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## CNG rickshaw launched

KARACHI, June 5: Smoke-free CNG rickshaw taxi has been introduced in Karachi on eve of June 5 World Environment Day.

City Nazim Syed Mustafa Kamal handed over keys of the rickshaw taxi, manufactured with new technology, to the buyers at a ceremony held at Bahria Auditorium on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, Mustafa Kamal said the new technology would bring revolution in transport system in the city, adding it would not affect people belonging to old public transport nor render them jobless.

He said people who were already engaged in transport business would be given more opportunity and in this regard, banks would be contacted and asked to give them facility so that they replaced old technology with new one.

He said for the first time private sector had launched CNG rickshaw taxi which was cheaper as well as environment-friendly and more comfortable for passengers.

The city nazim hoped that it would bring a major change in the transport system in the metropolis and transport business would become a white-collar job.

**Sign Tower building:** The City District Government Karachi has given approval to the construction of Sign Tower IT building, Pakistan's tallest building, in Karachi.

The building will be constructed in the middle of the city as a joint venture of City Government, I.J.M. of Malaysia and internationally reputed Astra Net Com.

A decision in this regard was taken at a briefing given to City Nazim Syed Mustafa Kamal here on Monday.

The building will have a 10,000 seats modern call centre while 25 per cent of the electricity used will be obtained through solar system.

The Sign Tower will have a parking capacity for 2500 cars, an auditorium for 800 persons and four mini cinema houses, each having a capacity for 200 spectators.--APP