



## Press Release

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### **Sajha Yatayat to purchase EURO III emission standard city buses**

An agreement has been signed between Sajha Yatayat and Sipradi Trading Ltd, the distributor of TATA Motors, for the purchase of 16 city buses. These buses will be of TATA Model LPO 1512/55 BSIII diesel, seating 54 seats and of EURO III emission standard. The letter of credit was opened on 8 October with the Nepal Investment Bank in favour of TATA Motors Ltd, Mumbai, India.

Six distributors of bus manufacturers from China, Hongkong SAR and India had competed for the order under international competitive bidding (ICB) called by Sajha Yatayat. The cost of the 16 buses and one pick-up totals about NRs 3.35 crores excluding customs and other taxes.

Kanak Mani Dixit, Chairman of Sajha Yatayat says, “We plan to use these 16 buses on two model routes in Kathmandu Valley under urban public transportation standards. We hope our effort will lead to increase in use of public transport by the city population.”

Padam Lall Maharjan, executive officer of Sajha Yatayat says “TATA will make the bus bodies in India and the colour scheme of the buses will be in original green colour of Sajha Yatayat. Keeping in mind the pollution of Kathmandu valley, we have ordered less polluting buses of EURO III emission standard. The delivery will be within 120 days from the date of opening the letter of credit”.

“TATA Motors is happy to renew its relationship with Sajha Yatayat, which began back in 1962. We hope to be a partner in the development of public transport in Nepal,” says Vinay Nidige, representative of TATA Motors for Nepal and Bhutan.

Sajha Yatayat was established in 1962 as a cooperative, with the membership of the government and the general public. The company having gone through some institutional instability, a new board of directors was tasked in May 2011 with providing quality public transport to the public in Kathmandu Valley as well as to connect the districts.

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