Press Release

From commitment to action

DEKRA brings two-wheeler safety expertise and technology to UN ESCAP conference

- Technical demonstration by DEKRA experts for participants
- Vehicle systems, helmets and protective gear can improve safety
- Periodical inspection is another important pillar of holistic approach

Motorized two-wheelers are an essential part of everyday mobility across much of Asia and the Pacific, providing affordable, flexible and space-efficient transportation for millions of people. At the same time, their widespread use brings specific safety challenges for riders, vehicles and road infrastructure. Addressing this challenge requires more than individual interventions. It calls for collaboration among governments, industry, technology providers, technical organizations and road users. This week, DEKRA has been contributing its technical expertise and international road safety experience to the UN ESCAP Ministerial Conference on Transport in Bangkok, joining policymakers, institutions and mobility experts in advancing safer and more sustainable transport across the region.

Christoph Nolte, Executive Vice President and Head of DEKRA Service Division Vehicles, delivered opening remarks and hosted a technical demonstration and VIP walkthrough, illustrating how innovative technologies can contribute to safer interactions between vehicles and vulnerable road users. The UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety, Jean Todt, participated in the event.

The demonstration builds on DEKRA's work around motorized two-wheeler safety. DEKRA provided the participants with a practical overview of motorized two-wheeler safety across three core pillars:

- Vehicle safety, including motorcycle active safety systems, braking technologies and electric vehicle battery diagnostics
- Rider safety, including helmet testing under UN Regulation No. 22 and the use of protective gear

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- Vehicle roadworthiness and environmental compliance, including relevant inspection procedures, emissions and noise requirements

“Motorcycle safety cannot be achieved through regulation alone. We need to turn policy commitments into practical solutions that work on the road and make a real difference for riders. By bringing together safer vehicle technology, rider protection and independent technical inspection, we can address motorcycle safety as a whole and contribute to reducing fatalities and serious injuries, particularly in regions where powered two-wheelers are an essential part of everyday mobility”, said Nolte. “Our demonstration here at UN ESCAP shows that many of the technologies, tools and expertise needed to make motorcycles safer already exist. The challenge now is implementation and bringing these solutions to scale. DEKRA wants to help bridge the gap between international road-safety commitments and tangible improvements in safety for people on the road.”

Partnerships and innovation for motorized two-wheeler safety

Building on the technical perspective, the discussion moved from technology to broader regional implementation. As part of the conference program, Dr. Kilian Aviles, Executive Vice President of DEKRA and Head of Asia Pacific, participated in the roundtable session on “Motorized Two-wheeler Safety – Partnerships and Innovation”. He brought his practical road-safety perspective to the discussion, highlighting the importance of partnership and independent technical expertise as essential bridges between innovation and implementation.

“Our shared ambition is clear: use the expertise of every stakeholder to turn innovation into measurable safety benefits”, Aviles said. “At DEKRA, our role is to contribute independent technical expertise and connect technology with real-world safety. By working together, we can accelerate the transition from commitment to action and better protect two-wheeler users across Asia and the Pacific.”

Advancing safer mobility together

DEKRA’s contribution in Bangkok reflects a clear commitment: bringing together partnership, innovation and technical expertise to turn road safety ambitions into practical solutions. By working closely with policymakers, industry, technology partners and other stakeholders, DEKRA will continue to empower safer mobility across Asia and the Pacific.

Caption:

At the UN ESCAP Ministerial Conference in Bangkok, DEKRA Executive Vice President and Head of Asia-Pacific, Dr. Kilian Aviles, brought the leading expert organization’s perspective to the discussion on motorized two-wheeler safety

About DEKRA

For more than 100 years, DEKRA has been a trusted name in safety. Founded in 1925 with the original goal of improving road safety through vehicle inspections, DEKRA has grown to become the world's largest independent, non-listed expert organization in the field of testing, inspection, and certification. Today, as a global partner, the company supports its customers with comprehensive services and solutions to drive safety and sustainability forward. In 2025, DEKRA generated revenue of 4.4 billion euros. More than 48,000 employees are providing qualified and independent expert services in approximately 60 countries across five continents. DEKRA holds a Platinum sustainability rating from EcoVadis, placing it among the top 1% of the globally assessed companies.