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## Towards the formulation of an effective road safety bill

Representatives from the government, private sector, NGOs and road safety experts and advocates met anew to discuss and give comments and suggestions on the proposed Road Safety Act (RSA) of the Philippines during a conference at the Heritage Hotel Manila on August 26, 2009 with the theme "Towards the Formulation of an Effective Road Safety Bill".

The road safety conference was organized by the Automobile Association Philippines (AAP), Toyota Motor Philippines, University of the Philippines National Center for Transportation Studies and UP College of Law. The presentations were divided into three sessions: the first session included presentations on driving habits, maneuvers and roads, violations and penalties, and vulnerable road users; the second session covered drinking and driving and the use of cell phones while driving; and session three focused on motorcycles, speed management and the proposed road safety research and data system. A panel discussion with a legal perspective followed each session.

In his opening remarks, AAP Vice President and Road Safety Committee Chairman Johnny Angeles welcomed the participants and said he looked forward to

their valuable inputs and contributions. "We hope that this conference, through the formulation of an effective road safety bill, will help reduce the frequency of road accidents now known as traffic crashes," said Angeles.

The keynote speaker, House of Representatives Committee on Transportation Chairman Monico Puentevella, expressed his support for much-needed legislation to promote road safety. Puentevella said that he aims to establish three major points for inclusion in the proposed RSA: 1) a uniform road safety code, 2) a uniform set of vehicle standards which should be mandatory for all vehicles, and 3) a real-time database or at least a system of regular reporting between local law enforcement units, the Land Transportation Office and the Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board with regard to road safety violations.

The conference ended with a speech from Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) Secretary Leandro Mendoza read by DOTC Undersecretary Dorotheo Reyes II. "The government and private sector need to collaborate to instill a culture of safety to prevent the senseless loss of lives and properties, especially in the road

transport sector," Reyes read from Mendoza's speech.

As an advocate of road safety, AAP urges all concerned sectors to proactively participate in congressional hearings on the RSA. At the same time, AAP hopes that the government will have the political will to effectively implement its provisions.



Congressman Monico Puentevella of Bacolod City informs road safety stakeholders that the House Committee on Transportation, which he currently chairs, is in the midst of deliberating various road safety measures such as bills prohibiting driving under the influence of alcohol and texting while driving and requiring the use of helmets by motorcyclists.

## AAP Membership Services Update

### Avail of glass etching service at AAP satellite offices

Glass etching serves as a deterrent against car theft by inscribing the car's windshield or side view mirrors with identifying marks such as the vehicle's plate number. If your vehicle gets stolen, the etching will help the police in tracing you as the owner. You will

have an easier time identifying your car even if it has been repainted a different color or its license plates have been changed.

AAP Regular and Associate Individual Members are entitled to two (2) free glass windshield etchings. For more than two glass etchings, members will be charged an additional P100 each. Bring your

AAP-registered car to AAP satellite offices during the schedules on below for glass etching.

### Membership renewal discounts for immediate family members

Aside from a discount on new membership enrollments, succeeding immediate family members also get discounts for membership renewals. The immediate family members of Regular and Associate Individual members are entitled to a **20 percent discount on the annual fee.**

For more information, call the AAP Membership Services Department at **723-0808/09** local **818** or **819**.

### ERS calls to be recorded

In line with AAP's commitment to continuously improve its service to

its members, all Emergency Roadside Service (ERS) calls will be recorded starting on September 15, 2009. Our operators and dispatchers have been instructed to inform AAP members requesting for ERS that their conversation will be recorded.

### AAP Alabang pilot project circular

Delayed delivery of our Alabang pilot project circulars has necessitated the extension of the response deadline to **October 31, 2009**. The promised raffle of DVD players and cell phones will be reset to the glass etching activity scheduled for **November 27** at the Alabang Satellite Office.

### Glass Etching Schedule

Satellite Office	Schedule
<b>Alabang Satellite Office</b> Store 1-A, MotorTown 2, Alabang Town Center, Muntinlupa City Tel:(02) 850 9831	Oct. 16 – 17 Nov. 27 -28 Dec 18 -19
<b>Makati Satellite Office</b> C-6 Arcadia Bldg., JP Rizal Ext., Guadalupe Cembo, Makati City Tel: (02) 882 6039	Oct. 2-3 & 30-31 Nov. 20-21 Dec. 11-12

## More discounts for AAP members

Card-carrying AAP members can now avail of discounts from the following new AAP partner establishments:

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AAP Vice President Johnny Angeles, assisted by his grandson and UP instructor Jett Angeles, prepares to plant a white lauan seedling.



The launching of the AAP INDI Tree Planting Project was graced by (from left to right) AAP Treasurer Jacinto Mantaring; AAP staff including Tess Cruzat, Cynthia Reyes, Necy Zornosa, Eva Soliven and Karen Matiga; Lorie Mantaring, retired UP Chemistry Dept. Chair; UP Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs Cynthia Grace Gregorio; AAP President Augusto Lagman; AAP Vice President Johnny Angeles; AAP Director Angel Kanapi; and AAP Executive Director Serafin Pantaleon.

## UN Secretary General urges support for Decade of Action

UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon has encouraged member governments to "support efforts to establish a decade of action" in a report on global road safety to the UN General Assembly.

In his official report to the forthcoming 66th Session of the United Nations, Ban Ki Moon warns that road traffic injuries "continue to threaten health and development gains around the world, with devastating impacts on individuals, families, communities and society." He points out that in some world regions, road crashes are already the leading cause of death for the most economically productive age group between 15 and 44 years of age, yet "levels of funding for road safety are still not commensurate with the scale of the problem".

The UN Secretary General notes the high level support for the proposed Decade of Action, including Heads of State on three continents, as well as public figures such as Bill Clinton and Desmond Tutu. His report also notes that the road safety documentary 'Turning Point', made by Make Roads Safe campaign ambassador Michelle Yeoh, was broadcast worldwide by the BBC. Michelle Yeoh, and campaign chairman Lord Robertson, met with Ban Ki Moon in March 2008 to brief him on global road safety and to deliver a campaign petition of a million names then calling for a first ministerial conference on road safety.

Urging that "an ambitious road safety vision is needed globally, regionally and within countries", the Secretary General goes on to make several recommendations to the UN General Assembly, including;

- member states should participate in the global ministerial conference on road safety, to be held in Moscow on 19 and 20 November 2009, and support efforts to establish a decade of action for road safety for the 10 years leading to 2020, with a commitment to halt and begin to reverse



Lord Robertson and Michelle Yeoh present the Make Roads Safe petition to Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary General

the current trend towards an increase in the number of road traffic deaths;

- the international development and road safety communities should support road safety projects, particularly in low and middle income countries;
- development banks and funding agencies should include road safety components in their funding for road infrastructure projects and require compulsory road safety audits, inspections and safety ratings to be undertaken at key stages in the planning and design of all aid-funded road projects;

In his report, Ban Ki Moon also encourages member states to pay attention to building lead agency capacity and to addressing risk factors such as inappropriate and excessive speed, drink and driving, the non-use of seat belts and child restraints and the non use of helmets, and to improve vehicle safety standards and infrastructure safety. He also acknowledges "the importance of the World Bank Global Road Safety Facility as a means to increase the resources needed to address road safety in low and middle income countries".

The UN Secretary General concludes that "road traffic injuries threaten to hinder achievements in human and economic development".

(source: [www.makeroadssafe.org](http://www.makeroadssafe.org))

## AAP INDI Tree Planting Project launched

AAP, in cooperation with the University of the Philippines Diliman Office of the Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs (OVCCA), launched the AAP INDI Tree Planting Project at the Betaway and Roces Avenue in UP Diliman on August 17, 2009. More seedlings of indigenous trees such as the white lauan (*Shorea contorta*), kalantas (*Toona kalantas*), banaba (*Lagerstromia speciosa*) and kalumpit (*Terminalia microcarpa*) will be planted in tree planting activities to be scheduled at the UP Diliman campus.



# Action-packed touring races at Subic

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> leg of the 2009 Philippine Touring Car Championship (PTCC) organized and promoted by the Automobile Association Philippines (AAP), was held on August 29 and 30 at the Subic International Raceway which was also the venue of the Miata Cup Championship Series and the Ford Focus Cup.

AAP, the National Auto Club, is the only Philippine affiliate of the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), the Paris-based organization that governs motor sports worldwide. As the country's FIA member club, AAP organizes and sanctions motor sport events.

Rounds 4, 5, and 6 of the PTCC series were co-presented by Concept One Wheels and Starfire Performance Tires and powered by Glassetched Creations, Chris Decals, Speed TV, Wave 89.1 Turbo Time and Velocity Motors. It was a well-attended race weekend featuring the Media Guests Track Tour and Experience by Sammy Liuson of Wheel Gallery and the Miata Club Orphanage Outreach Activity as added attractions.

The PTCC and PPCC races were action-packed as brothers Enzo and Don Pastor dominated the PTCC (formerly Group 1) and Doby Atilano dominated again the PPCC (formerly Group 3.)

Tuason Racing dominated the Novice Class and finished in the top 3 together with Dominic Uy, Ramil Madriga and Jeff Borja in the C class category.

Meanwhile, Dennis Uy of Seaoil / Lightspeed / Velocity Racing dominated the Super A class together with Louis Ramirez and B-rated drivers Nico Montinola and Monching Guiterrez and C-rated drivers of SRA Racing Team Juny Binamira and newcomer Joey Pery.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> leg -- rounds 7, 8 and 9 of the PTCC and Philippine Production Car Championship (PPCC) -- is set for September 19-20 at Subic International Raceway. Admission is free.

For race inquiries, call Mark Desales at 723.08.08 / 09/

## AAP members, friends and families join the Tagala Heritage Tour

AAP members, friends and families were treated to a fun-filled weekend as they visited locally run and off-the-beaten path specialty cafes and restaurants, centuries-old churches, an ancestral house, pottery, artworks, handicrafts and antique shops and galleries during the Isuzu Family Day Tagala Heritage Tour, a joint tour that drove to the quaint towns of Laguna and Quezon, on August 29, 2009.



Tourists admire the view at the Nagcarlan Underground Cemetery, a National Historical Landmark built in 1845. Inside the chapel, after two flights of stairs, are the tombs.

AAPLakbay Inc. runs "justGO! Drive Philippines," a cyber-based motoring and trip planner program for tourists who use a car to visit the country's attractions. For more themes and routes, visit [www.justgo.ph](http://www.justgo.ph), call 6382433; 6334750; 6311892, or email [editor@justgo.ph](mailto:editor@justgo.ph).



Tsokolate-eh, suman, buko pie and pan de sal – a perfect way to start the nostalgic Isuzu Family Day Tagala Heritage Tour.

The Tagala Heritage Tour is the first of four themed tours that are being organized and run by AAPLakbay, Inc., a joint venture of AAP and Lakbay.net, together with Isuzu Philippines as sponsor. After the heritage tour, Isuzu Philippines and AAPLakbay will launch three more tours focusing on arts and crafts, fiesta and nature as the themes.



The gallery of Ugu Bigyan, a celebrated potter, in Tiaong, Quezon.

## MOTORING TIPS Driving in Convoy

- Review the itinerary before the trip.
- Before departing, make sure that the fuel tank is full
- Always try to keep the car in front of you in sight.
- Use your car's turn signals ahead of time before making a turn to guide cars in the group, as well as other road users.
- If the car behind or in front slows down, slow down too so the convoy will stay together.
- If your section of the convoy gets separated, do not speed up to catch up.
- Have an appropriate stopping distance between the car in front and behind you.
- If other cars are trying to pass the group, let them do so.
- If you need to pass a slow car or cars, do not move out at the same time and pass at once. Passing should be done one car at a time.
- If you intend to leave the group before the end of the trip, please inform the organizers.
- If something goes wrong and you need the group to stop, flash your headlights. If the car behind flashes its headlights, flash yours until the leader of the convoy pulls over.
- The main objective of our convoy driving is to have a safe and pleasant drive, traveling or arriving together is secondary.



