

Press Release – ANGVA's Green Highway Project kick-started successfully in Jakarta, Indonesia
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The start of the ANGVA Green Highways Project 2009 torch and flag relay began its long awaited journey to Donghae, Korea from Jakarta, Indonesia on Saturday, 5th September 2009. The Green Highways Project is a Biennial event held in conjunction with ANGVA's series of conferences and exhibitions. For the year 2009, ANGVA's 3rd Conference and Exhibition will be held in Donghae, Korea and the Green Highways Project will consist of 2 convoys of vehicles journeying along the routes of Iran, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, China to Korea and Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, China to Korea. The convoys will be handing over an ANGVA Green Highways Project torch and flag to each country's contingent as they move from border to border.

The ANGVA Green Highways 2009 Project is not about driving from Point A to Point B. It is about creating awareness and promoting NGV, ANGVA, and NGV infrastructure. It is about harmonization of NGV Standards and Code of Practices, especially safety standards. It is also about getting the local NGV industry and associations' involvement, and getting cooperation and exchange of information and experiences between countries along the routes of the Green Highways.



Team Indonesia - from left: Danny Rozali (PT Odira), Choi HS (PT KwangShin), Robby Sukardi (PT Petross), Danny Praditya (Team Leader, PT CNG), Ivanna Devi, Tio, Dimas S (PT Energy CNG), Welly Susanto (PT IEU)

Team Indonesia was headed by Mr. Danny Praditya, Secretary General of the CNG Association of Indonesia (APCNGI). The official launch of the Green Highways project began at PT Petross Gas's refuelling station at Jalan Perintis Kemerdekaan.

A total of 74 stakeholders from the Indonesian government and CNG-NGV private sector took part in the event. Amongst these dignitaries were the Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Industry, DKI Jakarta, BPLHD, Titis Sampurna, PT. Odira, PT. Petross Gas, PT CNG, PT IEU, PT Energy CNG, PT KwangShin, PB Buana, PT Senopati, PT Aedico, Taxi Dian, PT Royalti Taxi and many others. ANGVA and Team Singapore were represented by Mr. Rizal Rahman.



Crowd gathering at the Petross Gas Station for the opening ceremony



Official handover to Team Singapore

The event began with opening remarks by Mr. Danny Praditya followed by Mr. Rizal Rahman representing Mr. Lee Giok Seng, Executive Director, ANGVA and Team Singapore. After the welcome remarks, the handover ceremony began with Team Indonesia officially handing the torch over to Team Singapore. This handover symbolizes the beginning of the journey of cooperation and friendship of a thousand miles from Jakarta to Donghae.



Green Highway 2009 - Jakarta

The journey of cooperation and friendship begins – from left: Robby Sukardi (PT Petross), Edward Widjaja (PT Suropati), Danny Praditya (Team Leader, PT CNG), Rizal Rahman (Representative – ANGVA and Team Singapore), Cahyo (PT Aedico), Dr. Elly Sinaga, Ministry of Transportation, Ms Peni Susanti (City of Jakarta & BPLHD), Mr. Ade Palaguna (Ministry of Environment)

After the opening remarks and handover, Dr. Elly Sinaga, Director for Land Transportation, representing the Ministry of Transportation took the podium. Shortly after, Ms Peni Susanti, representing Jakarta Environmental Agency (BPLHD) and City of Jakarta together with Mr. Ade Palaguna from Ministry of Environment gave further remarks. Dr. Elly strongly encourages the private sector to further participate in the promotion of CNG-NGV throughout Indonesia. With many new CNG and NGV projects taking place, the government will continuously push efforts in promoting the use of alternative clean fuels for the transport sector. Ms Peni and Mr. Ade echoed Dr. Elly's remarks by indicating that the government has already initiated similar campaigns to promote gas as alternative fuel for vehicle, especially in the public transportation sector.



The flag off begins

The NGV rally flag off began with 26 NGVs taking part, including 3 CNG-Bajaj (three wheelers) 5 Taxis, and 3 Angkots. The rest were made up of private CNG car owners. The first stop was **Monumen Nasional (MONAS)**, a 450 tall tower in Central Jakarta symbolizing the fight for Indonesia's independence. This was followed by a second stop at **Hotel Indonesia's roundabout**, where CNG brochures were distributed to the public to raise public awareness of CNG-NGV. Over 1000 brochures were distributed throughout the campaign; where stakeholders from both public and private sectors came together to actively promote CNG as the fuel of choice.



Convoy leaving MONAS



Snapshot at Hotel Indonesia's roundabout

After spending considerable time distributing brochures Hotel Indonesia's roundabout, the entourage proceeded to Blok M, a bustling area filled with many people where they continued efforts to create awareness of CNG and NGV by distributing the brochures to public and public transport drivers.



Relentless distribution of brochures



Flying the Green Highways Flag at Blok M

The same activity was carried out in the final two stops, Jl. Fatmawati and Terminal Lebak Bulus, located in South Jakarta. A total of 60 kilometers were covered during the whole campaign. It was a successful campaign and could only happen with the collective support and proactive efforts of ANGVA, APCNGI, the government of Indonesia and all CNG-NGV Stakeholders.



At Lebak Bulus - from left: Cahyo (PT Aedico), Edward Widjaja (PT Suropati), Ong Ming (PB Buana), Jason Noah Neo (Singapore)



Once again, Congratulations to Team Indonesia for successfully organizing the first step of the journey of the ANGVA Green Highways 2009 Project. Next stop – SINGAPORE.