

TRAFFIC: IT'S EFFECT IN OUR ECONOMY

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Philippine population reached 113.80 million in the last year of 2022. With our increasing population the Land transportation franchising and regulatory board (LTFRB) fails to regulate the increasing number of commuters specifically in National Capital Region (NCR) Particularly in Manila. In his paper "Public Transport Rationalization as a Means to Sustainability" Dr, Cresencio Montalbo Jr, reported that there are 8.96 million people who ride jeepneys daily in the Philippines, while 1.87 million commuters hop on buses.

An inadequate public transport system Light rail transit (LRT) and Metro rail transit (MRT) that sometimes causes malfunction, lead to some commuters to use the other way to go in their respective destinations by rising on public buses and jeepneys. This causes choked roads, congestion and traffic among main road particularly EDSA. Some commuters says that they want to ride in LRT and MRT but the number of passengers causes a long queue that led them to be late in their work.

Traffic concerns is very essential as for valuable time and energy are being wasted in jams. Traffic congestion in the Philippines is estimated to cost P3. According to the Japan International Cooperation Agency, the cost is \$5 billion per day. Traffics also lead to the increase of road accidents. Moreover, extended time travel and unpredictable traffic may also be the cause of some misunderstanding and low temper of commuters that lead to some fights in roads.

As responsible citizen we should support the program of our government to somehow lessen the number of vehicles in main road that in some point they discourage us to use

private vehicles, building more road infrastructures like fly-overs to ease traffic are one of their main solutions.

In conclusion to lessen and soon to eliminate this problem government are encourage our commuters to use our public transport system like LRT MRT and PNR which is safe and accessible for public. On the other hand, the government itself must ensure the safety and readiness when unpredictable events occur. I believed that if we unite together, we can ease this undying problem.

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