



## Transport, Education Ministers Launch First Tranche of Electric School Buses

**Doha – Qatar (April 30, 2024)** Minister of Transport H.E. Jassim Saif Ahmed Al-Sulaiti and Minister of Education and Higher Education H.E. Buthaina bint Ali Al Jabr Al Nuaimi today launched the first tranche of electric school buses, on the sidelines of the Autonomous e-Mobility Forum. Several officials representing the Qatari transportation industry were in attendance.

This comes in the context of executing the strategy developed by the Ministry of Transport for the gradual and comprehensive electrification of the public bus system to reach 100% by 2030, thereby achieving the goals of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Qatar National Development Strategy and the pillars of the QNV2030.

Mowasalat (Karwa) will put these e-buses on a test run this academic year as part of its comprehensive campaign to educate schoolchildren about e-mobility. This is aligned with MOT's plans and strategies for sustainability, and green and clean environment for the coming generations.

These e-buses have additional safety features consistent with the highest universal criteria. They also use the latest global technologies. One of their features ensures that the driver cannot leave any child in the bus, in addition to surveillance cameras inside and outside of the bus, safe passenger seating setup, an emergency exit, and clear visibility for the driver and passengers.

Each e-bus also includes an automatic firefighting system, well-performing air conditioner, safety lock on doors with a sensor system, first-aid boxes, engine sensor systems, external sensors, a GPS, and driver performance monitoring system.

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### About AEMOB:

The 1<sup>st</sup> Autonomous e-Mobility Forum took place in Doha, Qatar from 30 April – 02 May 2024, hosted and strategically partnered by the Ministry of Transport of the State of Qatar, and held under the patronage of His Excellency, Jassim Saif Ahmed Al Sulaiti, Minister of Transport, is the pioneering multilateral platform focusing on driverless e-Mobility, a topic of global significance and urgency.

The forum featured 53 speakers and 863 delegates from 27 nationalities during the two days of the event. During the third day, 73 participants attended the Ecosystem tour at the Lusail Bus Depot and the Hamad Port.

The exhibitors included Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Tesla, Lucid, Hyundai, Genesis, Toyota, Higer, Yutong, Qatar Free Zones Authority, IT Serve, Sixty Degrees, Kahramaa, Mowasalat, QTerminals, Qatar Rail, Qatar University, DHL, Microsoft, Seib Insurance, Ernst and Young, Survey Technologies STS.

The event boasted Microsoft and Qatar Rail as gold sponsors, Jaidah Group and Qatar Free Zone Authority as silver sponsors, and QTerminals, Al Abdulghani Motors, and Uber as bronze sponsors. Additionally, the forum was supported by Mowasalat as the transportation partner, DHL as the logistics partner, QNCC as the venue partner, Ernst and Young as the advisory partner, Qatar University as the academia partner, Seib Insurance as the insurance partner, CharIN as the knowledge partner, and 8 local and international media partners.

Organized by Just us & Otto Marketing & Event Services in collaboration with InStrat, a Department of 4th Dimension, the three-day event provided a timely occasion for international stakeholders to further know-how and develop recommendations toward the implementation of autonomous e-Mobility in a real-world setting.

The Forum assembled a global network of senior officials, policy and technology experts, including speakers and representatives from government, industry, academia, the media, and hundreds of attendees.

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