

Team Philippines Crowned Overall Champion at FIA Asia Pacific Motorsports Championship 2025

Team Philippines captured the much-coveted Nation's Cup Trophy at the FIA Asia Pacific Motorsports Championship 2025 after hauling the most medals, thereby emerging as the top motor sport nation in the region.

The prestigious event, inaugurated in Malaysia in 2023, was held in Sri Lanka from September 26–28. This year's edition gathered over 210 competitors from 18 countries across six disciplines: karting, karting slalom, auto gymkhana, esports, and autocross where competitors welcomed the debut of the FIA Cross Car.

The 11-strong Filipino delegation, fielded by the Automobile Association of the Philippines (AAP), delivered exceptional performances across categories. With a total of six (6) medals—2 golds, 2 silvers, 2 bronzes—their collective victories propelled the Philippines to secure the overall championship trophy.

"The FIA has created this opportunity for grassroots level. I've seen and experienced a lot in the international motor sport scene as a race official, and I can say that Filipino drivers are competitive and talented enough—they just need the right opportunity and support," AAP Motor Sport head Rikki Dy-Liacco, who led the team in Sri Lanka, shared.

Dy-Liacco added, "Going into this event, I was confident of our driver line-up. I'm happy that through AAP's support, we were able to produce outstanding results."

"This is a milestone for Philippine motor sport," said Mandy Eduque, AAP Trustee and Motor Sport Committee Chair. "Our drivers have proven their skill and determination against the best in the region. This victory shows the potential of Filipino talent on the global stage. They've made the entire nation proud."

Team Philippines 2025 is composed of the following:

1. **Carlos Iñigo Anton** – Auto Gymkhana, Karting Slalom
2. **Richard Gallardo** – Auto Gymkhana
3. **Rain Acejas** – Auto Gymkhana
4. **Ricardo Dy-Liacco** – Autocross
5. **Olson Louie Camacho** – Autocross
6. **Ricardo Montelibano** – Autocross
7. **Paco Sarmiento** – Karting Senior
8. **Mariano Axel Nocom** – Karting Junior
9. **Martin Zaragoza** – Karting Cadet
10. **Russel Reyes** – Esports (iRacing F4)
11. **Luis Moreno** – Esports (Assetto Corsa GT3)

With this historic win, the Philippines has solidified its place as a rising powerhouse in international motor sport. Carlos Iñigo Anton, who clinched the gold medal for Karting Slalom, said, "The Philippines can compete with the best of the best in the region. I hope this inspires Filipino drivers to pursue motor sport not just as a passion but as a sport to represent our nation."

Anton added, “It takes a whole family to take us to this victory. Thank you to our families and supporters, to the motor sport community and to our AAP family for rallying behind us.”

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AAP Motor Sport Head Rikki Dy-Liacco (in blue shirt, center) receives the Nation’s Cup Trophy from FIA Secretary General for Sport Valerio Iachizzi (left) and Sri Lanka’s Department of Sports Development Director General V. Premachanthiran (right).

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