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Dear Dr. Roul,

Thank you for your letter of 18 November 2011 addressed to President Haruhiko Kuroda. I have been requested to respond on behalf of the President.

We thank the NGO Forum on ADB for its support for the Project which, as correctly pointed out in your letter, would dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions from conventional fossil-fuel dependent vehicles. Since this is a pioneering Project, we have taken extra effort to ensure that drivers and other stakeholders have been consulted on the Project design. Our consultations have focused on certain areas, especially to the drivers and users of the 20 pilot e-Trikes units in Mandaluyong, which have recently completed collectively about 110,000 km since April 2011. However, we take your concerns seriously and have provided detailed answers to the requests/queries that you have raised (see Attachment 1).

The Project already has a website (<http://www.adb.org/etrike>) of its own and a dedicated email address (etrike@adb.org) to facilitate easy communication and flow of ideas between ADB and its stakeholders. We will update the Project Information Document (PID) and above e-Trikes website with project documents when they are ready. In addition to the detailed answers to the requests/queries you have raised, we are attaching six additional documents covering different aspects of the project.

We invite the Forum and members of your network to ADB so we can share details of the Project, answer specific questions, and to seek your inputs into the Project design and in improving the communications with all stakeholders. Please contact Mr. Sohail Hasnie, Principal Energy Specialist, at 6325782 or e-mail at shasnie@adb.org at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Kunio Senga
Director General

Attachments: (i) Detailed Response to NGO Request/Queries
(ii) Updated Philippines Investment Plan submitted to the Clean Technology Fund
(iii) Summary of Discussion in Boracay Island with Drivers and Other Stakeholders
(iv) Summary of Stakeholders Consultations

- (v) Lead Acid: a Growing Environment Problem
- (vi) Clean Development Mechanism Credits
- (vii) Presentation: Proposed Market Transformation through Introduction of Energy Efficient Electric Tricycles Project

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