



Vehicle Safety in the Philippines
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BACKGROUND

- Former, Project Manager of the GRSP Project of the Ateneo De Manila University – School of Government
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- Former, Spokesperson – Land Transportation Office
- Former Lecturer, Polytechnic University of the Philippines
- Consultant– Transport Planning for various Local Government Units

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Legal Engagement Advocating Development and Reform (LEADER) is a non-stock, non-profit corporation formed in September 2017. We are composed mostly of lawyers who, for years, have been advocates of Road Safety, the promotion of Health, the protection and preservation of the Environment, and the defense of civil liberties and individual rights.



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- **Current Advocacies and Project:**
 - **GRSP - passage of a law and implementation of Child Restraints Seats**
 - Technical Assistance to Legislators and Executive Regulators
 - Resource persons in various for a and hearings
 - **CTFK - strict compliance to tobacco control laws – designated smoking area**
 - Dialogues with regulators
 - Monitoring
 - Litigation

OVERVIEW – REGULATORY FRAMEWORK



DOTR – DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION

LTO – LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

- Issues Regulation on Motor Vehicle Inspection,
- Conducts Motor Vehicle Inspection
- Issues Certificate of Registration

DTI – DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

- Develops Standards for Motor Vehicle Inspection
- Promulgates PNS (Philippine National Standards)



LEGAL FRAMEWORK

International Law

- Geneva Convention on Road Traffic (1949)
- Vienna Convention on Road Traffic (1968)
- Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)
- Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles (1954)



LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Domestic Law

1. Land Transportation and Traffic Code, Republic Act No. 4136 (1964)
2. Civil Code of the Philippines, Republic Act No. 386
3. Revised Penal Code of the Philippines, Act No. 3815
4. Banning Right-Hand Steering Wheel Vehicles, Republic Act No. 8506
5. Seat Belts Use Act of 1999, Republic Act No. 8750
6. Helmet Law, Republic Act. 10054
7. Children's Safety on Motorcycles Act, Republic Act 10666
8. Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act, Republic Act 10586
9. Road Speed Limiter Act, Republic Act 10916

RA 4136 – Land Transportation and Traffic Code of 1964

Specific technical standards for (Under Art . IV, Sec 34)

1. Tires
2. Brakes
3. Horn
4. Head Lights
5. Riding lights
6. Taillights
7. Stop Lights
8. License Plate Lights
9. Parking
10. Windshield wipers
11. Mufflers



RA -8750 Seat Belt Law (1999)

Mandates the use of Seat belt in both Private and Public Motor Vehicle

Prohibits to sit a child below 6 years of age in the front seat

RA- 10916 Speed Limiter Act (2016)

Mandates the installation of speed limiter device on trucks, buses
And other Public Utility Vehicles





Motor Vehicle Inspection Center - LTO

Inspects all motor vehicles prior to renewal of registration.

Operational: only 4 for the whole country

Moving forward: LTO plans to privatize



Growing Market for Passenger Vehicles

- 52 manufacturers of passenger cars, commercial vehicles and motorcycles in the industry
- 14 of which are car assemblers
- Major Players:
 - Toyota, Mitsubishi, Honda, Isuzu, and Nissan; one American company – Ford Motors; and one Korean company – Hyundai,
- New Players:
 - BAIC, BYD, Chery, FAW, FOTON, Geely, Great Wall, Haima, JMC, King Long, Lifan, and MG.

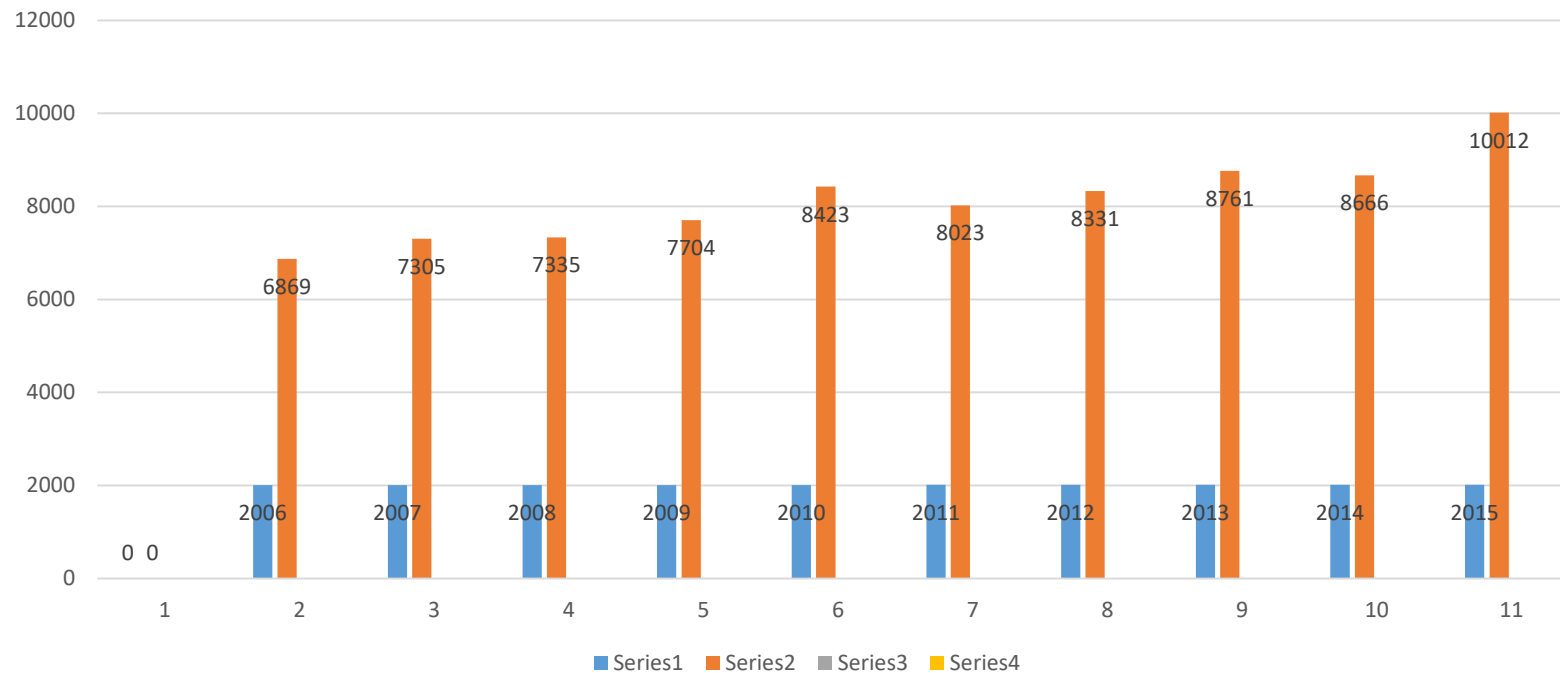
Growing Market for Passenger Vehicles



- 2015 - 110,952
- 2016 - 132,298
- 2017 - 150.906

Growing Number of Road Crashes

- 10,012 people died due to road crashes in 2015
- 45.76% increase from 6,869 deaths recorded in 2006.



Advocating for Safer Vehicles (Five Pillars)



- Congress
 - Land Transportation Office
 - Department of Transportation (Phil. Road Safety Action Plan)
 - CAMPI (Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Phil.)
 - Other Road Safety groups and advocates
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- Long Term: Legislate a Law that requires all vehicles marketed/sold in the Philippines to have high safety standards
 - Short Term: Enjoin regulators to come up with regulation that mandates dealers to indicate safety ratings of vehicles that are on display at their dealerships