



## **AAP Supports Motorcycle Safety Riding Act**

Since its founding in 1931, the Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) has strived to fulfill its mission to promote road safety and champion the interests of the motoring public.

The main provisions of the Motorcycle Safety Riding Act are aligned with the road safety advocacy that the AAP has long been promoting.

AAP, while mainly an auto club for four-wheeled vehicles, acknowledges the fact that the wide use of motorcycles in the country helps many Filipinos to achieve affordable mobility. It is for this reason that the AAP Motorcycle Plus Membership was launched in 2019. AAP opened its doors to provide motorcycle riders with benefits and services that will protect them on the road.

Road safety being its flagship advocacy, AAP believes that conducting mandatory safety training for motorcycle riders will play a big role in making the roads safer for all road users. We have been conducting free road safety seminars and training programs for different sectors whether public utility or private car drivers, traffic enforcers or road users, both young and old. Over the years, AAP has partnered with government agencies, local government units, public and private organizations and international institutions to promote road safety education.

According to a 2019 report from the Land Transportation Office (LTO), motorcycle accidents are now the ninth leading cause of death among Filipinos. The Metro Manila Accident Reporting and Analysis System (MMARAS) Annual Report 2021 posted double the number of motorcycle-related road crashes, summing up to 22,924 versus the 2020 MMARAS Annual Report which only recorded a total of 11,032 motorcycle-related road crashes.

AAP strongly believes that the call for the training of riders on driving, safety standards and road courtesy is vital and paramount for road safety.

With our expertise and experience in being a membership club and in conducting road safety training programs, AAP can be an LTO-accredited motorcycle riders club which will facilitate mandatory motorcycle safety and road courtesy trainings for all members.

AAP fully supports the Motorcycle Safety Riding Act and is more than willing to help the government in implementing this Act.

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