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## AAP, DOT to Open Christmas by Manila Bay Festivities Today

The Philippines takes pride in having the world's longest, fun-filled and most colorful observance of the Christmas season. This claim to fame comes to life once more as the Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) and the Department of Tourism (DOT) lead the first-ever Christmas by Manila Bay festival on Dec. 15-17 which will showcase the Filipinos' warm celebration of the birth of the Christ Child.

According to AAP president Augusto Lagman, the festival

will put to the fore the Filipino's trademark resiliency and indomitable spirit despite the adversities they face daily.

"There's nothing like the Yuletide season to showcase this abundance of natural riches and share our renowned Filipino values of heartfelt hospitality, genuine friendliness and extraordinary generosity," he said.

"As the National Auto Club, not only do we champion the interest of the motoring public and advocate for road safety but



AAP president Gus Lagman (2nd from left) and AAP trustee /ISST president Mina Gabor (center) with (left to right) former Pinoy Big Brother housemate Dionne Monsanto, actress Tart Carlos and Christmas by Manila Bay business development director Dodj Mallari.

we also promote the diverse culture and rich beauty of our country through the numerous caravan tours we've organized yearly," he added.

Tourism Secretary Wanda Teo said that the event will show to the world that it is still more fun to visit the Philippines, despite the negative perceptions the country has been receiving in recent months.

A joint undertaking with the International School of Sustainable Tourism (ISST) headed by AAP director and former

Tourism Secretary Mina Gabor, the festivity is inspired by the famed Tournament of Roses of Pasadena, California which draws thousands of visitors.

The three-day Philippine event opens today, December 15, with the Christmas Market for the Fort in Fort Santiago, the refurbished historical shrine and tourist attraction of Intramuros, Manila.

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# AAP Joins Petron-DOE's 2017 Eco Run Highlighting Fuel Efficiency

The Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) played a major role in the 13th Fuel Economy Run conducted by the Department of Energy (DOE) at Clark, Pampanga as part of their "E-Power Mo" Campaign.

Petron once more became the official fuel for the run which sought to encourage consumers to consider energy-efficient technology when buying cars and not just focus on the brand or style.

The November 20-21 event attracted over 55 participants.

Twenty six of the vehicles were filled up with Petron XCS while another 26 vehicles loaded Petron Turbo Diesel.

Sedans, sport utility vehicles (SUVs), multipurpose vehicles (MPVs) and pickup trucks of various brands were used during the run. The participants made their way through the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX) and part of the Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway (TPLEX), covering a total of 216.6 kilometers.

Over 20 car manufacturers fielded their vehicles in the fu-

el run including Columbian Autocar Corporation (Kia), Toyota Motor Philippines Corporation, Suzuki Philippines Inc., Berjaya Auto Philippines (Mazda), Hyundai Asia Resources Inc., Motor Image Philippines Inc. (Subaru), Nissan Philippines Inc., The Covenant Car Company Inc. (Chevrolet), Honda Cars Philippines Inc., Eurobrands Distributor Inc. (Peugeot), Ford Group Philippines, Bayan Automotive Industries Corporation (BAIC), Volvo Philippines, Asian-

(Mahindra), Isuzu Philippines Corporation, Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corporation, United Asia Automotive Group Inc. (Foton), Automobile Central Enterprise Inc. (Volkswagen) and BMW Philippines.

Like in last year's convoy, the eco run started at 12 midnight at Petron Clark Station in Angeles City, Pampanga and ended before sunrise at the same location.

"We do this event to find out the fuel consumption figures of various types of vehicles using the same set of stan-

dards," said AAP Motor Sport consultant Jun Espino. "Often times, different car manufacturers have their own individual standards and the information given to the public varies. AAP has always actively participated and assisted in programs of the DOE that help motorists become well-informed consumers, especially when it comes to buying cars."

"We drove the vehicles like you would on a usual drive," he added. "A driver, a navigator and a media observer were on board each vehicle."

DOE Undersecretary Wimpy Fuentebella affirmed that the government "aims to empower consumers in their choice of vehicle by putting a premium on energy efficiency."

In the afternoon of November 21, the results of the DOE Fuel Economy Run were presented during the awarding ceremony. According to the participants' evaluation, over half of the vehicles that joined the run achieved efficient fuel ratings of 20 km per liter.

The full details of the results can be found on DOE's website.

## AAP SUPPORTS GOV'T ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVES

Last November 19, the Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) joined the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and other transportation agencies and road safety advocates in celebrating the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

According to DOTr Undersecretary Tim Orbos, it was fitting that the celebration came before the Christmas season,

when the number of road crash incidents spikes.

"There are two million vehicles in Metro Manila," Orbos said. "That's two million potential weapons that can be used to harm people. There are 30 million trips a day in Metro Manila. That's 30 million potential accidents."

After a short motorcade along Commonwealth Avenue and a simple program, the DOTr

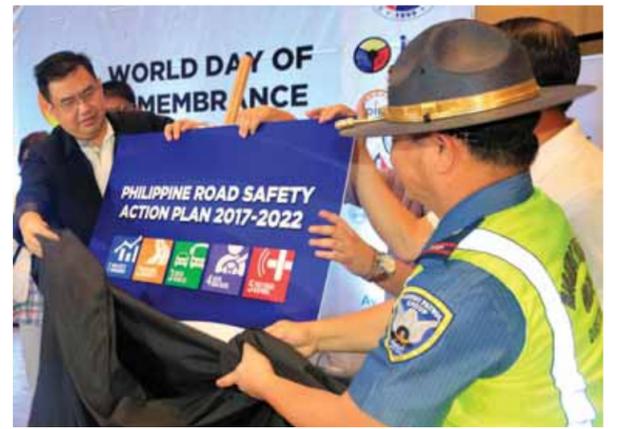
formally presented to the public the government's plans to reduce road crash incidents in the country and improve the traffic situation.

These plans include the Public Utility Vehicle (PUV) Modernization Program; the Motor Vehicle Inspection System which will start in January 2018; improving data collection for the Data for Road Incident Visualization Evaluation and Re-

porting (DRIVER) tool; and the updated Philippine Road Safety Action Plan (PRSAP) 2017-2022.

"AAP agrees with the government that road safety and improving the traffic situation in the country is a shared responsibility," said AAP Advocacy manager Cynthia Reyes. "AAP has been doing its part through the years and we'll continue to do so."

Reyes noted that AAP mem-



Government transportation department officials led by DOTr Usec. Tim Orbos formally unveiled the Philippine Road Safety Action Plan (PRSAP) 2017-2022.

bers have become more vocal in sharing their opinions about the government's plans to solve traffic problems and promote road safety.

One example is 87-year-old Dr. Luis Dizon, Sr. an AAP member for more than 20 years, who said that the government should be very strict in implementing the motor vehicle inspection system, especially the

emission testing. Dizon suggested that the government should locate these inspection centers at more accessible areas so that vehicle owners will not have any excuses.

Dizon encourages fellow AAP members to become good examples in following traffic rules and help the government by reporting traffic violators.

## AAP, DOT TO OPEN CHRISTMAS BY MANILA BAY FESTIVITIES TODAY

**FROM B3-1** items and Christmas goodies which visitors can buy to participate in the grand drive to raise 60,000 gifts for the festival's beneficiaries.

Banda Kawayan Pilipinas, the country's top bamboo orchestra based at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, will serenade the crowd with well-loved Filipino carols.

Other opening day activities include celebrity performances, the revival of indigenous games through the Palarong Pinoy spearheaded by the Province of Quezon, and Acoustic Night featuring up-and-coming musical talents Peter and Vangie.

The award-winning Kontemporaryong Gamelang Pilipino (Kontra Gapi), directed by Edru Abraham, will live up the afternoons with their upbeat ethnic-themed music that enjoins audience participation.

Tomorrow, December 16, the Pagkaing Pasko Cooking Exhibition will showcase the culinary heritage of the Province of Quezon, the Hermana Mayor of the Christmas by Manila Bay, and an evening Mass at the Manila Cathedral Basilica to kick off the traditional nine-day Simbang Gabi.

Highlighting the festival on Sunday, December 17 is the turnover of the 60,000 gifts by Secretary Wanda Teo to the Department of Social Welfare and Development for the children of Marawi City, Yolanda victims, Hospicio de San Jose, and children of soldiers who died in Marawi.

This will be followed by the Grand Christmas Parade by the Bay at 5 p.m. starting from the CCP Complex and ending at the Rizal Park Quirino Grandstand. With the kaleidoscopic Manila Bay sunset as the background,

the parade will feature vintage and classic cars from Vintage Cars Philippines, and corporate and government-sponsored floats depicting the Filipino's Yuletide spirit.

Leading the contingents is the Province of Quezon, the event's Hermana Mayor which will showcase its rich culture and popular festivals such as the Pahiyas ang Niyogugan. The province was one of the destinations of the caravans organized by AAP because of its good road network and scenic countryside.

Other participants are the Municipality of Angono, Rizal with their famed "Higantes" giant papier mache, the Municipality of Pulilan, Bulacan which is noted for their kneeling carabaos, and the Province of Negros Occidental which will bring their Masskara Festival dancers.

The event draws to a close on Sunday, December 17, with a musical concert featuring artists from MCA Universal and a spectacular fireworks display at Fort Santiago.

Christmas by Manila Bay is supported by Petron, Philippine Airlines, Philippine Exporters Confederation, North Luzon Expressway, Subic Clark Tarlac Expressway, MCA Universal, and Allele White, with media partners Business Mirror and Manila Bulletin.

Cooperating agencies are the National Parks Development Committee, Nayong Pilipino Foundation, Intramuros Administration, and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

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# AAP Awards First-Ever MSDP Gymkhana Champion, Concludes Eventful 3rd Season

The Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) held its first Motor Sport Development Program (MSDP) Gymkhana finals w last November 5.

MSDP class finalists from Cebu, Cagayan de Oro, Tagum, Davao, Bacolod, Baguio and Metro Manila came for a final showdown at Megatent, Libis in Quezon City.

From 18 class champions, it came down to two. Then out of the two best drivers, only one emerged, the fastest and the first-ever MSDP Gymkhana Champion—Boodie Dabasol.

During the competition, which followed the Asian Auto Gymkhana Competition format, all 18 contenders drove the Mazda2 SkyActiv cars that had been turned over by Mazda Philippines in support of the MSDP.

The MSDP class champions went through two qualifying rounds. After the eliminations, only four drivers were left to go head-to-head: Boodie Dabasol, Joshua Roxas, Norris See and Ryan Ablang. It then came down to a double elimination

round during the finals where Dabasol and Roxas had to battle it out for the top spot at the podium.

During the first heat in the finals, Roxas clocked in at a good 48.46 seconds while Dabasol completed the track at a solid 48.29 seconds. Then in the second heat, Roxas just wasn't fast enough, clocking in at 48.38 seconds versus Dabasol's formidable time of 47.14 seconds.

Boodie Dabasol from Manila was named MSDP Gymkhana Champion with Joshua Roxas from Baguio taking 1st runner-up. Norris See from Cebu bagged 2nd runner-up while Ryan Ablang, also from Manila, was 3rd runner-up.

The MSDP Gymkhana was launched in March as the trial application of the theories taught in the MSDP curriculum.

MSDP students who attend the modules are encouraged to participate in the Gymkhana "to know how it is like to compete, so that they can find out for themselves how to execute what we have taught them,"



On November 5, Sunday, MSDP held its first-ever Gymkhana Championship at Megatent Libis, Quezon City. MSDP Class Champions from Cebu, Cagayan de Oro, Tagum, Davao, Bacolod, Baguio and Metro Manila competed in the finale.



AAP motor sport chair Mandy Eduque (at right) watches as a finalist is flagged off.

AAP motor sport operations manager Mark Desales said.

### MSDP Culminates a Positive 2017

The day before the MSDP Gymkhana Finals, the young drivers program culminated its season with the last Module 1 conducted for the final batch of 2017.

AAP MSDP head instructor and 10-time National Rally Champion Vip Isada encouraged the participants to keep practicing what they have learned in Module 1 in their everyday driving.

"We hope that when we start with Module 2 next year, you'll still remember everything we've taught you here. We don't conduct Module 2 straightaway after Module 1. We're giving you time to correct

your driving technique and practice on your own," Isada reminded the young drivers.

AAP motor sport department chair Mandy Eduque expressed how he was "grateful that everyone's three-year effort with the MSDP is continuously paying off."

Eduque noted the achievements of the program for the past year, including attracting more young drivers from the key cities of Bacolod, Cebu, Cagayan de Oro, and Metro Manila. MSDP also expanded its reach in May as it went to Tagum City, Davao for the first time.

The grassroots program organizers are thankful for the continued support of Mazda Philippines, which provided five brand-new Mazda2 cars last July for MSDP training.

In September, Bendix Brakes, BlueChem and NWB Wipers became the program's newest partners, expressing their support as MSDP continues to inspire passion for motor sport, develop the level of driving among the youth and im-

prove their knowledge and practice of road safety.

Aside from Mazda PH and Seaoil as the major sponsors, the MSDP is supported by Dynamics Suspension, Autoperformance PH, Aeromed Ambulance Transport, Walter Light and Sounds, Time Attack Manila, Rota Wheels, Hazardboy Performance, TS Tuning, FORS, Race Motor Sports Club, SpeedLab, HotPipes, K&N Performance, Dynapack and GR Tuning.



All the participants drove the Mazda 2 SkyActiv cars turned over by Mazda Philippines back in July in support of MSDP.



Boodie Dabasol (2nd from left) of the Metro Manila MSDP Class took home the MSDP Gymkhana championship cup with Joshua Roxas (at left) from Baguio bagging 1st runner-up, Norris See (3rd from left) of Cebu as 2nd runner-up and Ryan Ablang (at right) also of Metro Manila as 3rd runner-up.

MSDP instructor Ivan Isada coaches the driver of a multi-cab through the course as cars lined up behind wait for their turn. MSDP encourages participants to bring the vehicle they usually drive and are comfortable operating, to teach the value of car sympathy.



The Motor Sport Development Program Batch 2 finalists (R-L) Miguel Reyes, Armand Marcaida, Hazel Ramirez, Andre Delos Santos, and Carlos Marzo with MSDP Batch 1 finalist Polo Bautista comprised the AAP-MSDP-BERMAZ team that competed at the Philippine Endurance Race last Dec. 2-3 at the Clark International Speedway. Racing with the Mazda2 SkyActiv, the six completed 163 laps with the best time of 2 minutes and 33.784 seconds.

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### AAP Davao Transfers to New Location

To provide easier access for members and would-be members, the AAP Davao office moved last October to its new location at the 3rd Floor of SM City Davao along Quimpo Boulevard, Ecoland, Davao City. The new AAP office is open Mondays to Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### AAP Promotes Home Service for Simple Car Care Repairs

The National Auto Club is encouraging its members to avail of the AAP Home Service while the AAP Autocare Service Center is closed in the meantime for renovation.

AAP members can have simple auto care services such as oil change, tune-up and basic car repairs done right in their garage by motorcycle-riding mechanics deployed to their homes. "This service will mean for members one less chore to take care of," AAP President Gus Lagman says.

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## JEAN TODT REELECTED FIA PRESIDENT FOR A THIRD TERM AT FIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Jean Todt was re-elected as president of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) at the organization's General Assembly in Paris. Standing unopposed, Todt was unanimously handed a third term in office by acclamation, and by a show of hands. The new mandate will see Todt continue to develop the global federation of Motor Sport and Mobility organizations until the end of 2021. A full list of the appointments made during the Assembly will be published in due course.

Speaking after accepting the

presidency, Todt said: "It is gratifying to have such universal support. I would like to thank all of the Member Clubs of the FIA for their support. I see this as a validation of the direction the FIA has taken under my leadership, and as encouragement to continue the program we have pursued over the past eight years."

Todt went on to outline an ambitious program for what will be his final term in office, focusing on three key areas: innovation, advocacy and the development of a strong network of Mobility and Sport Clubs.



FIA President Jean Todt is seen here at the 2017 FIA Annual General Assembly last December 4 at Paris, France where he was reelected for a third term.

Reaffirming the FIA's role as the governing body of Motor Sport worldwide, he said: "From time to time there are some who challenge this role, and I remind them that Motor Sport will always need a regulator, it will always need fair play, it will always require ethics, and it will always need an independent referee. This is the vital role the FIA plays and one it will continue to play in the future."

Expanding on the theme of innovation, he added: "Innovation is essential if the FIA is to continue to improve and take its rightful place in the world as

the leader in Mobility and Motor Sport development," he said. "To encourage this, we propose to establish an FIA Innovation Fund."

During Todt's first two terms, advocacy across a range of issues, including road safety and sustainable mobility, has become a key area of endeavor for both the FIA and its Member Clubs, and following today's vote he emphasized the need to further strengthen the Federation's efforts to reduce road fatalities and to help shape the future of clean and accessible mobility for all.

"The FIA has made significant progress globally, and is now recognized by world bodies, governments and fellow NGOs as a reliable and relevant voice on the international stage," he said.

"Road Safety continues to be a major focus through the work of the FIA High-Level Panel for Road Safety, the support and assistance of the FIA Foundation and its chairman, Lord Robertson, and through the #3500 Lives campaign which was launched worldwide earlier this year. I am pleased to confirm that this campaign will continue to have a global presence in 2018 in order to help achieve the goal of reducing road trauma. Additionally, during this term, a new set of FIA Road Safety Awards will be instigated, to recognize outstanding contributions to achieving real progress in international road safety outcomes."

Turning to the future of Mobility, President Todt stressed the need for the Federation to foster the growth and influence of its Member Clubs in defining the next generation of transportation systems.

"Our clubs are the largest consumer organizations in their countries and their 80-million road-user members make the FIA one of the largest global consumer bodies. This is important because while the future of mobility is exciting, it also holds many challenges, and it is our duty to help shape it."

"We will have to deal with increased congestion in all our major cities, with the introduction of autonomous vehicles, the growing cost of mobility and with the development of new technologies in developed countries. We need to influence the direction these developments take in order to ensure acceptable outcomes for all."

"My ambition remains for our Federation to continue to strive to be the best it possibly can - stronger, smarter, more secure, more professional and globally respected."

Todt's reelection also confirms a restructured team at the helm of the FIA. After eight years as president of the FIA Senate, the body with oversight of the management and finances of the Federation, America's Nick Craw steps down from the role. Craw will be replaced by New Zealand's Brian Gibbons, who has acted as FIA deputy president for mobility since 2009. That role will now be filled by Belgium's Thierry Willemarck, who moves from his position as president of Region I of the FIA. Graham Stoker continues as deputy president for Sport, a post he has held since 2009.

Commenting on the new structure, Todt said: "I have encouraged the selection of a leadership team that is a mixture of the experienced and the new. The experienced will ensure we continue to respect our heritage, uphold our values and avoid the pitfalls of the past. The new faces will bring fresh, innovative thinking to our Federation. I am particularly pleased that a number of talented women have been nominated for important positions by our clubs. It is a beginning I hope will lead the FIA to embrace greater diversity and recognize and reward talent, wherever it exists."

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**70K\***

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\*The ALL-IN down payment includes free 3-year LTO registration, 1-year comprehensive insurance, and chattel mortgage fees. Financing is subject to bank approval. Participating banks: RCBC, BPI, and Maybank

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