integrated the most advanced exhaust gas after treatment technology. Jaguar XE Petrol Engine range which begins with the turbocharged, direct-injection, 2.0-litre four cylinder unit which made its debut in the Jaguar XF and XJ saloons and now available in the Philippines. Further sophistication for the New Jaguar XE, this refined, lightweight powerplant is available in two ratings: 200 PS / 280 Nm and 240PS/ 340Nm.

Inside the cabin, the Jaguar XE matches the outstanding craftsmanship of its exterior. The dashboard features an 8-inch touchscreen instrument panel to access exciting features and functions. Front seat passengers are treated to deep center console and a cockpit-like, sports-like riding comfort. All occupants enjoy spacious head and legroom, as well as the luxurious treatment of bespoke cabin furniture complete with technical fabrics, fine-grain leathers and contrasting twin-needle stitching. The handcrafted design also extends to gloss black, textured aluminum, contemporary wood veneer and carbon-fiber trim.

The Jaguar XE also has some of the most advanced driver assistance systems available. It is the first Jaguar to use electric power steering (EPAS), which enhances tuning potential and energy efficiency. The system hardware has also been optimized to reduce backlash and friction, allowing for immediate response and the "connected feel" of the driver to the car.

"Jaguars have always been renowned for a balance of precise handling and a high-quality ride. The XE is the culmination of everything the company has learned over the years, providing a combination of supple ride and crisp handling that is unmatched in this segment," said Mike Cross, Jaguar Chief Engineer of Vehicle Integrity. **QQ**

# Hyundai Motor Achieves 10 million sales in the US

**H**yundai Motor recently marked a monumental milestone with the sale of its 10-millionth vehicle in the United States. Having started in 1986 with a single nameplate, reaching 10 million sales is a significant achievement that showcases the success of Hyundai Motor's continually expanding lineup.



## Road to 10 Million: Top Five Nameplates

Model	Percentage of Sales	No. of Units	Best-Selling Year
Sonata	24.98%	2,498,203	2012
Elantra	24.85%	2,484,788	2013
Santa Fe/ Santa Fe Sport	12.45%	1,244,934	2004
Excel	11.47%	1,146,962	1987
Accent	11.03%	1,103,337	2001



"The United States has been a key region of focus for nearly three decades, and this landmark achievement comes after years of accelerated growth and the strategic rollout of our product line," said Derrick Hatami, vice president of national sales, Hyundai Motor America. "Today serves as a testament to the design, quality and value of Hyundai's product portfolio. The American car market continues to be on the rise, with more than 17 million new car sales expected in 2015. Hyundai Motor is well positioned for continued growth in this market, offering consumers a variety of vehicles that meet their needs."

Hyundai Motor entered the United States market in 1986 with the subcompact Excel, and with very little awareness of the Hyundai Motor's brand or its products, customer response was immediate. Hyundai Motor sold 168,882 Excels right out of the gate. Within seven months, the company sold its 100,000th Excel, helping to set an industry record for the most first-year sales for an import car company.

Hyundai Motor has since demonstrated its high-velocity growth by achieving increased year-over-year sales volume for the past seven consecutive years. Hyundai Motor has been one of the fastest-growing automobile companies in America, due to its current lineup of Accent, Azera, Elantra, Equus, Genesis, Genesis Coupe, Santa Fe, Santa Fe Sport, Sonata, Sonata Hybrid, Sonata PHEV, Tucson and Veloster. This diverse lineup incorporates new levels of quality, safety, performance and luxury, all while retaining Hyundai Motor's legacy for great value.

Ten years ago, Hyundai Motor expanded its operations to include building cars in the United States when it opened the doors of its Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama (HMMA) plant in 2005.

To date, HMMA has built 2,660,314 vehicles, including two of Hyundai Motor's all-time best-selling models: Sonata, which comprises 64 percent of total production at HMMA, and Elantra with 23 percent.

"This special milestone of hitting 10 million sales in the United States exemplifies that Hyundai Motor is part of the American fabric," said Dave Zuchowski, President and CEO of Hyundai Motor America. "Our plant in Alabama provides jobs to nearly 3,000 Alabama residents and contributes approximately \$4 billion to the state's economy each year. Also, about 56 percent of the cars Hyundai Motor sells in the United States are made here."

Hyundai Motor shocked the automotive industry in 1998 when it introduced its warranty program, which is known today as Hyundai Motor Assurance or America's Best Warranty. All Hyundai vehicles sold in the United States are covered by the Hyundai Motor Assurance program, which includes the 5-year/60,000 mile fully transferable bumper-to-bumper warranty, Hyundai Motor's 10-year/100,000 mile powertrain warranty and five years of complimentary Roadside Assistance. Hyundai Motor also challenged the industry in 2011 with the introduction of Blue Link, the telematics platform exclusive to Hyundai Motor models. 



This year's Kia Advocates and their respective trip companions were flanked by CAC executives from the After-Sales division during a send-off dinner held on September 6, 2015. From left to right Liobel P. Ulep, Manager for After-Sales Field and Business Development; Apollo R. Rosal, After-Sales Director; Rhommel Macalintal, Perfecto Corpus, Jr. and his wife, Marlene Corpus; CAC President, Ginia R. Domingo, Mrs. De Lara, Jeremy Lapus, Roland Joey De Lara and his sons, and Jose G. Lugtui, Technical Service Manager.

## CAC rewards loyal customers, accord them title of Kia Advocates

A customer's trust goes a long way. It is one of those intangibles that play a huge role in the mind of a customer deciding what to buy or who to go to.

For Columbian Autocar Corporation (CAC), the exclusive distributor of Kia Motors vehicles in the Philippines, getting the public's trust equates to getting loyal supporters or the so-called Kia Advocates.

Every year, CAC seeks vehicle owners nationwide who have manifested their trust of the brand by owning several Kia vehicles, by being a staple in dealership events, or by participating in Kia car clubs.

The chosen Kia Advocates were then treated to a 5-day, all-expenses paid trip to Seoul, South Korea, headquarters of the Korean automotive giant.

This year, Perfecto Corpus, Jr., Roland Joey De Lara, and Jeremy Lapus were recognized as Kia Advocates. Together with one companion each, these Filipino Kia vehicle owners will go on an exclusive, VIP tour of Kia's Hwaseong Plant and other manufacturing facilities, as well as cultural and historical tours of the city.

Among the three, they own a combined 8 units of different Kia models, with some dating back to as far as a decade old. They are Kia Advocates in every sense of the word.

According to Corpus who owns a Kia Rio, Sorento, and Picanto, "Actions speak louder than words. We own three Kia vehicles so that really means that we are very satisfied with Kia." He continued, "Kia even has this advertisement about Family-like Care and I can say that Kia is really living up to their ad. People from the service centers are friendly, they are always willing to give tips, and they really establish rapport



Before embarking on their South Korea trip, CAC treated the Kia Advocates to a special night at Marriott Hotel. CAC President, Ginia R. Domingo (4th from right), and CAC After-Sales Director, Apollo R. Rosal (leftmost), graced the event prepared for the Kia Advocate - Perfecto Corpus, Jr. (3rd from left), Jeremy Lapus (2nd from right), and Roland Joey De Lara (rightmost) - and their loved ones.

and good relationship with Kia owners."

For De Lara, it was the European-inspired design and top-notch quality that got him hooked on Kia. Being the owner of a Kia Soul, Carens, Sportage, and Sorento since 2006, he said that it's the "quality, ride, design, service from the dealers and the whole Kia experience" that made him buy Kia for his family and business needs. A motoring aficionado, De Lara revealed that he is very excited to see the Kia plant in Korea and get a behind-the-scenes peek at how Kia vehicles are made.

Of the three, Lapus can be considered the newbie having only acquired a Kia Picanto in 2012 but in three, short years, he already described the Kia experience to be "extremely satisfying." He said, "I have never seen such quality in a car within that price range. It really feels like a high-end vehicle, very European actually, and it's also very comfortable even on long road trips."

CAC also treated this year's Kia Advocates and their loved ones to a special

send-off dinner at the Marriott Hotel in Resorts World Manila before leaving for their South Korean sojourn.

They were joined by CAC President, Ginia R. Domingo; CAC After-Sales Director Apollo R. Rosal; and other executives from the After-Sales division.

Domingo expressed her gratitude for the Advocates' enduring support. She said, "We have had many successful runs of the Kia Advocates program for so many years now because of the public's continuous support for the brand. Hence, CAC and Kia want to recognize and reward our customers' loyalty and trust. Our public's trust is priceless so this incentive trip to Korea is just our own little way of giving back."

Thanks to Kia's burgeoning presence in the Philippine automotive industry, more and more Kia Advocates are being recognized by the brand with the Power to Surprise. To know more information about this program, visit [www.kia.com](http://www.kia.com) or [www.facebook.com/kiainthephilippines](http://www.facebook.com/kiainthephilippines). **QQ**



## Foton Gratour, Toano vans make debut in PHL

**T**WO new versatile vans from Foton are expected to make a splash in a segment demanding space, utility, and flexibility.

The Foton Gratour and Foton Toano were introduced at the automaker's "Big Show" event, staged recently at the World Trade Center in Pasay City. The "Big Show" is an annual event where Foton Philippines showcases its array of commercial and, now, passenger vehicles — and offers gifts and deals on its value-for-money products.

Bearing a European feel, the Foton Gratour is a minivan featuring highly customizable seat configurations of either seven or eight people. The V5 variant released here is the top-of-the-line Gratour featuring Foton's surprisingly powerful G03 1.2-liter petrol engine that also promises sterling fuel economy, low noise and emission, and high reliability.

The Gratour boasts best-in-class passenger space owing to its longer wheelbase and chassis. These translate to more generous legroom and additional cargo space.

For the driver, Foton keeps things simple. Underscored by a classy two-tone execution, the very legible instrumentation cluster has both analog and digital gauges. Convenience is provided via Gratour's class-leading 13 storage spaces or bins at the front alone.

The minivan is thermally insulated both from the external environment from even its own engine — ensuring that passengers stay cool, aided by robust air-conditioning. The Gratour is expected to meet both domestic and commercial needs as a value-packed people mover.

Taking its name from an Italian municipality, the Toano is Foton's big and powerful full-sized van. Designed



by the original Mercedes-Benz Sprinter car design team in Stuttgart, Germany, the Toano, like the Gratour, boasts European design principles.

Seating up to 18 in comfort and ease, with plenty of room left over for cargo, the Toano comes in various chassis configurations to address various customer preferences. The Toano also appears in different lengths and sporting various tops.

A Foton Cummins ISF 2.8 diesel engine good for 120kW of power and 360Nm of torque drives the Toano mightily even at a low 1,800rpms. The power bandwidth at low revs results in miserly fuel consumption from the Toano — up to 11.5 kilometers per liter for such a big vehicle.

The Toano is also a very safe vehicle that boasts a slew of active and passive features such as Bosch's ninth-generation anti-lock braking system, plus electronic brake force distribution. Rear-facing cameras and sensors ensure confidence and ease when backing up. Completing the ecosystem of protection are high-strength steel plates, anti-collision beams, three-point pretensioner seat belts for all passengers, and an energy-absorbing steering column.

The Foton Toano is expected to address the underserved niche of big and customizable people and cargo movers.

The Foton Gratour is priced at an affordable P490,000, while the Foton Toano starts at P1,688,000. **aq**

**F**OTON has a full range of commercial vehicles, including light-, medium-, and heavy-duty trucks, pickups, and buses. The automaker has breached an accumulated production and sales volume of 6,000,000 vehicles. Visit [www.foton.com.ph](http://www.foton.com.ph) or call 459-2121 or 0999-999998 for more information.

## Foton enters SUV market with Toplander

**C**OMMERCIAL vehicle giant Foton cements its entry into the Philippine passenger car domain with the local release of its first-ever SUV, the Toplander.

Unveiled at Foton's annual "Big Show" event — offering innovative deals and promos for Foton customers — staged at the World Trade Center in Pasay City, the Toplander is expected to give its competitors in the diesel SUV segment a run for their money. Engineered to keep up with even the most rugged and active lifestyle, the Toplander nonetheless boasts practical utility — not to mention elegance — for more urban, everyday functions.

Coming in 4x2 and 4x4 variants — both superbly equipped with a Foton's Cummins ISF2.8-liter engine — the Toplander out-pulls its more pricey competition. An amazing three-ton towing capacity leads its class. Performance is realized from its torquey engine through a Bosch electronically-controlled, high-pressure common rail fuel injection system with a turbo intercooler.

Matching its robust abilities suitable even for off-roading is a sturdy body-on-frame design to help the Toplander withstand torsional stress while increasing stability and rigidity. As with other Foton vehicles, the Toplander is bestowed a slew of active and passive safety technologies designed for maximum protection, convenience, and ease of use. Completing the ecosystem are tech niceties such as torque-on-demand for the 4x4 variant, electronic stability program, hill-start assist, hill-descent control, and many more.

In concert with its potency, Foton gives the Toplander an imposing, muscular presence, marked by Foton's familiar waterfall front grille with the Foton logo in the center. The Toplander's diamond-style headlight assembly (with levelizer for both variants) is complemented with daytime running lamps for the 4x4 variant for added safety. Both Toplander models also have an LED array integrated into the side mirrors for better visibility when turning.

When viewed from the side, the Toplander assumes a distinctly sporty profile with its sharp waistline crease and bold wheel arches to call attention to its considerable 17-inch aluminum alloy wheels mated to 265/65 tires. The rear fascia is rendered cleanly and smoothly to emphasize the heft and grace of the vehicle.

Inside, the Foton Toplander sports a modern, ergonomically sound interiors typifying the Foton's drive towards enhanced occupant comfort while delivering best-in-class value. The two-tone cabin is given classy touches of matte silver, and blue illumination perfectly adds to the drama and elegant ambience.

The Toplander's instrumentation and multi-media system are very legible and easy to use, and steering wheel-mounted controls are even thrown in for the 4x4 variant. Power windows and side mirrors, and even a power sunroof for the 4x4 join a host of other features to make the Foton Toplander on top of its class. **aq**



# Mitsubishi Motors Philippines collaborates with Visayan Electric Company on i-MiEV electric car evaluation

**M**ITSUBISHI Motors Philippines Corporation (MMPC) recently lend an i-MiEV (Mitsubishi innovative Electric Vehicle) unit to Visayan Electric Company (VECO) for demo purposes. VECO is the second largest electric utility in the Philippines. It serves the cities of Cebu, Mandaue, Talisay, Naga and four municipalities of the greater part of Metro Cebu - Liloan, Consolacion, Minglanilla and San Fernando.

Under the demo program, VECO will study and evaluate the behavior and performance of Mitsubishi Motors' zero emission pure electric car i-MiEV, via actual usage on Cebu roads. This will also enable VECO to make an assessment on the power requirements including cost and other technical related issues. This cooperation also aims to provide better knowledge, awareness, and appreciation on the EV technology.

"We are pleased to cooperate with VECO on the evaluation of our i-MiEV, pure electric car." Froilan Dytianquin said. He added that VECO will be able to use the car and understand its performance

and charging requirements. We are also hoping that we can include VECO as one of our partners in raising awareness of the public that pure electric vehicles in addition to being environment friendly, can be viable for daily use.

The i-MiEV is an ultimate eco-car which was launched by Mitsubishi Motors in 2009. Aside from being environmentally friendly, the i-MiEV is also very economical since the cost per kilometer to drive the i-MiEV is one third of a comparable gasoline vehicle. With its zero carbon dioxide tailpipe emissions, the i-MiEV makes a valuable contribution to climate protection which also made it to



From left to right: Mr. Froilan Dytianquin - MMPC FVP-Marketing; Mr. Anton Perdices - VECO COO; Mr. Rene Poro - FAPC AVP; Mr. Byron Daquil - MMPC Product Planning Engineer

be the recipient of the "Environment Special Grand Prize" at the 25th International Automobile festival in Paris. i-MiEV is now selling in many countries and regions all over the world, including Japan, Europe, Hong Kong, Australia, Estonia and in the United States and Canada.

Shown in the photo (from left) is Froilan Dytianquin, MMPC First Vice President for Marketing, Anton Perdices, VECO Chief Operating Officer, Rene Poro, Assistant Vice President for Operations, Fast Autoworld Philippines Corp. (MMPC's Cebu franchised dealer), and Byron Daquil, from MMPC Product Planning section. **aq**

## Suzuki welcomes four new outlets in September



(From left) Sakura Autoworld President Jose Daniel Borromeo, Suzuki Philippines General Manager for Automobile Shuzo Hoshikura, Sakura Autoworld General Manager Marco Gabriel Borromeo, and Global Marketing Group Kennosuke Ouchi.



(From left) North Quadrant Ventures & Resources, Inc., CEO Engr. Joseph Lo, SPH Managing Director and Treasurer Norminio Mojica, SPH President Hiroshi Suzuki and SPH General Manager for Automobile Shuzo Hoshikura



(From left) The Shaw Motor Plaza Corporation Group General Manager Robert Salomon, The Shaw Motor Plaza Corporation President Felix K. Limcaoco III, Suzuki Philippines Inc. General Manager for Automobile Division Shuzo Hoshikura, The Shaw Motor Plaza Corporation Vice President Tey R. Sornet, Suzuki Motor Corporation Global Marketing Group Kennosuke Ouchi and Yuka Taniguchi

**S**UZUKI Philippines Inc. (SPH) had a full calendar of events in September, as it inaugurated three dealerships and held a groundbreaking ceremony of another outlet across four key cities in Luzon.

SPH opened the doors of its Naga City 3S (Sales, Spare Parts and Service) dealership to offer a one-stop shop for all the needs of Suzuki customers in Naga and the Bicol Region. Suzuki Auto Naga, located at KM 442 Maharlika Highway, Del Rosario, Naga City is owned and managed by Sakura Autoworld, Inc..

On top of that, Sakura Autoworld, Inc. also inaugurated the Suzuki Auto Legazpi satellite outlet. Its showroom is at Miranda Building, Rizal St. Sagpon Old Albay, Legazpi City.

### SUZUKI AUTO ISABELA NOW IN FULL SWING

Suzuki also unveiled Suzuki Auto Isabela. The company started selling through a satellite showroom at Robinson's Place Santiago and later opened a one-stop full-service dealership in the Automotive Row of Santiago City Isabela.

It is owned and managed by North Quadrant Ventures & Resources, Inc., which also manages Suzuki Auto Pangasinan.

### BIÑAN DEALERSHIP SOON TO RISE

Suzuki Philippines is also poised to strengthen its network in the Southern Tagalog region. Suzuki Auto Binan, another 3S dealership, held its groundbreaking ceremony in September. Situated inside the

Carmona Autoplex, Carmona-Biñan Exit, South Luzon Expressway, Laguna, the outlet is to be managed by The Shaw Motor Plaza Inc.

Regarding Suzuki's expansion in Luzon, Mr. Shuzo Hoshikura, Suzuki General Manager for Automobile said, "The excellent sales performance we recorded in recent months inspired us to grow our networks in order to better serve our customers and respond to the continuously increasing market demand. We are confident that our year-end figures for 2015 will be positive, thanks to our aggressive dealership expansions coupled with numerous new product launches. So far, we are on track with growth plans, and we intend to sustain our good sales performance over the next few years." Hoshikura added. **aq**

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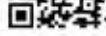
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