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Brighter, greener future at end of tunnel: JETOUR Auto Philippines unveils Dashing PHEV and T2 4x4 SUV

JETOUR Auto Philippines Inc. (JAPI) unveiled its two newest vehicles—the JETOUR Dashing Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) and the JETOUR T2 4x4 SUV—on March 21, 2024 at the Gallio Events Hall in the City of Dreams complex in Paranaque City.

In a unique launch program that heightened the suspense and excitement for those in attendance, a “viewing tunnel” led guests and members of the local mobility media through a series of LED panels that highlighted all the modern and ultra-high tech design, performance, and safety features of the two models. The unveiling of the vehicles at the end of the tunnel served as the fitting climax to the presentation.

The launch was attended by JAPI executives and officers, led by its President Yves Licup, Managing Director Miguelito Jose, Marketing Director Cherry May De Los Santos, Aftersales Director Eryx Julian Guiang, and Sales Manager Julie Ann Sevilla. JETOUR Auto International Director of Asia and Pacific Region Caroline Ling was also present.

In his welcome remarks, Jose announced, “Get ready to be amazed by the incredible vehicles we have in store for you today. It’s a celebration of innovation and sustainability as we unveil the JETOUR T2 All-wheel Drive and the JETOUR Dashing Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle.”

JETOUR Dashing PHEV: 1,000 km in a single full tank

In the JETOUR Dashing Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV), Mr. Jose said he found an astoundingly efficient hybrid propulsion system. “This vehicle is a game-changer.

Not only does it reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but with a combined full tank of fuel and a fully charged electric battery, you can go 1,000 km without any worries. Say goodbye to range anxiety and hello to endless possibilities!”

The JETOUR Dashing PHEV is the ultimate fusion of fuel and electric, and represents JAPI’s commitment to sustainable and green mobility. The JETOUR Dashing PHEV derives its power from two propulsion systems, the 1.5-liter turbocharged gasoline engine paired with the 3DHT automatic transmission, and the electric motor powered by the Ternary lithium battery. With the i-DM Intelligent Drive System packaged into

the JETOUR Dashing PHEV’s Kunlun hybrid design, power and efficiency are optimized, and awe-inspiring performance is achieved. The vehicle produces 545Nm of torque, acceleration from 0 to 100 kph in just 7 seconds, and a pure electric drive range of up to 100 km.



From left to right: Mr. Eryx Guiang, Aftersales Director – JETOUR Auto Philippines, Mr. Miguelito Jose, Managing Director – JETOUR Auto Philippines, Mr. Yves Licup, President – JETOUR Auto Philippines, Ms. Cherry May De Los Santos, Marketing Director – JETOUR Auto Philippines, Ms. Caroline Ling, Director of Asia and Pacific Region – JETOUR Auto International, Ms. Julie Ann Sevilla, Sales Manager – JETOUR Auto Philippines

The JETOUR Dashing PHEV is now available in the country for just P1,950,000. However, buyers need to act fast, since the Dashing PHEV is a limited edition, good only for the first 10 customers.

JETOUR T2: ‘Not your ordinary SUV’

Turning his attention to the JETOUR T2, Mr. Jose remarked, “This is not your ordinary SUV. It’s a powerful 4X4 beast that can conquer any terrain, and combines rugged capability with refined aesthetics.”

The “beast” Mr. Jose refers to is the JETOUR T2’s 2.0-liter Kunpeng Turbo Gas Direct (Injection) TGDI powered engine mated to the Magna 7DCT 3rd-generation wet dual-clutch transmission with

intelligent execution system, which generates up to 251 horsepower and up to 390 Nm of torque. Managing the 4-wheel-drive system of the JETOUR T2 is the SMART XWD INTELLIGENT 4WD.

Inside and out, the JETOUR T2 oozes confidence and strength. The realization of the T-X concept car, the JETOUR T2 combines the aesthetics of ruggedness and the functionality of high-technology. The exterior touches give the T2 the ideal physique of an SUV that’s ready to play, and play hard, in any urban and outdoor setting.

Keeping the driver in utmost control of the JETOUR T2 is an intelligent cockpit layout governed by the Qualcomm Snapdragon 8155 chipset, and in full display via the 10.25-inch LCD instrument cluster and the 15.6-inch central control large screen. Ultimately, this augmented intelligence in driving leads to safer motoring.

In terms of safety, the JETOUR T2 is fully loaded. The chassis comes standard with metal underbody shields for stronger protection. The 8-point full-frame front subframe has better overall integrity. Overall, the design safety factor of linkage-type parts has been ramped up by more than 20%. The exclusive off-road, high-performance tires deliver superior dry and wet traction, ensuring tire safety and control. These safety design qualities, combined with the Bosch 5+3 ADAS (Advanced Driver Assistance System) uses Fifth Generation radars/sensors and Third Generation cameras that enhances the detection of objects within its surroundings. The radars can detect up to 210 meters and cameras have a field of view of around 150 meters for vehicle detection and 70 meters for pedestrian detection that goes with more than 17 Intelligent Assisted Driving functions, such as the Adaptive Cruise Control, (AEB) Active Emergency Braking / Front Collision Warning, Around View Monitoring, Blind Spot Detection / (LCA) Lane Change Assist, Door Open Warning, (HDC) Hill Descent Control, Hill Start Assist, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Parking Radar System, Paddle Shifter, Rear Cross Traffic Alert, Rear Collision Warning, Speed Limit Assist, (TPMS) Tire Pressure Monitoring System, Traffic Jam Assist, and the Wade Sensing System make the JETOUR T2 one of the safest SUVs to be in, whether you’re in the city or in uncharted territory.



UAAGI announces official distributorship of BAIC in the Philippines, unveils 5-model SUV and crossover lineup

Automotive distributor United Asia Automotive Group Inc. (UAAGI) is now the official distributor of BAIC (Beijing Automotive Industry Holding Co. Ltd.) in the Philippines, announcing the news during an exclusive preview for the motoring media, bankers, and dealer partners. BAIC Philippines’ dynamic lineup of SUVs and crossovers took center stage, introduced by members of UAAGI’s executive leadership team and principals from BAIC’s global headquarters.

The preview event was held at the Palacio de Memoria in Paranaque City—a grand venue fit for BAIC Philippines’ formidable roster of vehicles. On display were five new models: the B40 Ragnar, B80 Wagon, and B60 Beaumont (diesel hybrid)—all of which are true body-on-frame, 4-wheel drive, diesel- and gas-powered turbocharged SUVs that displace anywhere from 2.0 to 3.0 liters, while producing impressive torque figures ranging from 380Nm to 420Nm; and the BAIC X55 Verve and the X7 Grandeza, which are both petrol-powered, monocoque-bodied crossovers which feature 1.5-liter turbocharged gasoline engines producing 305 Nm of torque.

Indicative prices for the new models from BAIC Philippines are as follows:

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| BAIC B40 Ragnar | Php 2,400,000 |
| BAIC B60 Beaumont | Php 3,200,000 |
| BAIC B80 Wagon | Php 4,500,000 |
| BAIC X55 Verve | Php 1,400,000 |
| BAIC X7 Grandeza | Php 1,700,000 |

Spearheading BAIC Philippines’ introduction into the local market are Managing Director Froilan Dytianquin, Chief Marketing Executive Lyn



Manalansang Buena, and BAIC Brand Head and General Manager Christopher David Yu, under the leadership of Chairman Rommel L. Sytin.

“We are proud to reveal our lineup of the world-class BAIC models and are confident that the Philippine market will appreciate the standout features and design of these first-rate SUVs and crossovers,” said Chairman Sytin.

BAIC Philippines’ brand tagline “Dare to Drive Big” brings to mind the spirit of adventure and the boldness to surpass conventional boundaries. It encapsulates the essence of exploration, discovery, and the courage to embrace new paths and experiences.

This drive has propelled BAIC onto the world stage, with over 360 sales and service outlets in more than 30 countries worldwide, including Southeast Asia, Central and West Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Central and South America, and Europe. BAIC also

ranks 162nd in the Fortune 500 list of companies, and is the third largest automotive company in its native China.

BAIC vehicles are made in the company’s world-class, fully robotized plants in Shunyi, Beijing. And while both 4x4 and crossover offerings are formidable under the hood, they are likewise stylish and awash in modern comfort, safety, and convenience features. These include large touchscreen displays, automatic power tailgates, automatic LED headlamps, cruise control, smart key entry, power-adjustable seats, LCD instrument panels, panoramic sunroofs, and leather seats among others. BAIC models also feature multiple airbags as well as a full suite of advanced electronic driver-assist systems, and sophisticated four-wheel drive systems.

BAIC Philippines’ agile product lineup caters to the gamut of discerning, Filipino car buyers. From weekend warrior executives who need a big and

powerful 4x4 SUV that’s sure footed in both on- and off-road situations; to young, urban professionals in the market for a stylish and fully equipped crossover.

“We are confident that BAIC vehicles, with their cutting-edge technology and exceptional quality, will resonate deeply with Filipino drivers.

And we are excited to introduce BAIC Philippines and its full range of robust, modern, and rugged SUV options today, in anticipation of their debut next month at the 2024 Manila International Auto Show. We can’t wait for Filipinos to experience the features and capabilities of these exceptional SUVs firsthand,” said Mr. Dytianquin, BAIC Philippines Managing Director added.

Don’t miss BAIC Philippines’ grand public launch at the 2024 Manila International Auto Show (MIAS) from April 4-7, at the World Trade Center in Pasay City.