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'Alaf' seen as best alternative to rickshaw

KARACHI, July 28: Sindh Governor Dr Ishratul Ibad Khan has described the locally manufactured four-wheeler 'Alaf' as the best alternative to rickshaw and appreciated its designing and model.

Because of its low price and being more secure than rickshaw and safe from creating pollution, this vehicle was described as useful for the city.

A presentation about this green-colour vehicle, built with Chinese technology, was given by the chief executive of the Transmission Motor Company, Fasih

Hussain Agha.

On the occasion, Provincial Industries Minister Adil Siddiqi, Minister for Environment and Alternative Energy Noman Saigal, DIG for Traffic Falak Khurshid, and Secretary for Transport Nasar Hayat were also present.

The governor was informed that TMC Alaf Green Can was in fact an alternative to rickshaw manufactured with 200cc single cylinder water cool (4 stroke) engine. It can operate on CNG and petrol and having a seating capacity for four,

including driver.

It is front engine and rear wheel drive with protection level higher than auto rickshaw.

It was stated that with the steel body and roll gauge, the vehicle was quite strong.

It does not create noise during start of engine and running and can cover 25km in a litre. It does not emit carbon mono oxide and, therefore, causes no pollution.

Noman Saigal and the DIG traffic appreciated the vehicle while Governor

Ishratul Ibad Khan described it secure and useful for people and assured all possible cooperation of the government.

This vehicle will have its assembly plant in Karachi and has approval from the Engineering Development Board. It has been proposed to operate this vehicle initially only in Karachi at a fare of Rs6 per km.

Its dealership process is going on and its price has been proposed at Rs150,000 without any tax with delivery in 90 days.—APP