

08/10/2003

Luxury coaches to ferry leaders' families, officials

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The entourage of Organisation of Islamic Conference leaders will experience luxurious rides on new buses which would be used to transport them to Putrajaya and other destinations.

The 10 luxury coaches costing almost RM500,000 were handed by Mtrans Holdings Sdn Bhd to the Ministry of Finance today and would be used during the OIC Summit from Oct 11 to 18 mostly by the leaders' spouses, family members and officials.

The design of this custom-made coaches was based on suggestions from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who was inspired by the luxury coaches in Europe, said MTrans' executive director Al Jaffery Ibrahim.

The bright yellow coaches, which bear the Malaysian flag on the sides and the national emblem on the front, are equipped with 27 spacious seats, of which five are leather swivel seats, reserved for the VVIPs, said Al Jeffery.

"There are also huge windows with sky line views, specially requested by Dr Mahathir, so that delegates can easily view our skyscrapers."