



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

## INVESTORS PLAN TO PRODUCE ELECTRIC BUSES IN KAUPELAN

**Bandajaya** – Investors from the Kalangong Shipyard announced the intention to build an assembly plant in Bandajaya to produce and export battery-operated buses. For this new enterprise, it is being considered a joint-venture with the Yuklandic JAV, a worldwide manufacturer of wind electric generators.

According to Ahmad Nuhulasahi, Kalangong shipyard spokesman, the prospective company would be called TNE, the Kaupelanes acronym for *Electric Transportation Technology*. As he said, in two years the plant would be capable of manufacturing five hundred electric buses per year, employing around three hundred workers.

JAV would supply the electric motors for the buses and considers to

build a factory in an Eastern European country – Adzhatia being the first option – to avoid the high labour and manufacturing costs in Yukland. By the way, labour cost is the main reason why the joint-venture is planning to have the assembly plant in Kaupelan. Preference to components is to be supplied by FICT countries, which would make TNE an example of cooperation inside FICT.

The announcement is a new breath for the Kaupelanes automotive sector that is facing significant losses this year, chiefly by Watera, but also by Darapali.

The global market for electric buses is growing, especially in America and Asia, and forecast is of 75,000 sales in the next five years.



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