



Towards cleaner air: EMB R8 partners with LTO for anti-smoke belching operation



Tacloban City – The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Region 8 through the Ambient Monitoring Section carried out an anti-smoke belching operation in coordination with the Land Transportation Office (LTO) on August 19, 2022, with the primary goals of reducing air pollution from mobile sources and raising environmental awareness among vehicle operators and drivers.

Six officers from the LTO and four EMB R8 personnel were stationed at the Tacloban City New Bus Terminal where nine out of 22 randomly selected motor vehicles were found to be non-compliant with the emission criteria during the said operation.

The LTO officials on site promptly issued violation tickets to the drivers and operators of the vehicles that failed the emission test and provided them with information and guidance to ensure their compliance next time.

Every year, EMB R8 and the LTO jointly conduct random roadside anti-smoke belching operations as part of the full implementation of R.A. 8749, or the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999. This activity is also done in accordance with the operationalization of the Tacloban City Airshed's air quality monitoring and control procedures.

