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		Height	2195
	Wheel Tread	Front	1665
		Rear	1495
	Overhang	Front	1075
		Rear (ROH)	1580
	Min. Ground Clearance		200
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	Number of Cylinder & Arrangement		4 IN-LINE Turbo Intercooler
	Bore & Stroke (mm)		104 x 115
	Capacity (c.c)		3907
	Max. Output (PS / RPM)		130 / 2900
	Max. Torque (KG.M / RPM)		38 / 1600
TRANSMISSION	Model		MO35\$5
	Туре		5-Speed Manual, Fully Synchrorized
	Gear Ratio	1	5.380
		2	3.028
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		4	1.000
		5	0.722
		Reverse	5.380
CLUTCH	Size mm		300
STEERING	Telescopic & Tiltable Column and Power	Assisted with Recirculating Balls	
AXLE	Load Capacity	Front	2300
		Rear	4200
		Final Gear Ratio i-	5.000
BRAKE	Service Brake	Dual Circuit Hydraulic Brake with Vacuum Servo Assistance	
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ELECTRICAL	Alternator	24V - 40A	
	Starter	24V - 5.0KW	
	Battery	24V - Negative Earth (Chassis Frame)	
FUEL	Tank Capacity	100L	
CALPERFORMANCE	Max. Speed (km/hr)	109	
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It is also a special issue as we are featuring female truck drivers for the first time in our publication. Having heard about a very forward thinking company in Alor Star, we tracked down the CEO to see if we could interview them. What we learned about the company and the way they look at trucks and trucking is amazing. Not only that, the three female drivers are hoping to have more female colleagues in the future. They are also challenging the "guys" to see who is the better driver. Asian Trucker is actively seeking your help to see how we can arrange such competiton.

Our guests at the Shell seminar on 19th July had some very special insights presented to them. "I never knew there was so much to know about lubricants" one participant said at the end of the seminar. Despite torrential rains and a very early start, 80 participants made their way to this extraordinary event. We are following this up with an Industry Profile on Shell. Thanks to Baljit Singh's sharing of his insights, you may say "I never knew that there was so much to learn about fleet management".

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Lastly, this month we are starting to lead up to MIBTC, Malaysia International Bus, Truck & Component Exhibition. Organised by our Asian Trucker team, this is the first dedicated commercial vehicle exhibition in Malaysia. It will be held in The Mines from 13 to 15 June. It gives us great pleasure to announce that the first exhibitors have already signed up: the Platinum Sponsorship has been snapped up and companies from as far as Germany are preparing for the show.

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In conjunction to being a newly launched 3S dealer, S.R. Automobile Centre Sdn. Bhd. had organized a road show and free inspection at Cameron Highlands on 15th June 2012. The road show was intended to provide an opportunity for attendees to test-drive the highly acclaimed Hino trucks. This was followed by a convoy of Hino trucks from Cameron Highlands to Bidor on the same day. This event is in line with Hino Motors Malaysia's nationwide road show & test drive throughout 2012.

NEW HINO 3S DEALER IN BIDOR, PERAK ~ S.R. Automobile Centre Sdn. Bhd.



S.R. Automobile Centre started their partnership with Hino in 2007 at this modest Bidor 1S showroom. After four years, S.R. Automobile has upgraded the operation from being a 1S to 3S outlet. Another 3S outlet in Baling, Kedah was incepted early this year and an added expansion of 1S outlet in Bukit Beruntung, Selangor. There is a demand for excellent sales and aftersales support. The Managing Director of S.R. Automobile - Mr Raja is very optimistic of being a Hino Authorized Dealer with the simple reason that Hino has a full commercial vehicle line up with a "Perfect Fit" for every customer's need. With very encouraging sales of 167 units in 2010 & 205 units in 2011 respectively, he is confident that S.R. Automobile Centre will maintain the status of the undisputed Hino dealership in Perak for years to come & ultimately the undisputed Hino dealer in Malaysia in the coming years.



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The 6 basic models are equipped with either EURO-2 or EURO-3 engines for more power yet efficient engine performance. Both engines provide the highest power amongst all competitors in the light commercial vehicle category. The GVW of the 300 Series models is spread across 4800kg to 8300kg. The XZU720 AUTO, a 6-Wheeler, is a wide cabin variant and is equipped for the very first time with a six-speed automatic transmission. The five-speed manual transmission is also available in all the other models including the 4-Wheelers while the models with Gross Vehicle



Weight (GVW) of 8.3tons are fitted with the six-speed manual transmission.

Mr Raja believes that Hino Motors Malaysia's "Total Support" philosophy is a way to go forward as they strive together with Hino Motors Malaysia to Aim For Customer Trust & Confidence in providing customers with the most suitable Hino range of vehicles & after sales service second to none. In addition, in line with Hino 3 Years/ 100,000km Extended Warranty programme for all LCV/ 300 Series, S.R. Automobile Centre has also announced to their valued customers with a similar 3 years/ 100,000km warranty on their body application which is done solely by their in-house bodybuilder contractor only.

Hino Motors Malaysia plans to have a total of 46 3S outlets nationwide by the end of 2012.

NEW HINO 3S DEALER opens in Taiping ~ TTJ Agency Sdn Bhd



View of main entrance

Taiping, Perak Hino Motors (M) Sdn Bhd has opened its new 3S dealer (Sales, Service & Spare-parts) in Taiping. TTJ Agency Sdn. Bhd. which offers Sales, Services and Spare Parts under one roof on 07 July, 2012. Hino Motors Malaysia, Managing Director, Mr. Nobuyuki Tanaka was also present to officially open the 3S Dealership.

Since the beginning, Hino Motors Malaysia has been constantly growing the Hino dealer network throughout the country to accommodate the growing demands for Hino vehicles. TTJ Agency has started their operation as 3S dealer with Hino in October 2011. The Managing Director of TTJ Agency, Mr. Tan Teong Joo, is very optimistic and has a very strong belief that Hino products are able to cater to the needs of the market in the industry by providing suitable trucks that fit individual niche business. He understands the importance of having a good relationship with his customers by aiming to provide high quality services to ensure that all the customers are satisfied and keep coming back. TTJ Agency also plans to become the No.1 Hino dealer in Perak. With very encouraging sales of 49 units since the inception (less than 1 year operation), he is confident that the new Hino 3S dealer is able to offer the best facilities to Hino owners towards achieving excellent customer satisfaction.



Mr. Tan Teong Joo with Mr. N. Tanaka

Its location is close to the highway and makes it very accessible. Other advantages for TTJ Agency include the location of the Taiping Township itself, which is right in the middle of the states of Perak and Penang, and for being the only HINO commercial sales 3S dealer in the area. All these attributes will surely come handy to all Hino owners. TTJ is currently operating on a 25000 square feet area with five service bays that enable them to service up to 10 units per day. Moreover, palm oil business has contributed a premium demand on the needs for HINO trucks as it is one of the strongest economic activities in the area.

Hino Motors Malaysia also took the opportunity to emphasize the recently

launched new HINO 300 Series which was developed in Japan. These new LCV vehicles reflect the unique development concept based on "to pursue the Perfect Fit" which caters to the needs of businesses, drivers and transporters. It has been designed for Perfect Fit, in line with Hino's adherent QDR (QUALITY, DURABILITY and RELIABILITY) concept encompassing total reliability, fuel efficiency, powerful engine performance, safety and comfort driving. The new HINO 300 series consists of 6 new basic models and are available in three different cabin variations, namely the wide cabin that is ideally catered to meet the needs of city driving, a crew cabin which is suitable for an additional four passengers and the standard cabin.

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Vaulting onto the light-weighting band wagon are Xiamen Qishun Transportation Co., Ltd. (China); and Shung Ye Group/ Yue Ye Motors (Taiwan), as well as tanker trailer manufacturer, Dongguan Yongqiang Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (China).

Making the switch from steel wheels to aluminium wheels was the unmistakable way forward for these companies as this presented a win-win situation whereby they were able to simultaneously abide by strict road regulations and still maintain profitable payloads per run. Besides this, the fleet owners and manufacturer were benefiting from longer tyre life and fuel savings through the use of lighter aluminium wheels.

"I am very satisfied with Alcoa aluminium wheels for its strength and greater tyre life extension. I especially selected Alcoa's Super Single wheels for the obvious reasons of its light weight, strength and savings on fuel consumption," said Mr Lin, owner of Xiamen Qishun Transportation Co., Ltd.

Operating a container transport business for liquefied petroleum gas(LPG), liquefied natural gas(LNG) and other dangerous goods, plans are underway at Xiamen Qishun to

systematically convert and replace all steel wheels on their existing tractors and trailers with Alcoa forged aluminium wheels.

Likewise, for the Shung Ye Group/Yue Ye Motors, authorised dealer for Mercedes-Benz and Fuso brands commercial vehicles in Taiwan, the conversion from steel to aluminium wheels will comprise trucks and buses in their existing fleet and those in the expansion plans.

Already in sight with their 2012 expansion plans, Dongguan Yongqiang Manufacturing Co. Ltd. which specialises in the design, manufacturing and distribution of fuel tankers, fire fighting and service vehicles, dry bulk cargo transporters, chemical tanks, side tippers, pneumatic tankers and various special purpose usage transporters, is no stranger to the advantages of aluminium. A pioneer in employing wrapping technology and use of aluminium alloy in tank manufacturing in China, Dongguan Yongqiang has been an Alcoa wheels user since 2006.

And things have not changed. Until today, they are firm supporters of Alcoa wheels, stating the wheels' high quality, reliability and light weighting attribute as a key components of a total solutions package for their customers. Needless to say, many are happy rolling along the roads on a set of mirror polished Alcoa wheels that not only give better fuel consumption, but a better brand image too!

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Dongfeng Commercial Vehicles shows cement industry models at the Lafarge Driver Safety Day

Dongfeng Commercial Vehicle (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd presented a selection of heavy commercial vehicles at the Lafarge Driver Safety Day held at the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park, MAEPS, in Serdang, Selangor on Sunday, 24th of June 2012.

The event is organized annually by Lafarge Malayan Cement Sdn Bhd for its transporters under its health and safety initiative. Various activities and presentations relating to safety were held during the event including the award and recognition of the safest drivers.

During the event, Dongfeng displayed the Kinland 420 6x4 prime mover, the Kinland 375 4x2 and 6x2 prime movers. The models are suited for transporting cement, aggregates and as ready-mix concrete mixers. Several units of the Kinland 420 have already been deployed as cement tankers and cement bag transporters whilst the maiden batch of concrete mixers will be delivered to a client by the 3rd quarter of the year.

The Kinland 420 is powered by the Dongfeng DCi 420 hp direct injection engine whilst the 375 model comes with the Cummins 375 hp powerplant. Both engine types provide high levels of torque and deliver good fuel economy and low maintenance. Both models also feature ZF gearboxes, Dana axles, JOST fifth wheels and double-layered heavy duty chassis frames for robust, reliable performance.

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A record number of exhibitors and visitors expected to attend the largest ever Automechanika Shanghai

Organised by Messe Frankfurt (Shanghai) Co Ltd and the China National Automotive Industry International Corporation (CNAICO), Automechanika Shanghai will be held 11 –14 December 2012 at the Shanghai New International Expo Centre, China.

The show covers the full range of OE and aftermarket automotive products and services. For easy sourcing, Automechanika Shanghai is divided into three sectors, Parts & Components, Repair & Maintenance and Accessories & Tuning. It attracts guality buyers and professional visitors from the whole automobile industry chain including design centres, car manufacturers, auto parts suppliers, distribution channels, 4S shops, car maintenance services providers and car care service centres.

This year's show will be the largest ever with more than 180,000 sqm of exhibition space, an increase of 13 percent compared to last year's show. In addition, 3,900 exhibitors are expected from 37 countries and regions, including 13 overseas pavilions. This growth is mainly due to a significant increase in overseas exhibitors as well as the expanded halls for Repair & Maintenance and Accessories & Tuning. As a result, the show is expecting more than 70,000 buyers and professional visitors.

Number of key brand exhibitors continues to increase

Commenting on the increasing number of key brand exhibitors wanting to exhibit at Automechanika Shanghai, Mr Jason Cao, General Manager for Messe Frankfurt (Shanghai) Co Ltd said: "Many local and international brands launch new products at Automechanika Shanghai to enhance their importance in the industry. Our exhibitors are very enthusiastic about participating in the fringe programmes as product display events, press conferences, product demonstrations and workshops."

Among the 2012 first time exhibitors is Valeo, one of the world's top automotive suppliers. Mr Daniel Tung, General Manager for Valeo Service China commented: "Valeo Service represents 13 percent of sales for the Valeo group in 2011. We are concentrating on providing China's aftermarket with more premium products and better value-added service, as well as raising brand awareness for Valeo. Valeo Service China will display its full range of premium products at Automechanika Shanghai."

International Zones and expanded halls help exhibitors to tap into China market

To support the huge demand from overseas companies wanting to gain a share of China's auto market, Automechanika Shanghai is setting up new International Zones in the product halls, in addition to the well-established International Hall.

Mr Cao added: "Buyers are attracted to product-based halls for easy sourcing and more and more domestic manufacturers are now on par with their global competitors, in both technology and quality."

By the end of 2012, the repair and maintenance market is expected to increase 26.9 percent to USD 80 billion, and the accessories market is expected to increase 29 percent to USD 87 billion.

As a result, Automechanika Shanghai

is proving popular with repair and maintenance companies as well as those involved with aftermarket and accessories. The 40,000 sqm dedicated Repair & Maintenance hall is expected to attract more than 400 exhibitors, including several pavilions, especially from the tools sector which will double in size at 2012 show. In addition, exhibition space of other international exhibitors in the Repair & Maintenance hall will increase twofold. Exhibitors will be showing workshop equipment and tools, diagnostic and testing technology, as well as body repair and car painting.

For further information about Automechanika Shanghai, please visit www.automechanika-shanghai.com / www.automechanika.com or email: auto@hongkong.messefrankfurt.com.

Background information on Messe Frankfurt

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Scania ramps up operations in Japan

Scania already has a 10 year history in Japan together with Hino Motors. This partnership was founded on mutual exchange of technical know-how and supporting each other on interesting markets. Scania helps market Hino's MDT range in Korea and Hino marketed Scania 4x2 tractors in Japan. However, the Scania product range and the Scania customer approach is much wider than just 4x2 tractors. Scania can, as in other markets, offer so much more. In order to gain the benefits of that range of products Scania decided to take full control over the sales of Scania vehicles in Japan in 2010. Hino's distributor agreement for Scania vehicles was terminated in May 2011. The management of Scania believes that the company can offer a broader range of products that are more tailored to the customer's needs, improving their operating economy.

Johan Lunden, Managing Director of Scania Japan, says that "Being at the very beginning of market entry process, the strategy is, as always, to go in carefully and methodically. We aim to penetrate niche segments where our product offers better fuel economy, uptime and performance for the customer."

Building up the service network is a focus area for Scania in this very moment. The company aims to expand out of Osaka, Tokyo and soon Hokkaido. Agreements are currently being made with several service points. Scania also aims to establish our own facilities within a short period of time. The company currently consists of 11 people, but will



soon be 15 and will continue to grow the coming years.

The aim is to offer customers tailored solutions to their transport needs giving the best possible operating economy by lowering fuel consumption and maximising uptime. That said, Scania will grow the portfolio of products together with its customers. Initially it will be the 4x2, 6x4 and 6x2/4 tractors in the medium horsepoer output range that are being offered.

"I'm sure we can offer competitive products in most applications above 16t, we see a big interest in the heavier segments, i.e. haulage of weights in access of 50t. This will be a niche where In addition we are keen to look into alternative fuels and gas which are areas of long experience from other markets, this however lies a bit further into the future" explains Mats Lindstrom, Director Marketing, Sales & Service for Scania Japan.

Interestingly, volumes as such are not the main focus but offering the customer a solid and efficient product. Volumes, so Scania hopes, will follow if customers are profitable with Scania's products. Scania's management thinks that there is an untapped potential for new transport solutions where the customer is met by a supplier who is genuinely interested in improving their profitability by tailoring the transport solution to their specific needs. "That said I'm convinced it will demand patience and long term thinking both traits that I would say very much summarises the way Scania does business. We are here to stay and we are convinced that we have an offer that will benefit the Japanese transport operators" said Lunden.

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Volvo Uplifts Malaysian Truckers with the **3rd Fuelwatch Challenge And Globe Truckers Club**

Asia Pacific biggest competition for truckers is an extensive customer-outreach initiative centred on boosting fuel efficiency to improve profitability while cutting carbon emissions is back for the third year. Volvo also unveiled Globe Truckers, Malaysia's first driver's club for truckers, tailored to share information and elevate the standards of Malaysian Truck drivers.

Volvo Malaysia's annual Fuelwatch Challenge has helped put Malaysian truckers on the global map for the past two years, pitting our local champions against the world's best truck drivers. Back for the third time, Volvo Malaysia is again conducting a nationwide search for the best Malaysian trucker to represent the country in the Global Drivers Fuel Challenge by Volvo Trucks to be held in Australia later this year.

Volvo's Fuelwatch concept for maximum efficiency revolves around 6 key processes:

- Optimized Trucks
- Fuel Saving Maintenance
- Efficiency Upgrades
- Trip Manager
- Driver Development
- Fuel Management Service

All participants are required to undergo a driver's training, briefing, and a written test to prepare and qualify them for the challenge. During the semi-finals, 20 participants will be divided into groups and compete for a position in the finals. The six finalists will then drive on a predetermined 50km route, where the winner will be selected based on lowest percentage of fuel consumption within the time limit set. The champion of the Malaysia Fuelwatch Challenge will receive RM 5,000 BSN voucher and the chance to compete in Australia against truckers from across the globe. His employer will receive a voucher for RM 10,000 worth of genuine parts from Volvo and a trip to Australia to watch the Malaysian champion compete for the world title.

"The Fuelwatch Challenge is more than

a driving competition. We, at Volvo, aim to create better understanding and awareness on fuel efficiency, safety, maintenance, vehicle optimisation and driver behaviour." said Mansoor Ahmed, President, Volvo Trucks Group, Region Malaysia.

"Volvo possibly has the most fuel and performance efficient trucks in the market and therefore we take it as our duty to educate others on the issue." added Mansoor.

Fuelwatch Challenge showed that the variation of fuel consumption between the worst and the best is between 20 – 30%. The difference on fuel consumption between the top finalists was more than 15%.

Adnan Laili, last year's Malaysia Fuelwatch Challenge winner, is proud to be a true Volvo Truck custodian and endorses the Volvo values in his everyday routine. Having won over thousands of participants last year, Adnan was one of the select few from around the world competing in the Global Drivers Fuel Challenge by Volvo Trucks in Sweden last year.

Volvo Malaysia announced Adnan as the official 2012 ambassador for Fuelwatch Challenge and Globe Truckers club. "Adnan has been a certified truck driver for the past fifteen years. We believe that with Adnan's experience, knowledge, passion, mentorship capabilities, he can spread our cause of elevating standards across Malaysian drivers to a different level," affirms Mansoor.

Topics that participants will go through during the pre-Challenge training are:

- Daily checks and general rules to ensure fuel-efficiency driving
- Crucial factors that affect fuel consumption
- Importance of safe driving as a contributor to fuel-efficiency driving
- Uphill, downhill, and route selections and driving tactics and styles
- Understanding of the components in the truck to enable improved fuel-efficiency driving

"We encourage all Malaysian truck drivers to sign up with us because the benefits are limitless. They can sign up during our roadshows or at any Volvo centres where they will receive their membership card and freebies on the spot," explains Mansoor.

The Globe Truckers club offers Malaysian truckers a constant stream of news and useful information that will advance them in their long-term careers. Malaysian truckers will now have a platform to interact within the trucking community. All Globe Trucker members will receive car stickers, newsletters, annual gettogethers, competitions, birthday card and gift. Volvo is planning to extend discount on Volvo Merchandise, other external merchant benefits, tailored Driver Trainer classes, back-to-school kits and scholarship programs for the members' children by the end of the year.

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First Hybrid Light Duty Truck Launched in Singapore

(Singapore) Borneo Motors (Singapore) Pte Ltd, Hino Singapore has launched the World's Best Selling Hybrid Truck – the All-New Hino 300 Hybrid Light Duty Truck (LDT).

Being the first hybrid commercial vehicle launched in Singapore, the All-New Hino 300 Hybrid LDT is designed to enhance fuel economy and play a significant role in conserving the environment. It promises a 30 percent fuel savings compared to its equivalent diesel model – based on local test runs, resulting in lower emissions produced and contributing to a cleaner environment.

The All-New Hino 300 employs a parallel hybrid system that uses an Automated Manual Transmission (AMT) specifically designed for this system. This AMT maximizes fuel efficiency regardless of driving habits and enables smooth and comfortable shifting of gears.



The All-New Hino features the world's first engine designed exclusively for commercial hybrid vehicles to work in conjunction with the hybrid system. This intelligent engine, which features an Idle Stop Function, maximizes driving efficiency and fuel economy when the vehicle comes to a stop by automatically shutting down to



eliminate wasteful fuel consumption during idling, and automatically restarts when the brake pedal is released.

With an intuitively designed, spacious and ergonomic cabin, the All-New Hino aives drivers the maximum comfort and convenience needed for optimal performance. With an ultra strong chassis that allows maximum loading, and uncompromised safety with Anti-lock Braking (ABS), Vehicle Stability Control (VSC) and SRS Airbag, the All-New Hino 300 Hybrid LDT will no doubt prove to be an excellent choice for drivers and eco-minded companies.



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FuelDefend Global is the world leader in the design and manufacture of fuel anti-theft products by sales, markets and model range.

Bluntly, fuel theft is a problem just about everywhere: one of FuelDefend Global's fastest growing markets is the Middle East, a region where, at times, diesel fuel costs less than drinking water!

"Despite the fact that diesel prices have receded from a high point, fuel theft is still an issue for any commercial vehicle operator," says FuelDefend Global CEO Russell Fowler.

"Truck operators almost everywhere are used to paying a high price for diesel, and are used to guarding it very carefully," he continues. **"Necklt'** has shown itself to be the choice of both the major fleets and the owner operators across the global market, and we have no reason to believe that it will not receive a similar welcome in Malaysia and other countries in South East Asia."

"Diesel is now far more widely used as a fuel today, and, as a result, thieves are targeting heavy trucks more than ever before," says Fowler. "It doesn't matter if you fall victim to a simple skimming of a few gallons, or to the attentions of one of the increasing number of organized fuel thieves; the impact is still the same. Fuel is one of the biggest single operational costs borne by truck operators, so any needless loss directly reduces profits. Today, with both margins and profits under attack from the economic downturn, investing in Fuel Security is an imperative business need. With the likelihood of fuel subsidies being reduced by governments, this will make the need for FuelDefend anti-siphon devices a 'must have' option.

"Clearly, the role of the ASD is to prevent thieves from introducing a siphon tube into the tank," he says. "However, the driver still needs to be able to fill the tank using normal, high speed diesel pumps. Therefore, the first point to consider is not just how the device prevents diesel from being removed, but also if it prevents the tank being filled. Fueldefend Global's product range will not allow any tube above 5 millmetres diameter into the tank, but does allow fuelling to take place at normal high speed pump rates - up to 120 litres/minute with no splash-back. Fuel splash-back from high-speed pumps has caught the attention of Health & Safety departments of late, and, clearly, spilling fuel is something best avoided, being both dangerous to other road users as well as wasteful.

Construction of the device is similarly important. FuelDefend Global offers a variety of fuel anti theft products, offering high standards of protection against opportunistic theft, and both are highly resilient.

Clearly, the fitting of the device is also key to its effectiveness. "Our products use no glue or screws, and so do not breach the fuel tank at all," explains Fowler. "They are both removable and transferable under workshop conditions, but difficult to remove at the side of the road. The design of our product range makes sampling fuel easy should Customs & Excise want to take a look, but this aside, penetrating the product is not a simple task."

FuelDefend Global Ltd's **NeckIt!** products are designed to fit vehicles in use in most major global markets, including Europe, North America, Asia, India and Africa. And, in addition to truck and bus models, FuelDefend Global offers a growing range of products targeted at the Construction and Agriculture segments.

"We are the first choice for truck fleets worldwide when it comes to safeguarding vehicle fuel tanks from both regular and opportunistic theft," explains Fowler. "We have considerable experience of the off-



highway segment, and fuel theft is as much of a problem on construction sites as it is at truck stops. Our product range – which grew out of a need to protect fuel tanks at a diamond mine – provides a highly cost effective deterrent against what is becoming a growing problem."

FuelDefend Global Ltd is pleased to offer anti-theft solutions for Liebherr, Komatsu, Caterpillar, Case, Hitachi, Volvo CE and Takeuchi products with immediate availability. Additional OEMs will be added to this list in the very near future.

Fuel theft is an increasing and potentially devastating problem," concludes Fowler. "It can be deterred by the fitting of a product that costs considerably less than the price of a replacement tank full of diesel. FuelDefend Global leads the way in fuel theft prevention, and we would be delighted to offer advice to truck operators, in South East Asia keen to safeguard both its diesel and its profits." 'NeckIt!' and FuelDefend Global are represented in the SE Asia Region by FuelDefend SE Asia (a division of AiTACS-AP Sdn Bhd), headed by Managing Director Graham Carmichael. Graham would be delighted to receive any enquiries on +60 19 553 9195 or email graham@FuelDefend.com

It's launching the **'NeckIt'** range of Antisiphon devices (ASD's) shortly in Malaysia, but is also actively looking for dedicated, professional partners working within the Truck and Commercial Vehicle or Accessory Business across the region. Potential partners are being sought in Thailand, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, China and the Philippines.



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Visiting the main plant and headquarters of any company is always exciting. Isuzu Malaysia organised a trip to Japan where we experienced Japanese hospitality, engineering and saw what the future of trucking will look like from Isuzu's perspective.

Recovered and back with more innovations

Fortunately, Isuzu only suffered mildly from the natural catastrophes in 2011 and has fully recovered. This is thanks to the efforts of the management that also decided to actively support suppliers in their effort to rebuild their businesses. In Isuzu's Fujisawa plant near Yokohama, we see how modern engineering and production methods are used to produce a whopping 12 000 light / medium duty per month. This is an impressive figure already, topped only by the fact that there are up to 1300 variations that the client could be choosing, depending on their needs and applications.

In the foyer visitors will see a model of the T-Next, Isuzu's interpretation of how the trucking future will look like, next to an Elf truck introduced at the 2011 Tokyo Motor show, featuring the Plug-In Hybrid System.

The Elf Plug-In Hybrid system surpasses the performance of standard Hybrid

trucks thanks to a motor propulsion system that releases no pollutant emissions and only low level noise pollution. Not only can it regeneratively recharge during deceleration, but it can also be plugged in to charge the battery directly. The Elf can also be driven using only the electric motor. With the ability to provide homes with AC 100 V of electricity in the case of an emergency, the new Elf can play the role of a mobile power source in the new smart grid (next generation power distribution grids).

Innovation in trucks and production

In view of global competition, more stringent emission norms and expansion into new markets, Isuzu continues to innovate. This drive for innovation comes in two shapes: of course the trucks have moved on in terms of design and technology. Vehicles today emit fewer pollutants, run more fuel efficient and with the advent of hybrid technology continue to be more and more environmentally friendly. At the same time, production methods are constantly innovated to ensure that the trucks, light, medium or heavy duty, are leaving the production fault free and engineered to the highest standards.

The Fujisawa plant was opened in 1961 and is currently producing 12 000 light commercial vehicles per month alone. It also houses the die-casting division for transmissions and powertrains. There are 7 268 employees: 4500 in the production and over 2 000 in the various engineering departments. The average age of staff is 41.1 years and the average employment duration is 15.9 years!

One unifying guiding principle

The philosophy of Isuzu is very simple, yet powerful. Everything is done with the aim of improving customer satisfaction. In 2012, Isuzu hopes to reach 207 000 units sold after a full recovery had been made after the two natural catastrophes struck in 2011 (Japan Earthquake and floods in Thailand). This notion of customer satisfaction is implemented using the "SEE" program, extending the responsibilities of the company beyond the vehicles themselves. SEE stands for Safety, Economy and environment. Accidents are seen as a societal problem as well as an event where customer satisfaction can be measured. In case of an accident, it is important to reduce damage done to both, living beings and material. Latest regulation forces truck companies to produce vehicles with 25% less Co2 emission. Weight savings result in lower fuel consumption and lower emission, helping to achieve customer satisfaction. components are being presented to the worker where they are needed.

Secondly, workers should not be held up by making decisions. Only parts needed, in the correct quality and quantities are being presented. Workers should not be spending time on finding parts or items and deciding if these are correct or not in the correct quality. However, should the workers happen to come across a part that is faulty, they have 2 options: They either ask a manager to join them at their station to evaluate the problem or they can stop the entire production line if

Everybody checks

Quality is put to the test when vehicles are in use. If parts are faulty or not assembled properly, the vehicle will not perform optimal or may even have to be taken for repairs, incurring cost through downtime. To reduce any faults, Isuzu has many layers of checks. IMM (Isuzu Manufacturing Management) is a program that ensures quality. Under this program, all operators are inspectors of parts, of which 70% are provided by third parties. After any break, all staff inspects parts for 2 minutes. There are no overlapping inspections, meaning



Customer satisfaction is achieved by avoiding mistakes. Isuzu found that there are several areas where mistakes can be made. Firstly, mistakes can happen when there is too much movement. Workers should not be walking around unnecessarily. Instead of the worker moving, the assembly line is to be developed in a way that the parts and they deem the problem too severe to be handled while the production continues to run.

The elimination of decisions to be made has resulted in an increase of 10 % in efficiency in the Fujisawa plant, a result that speaks volumes in favour this practice. that faults are not to be passed onto the next station. Workers are required to inspect their work before the truck moves onto the next station. The mentality is such that every worker is proud to represent the company.

The tightening of nuts and bolts makes up 70% of the production. Here Isuzu is applying some very simple, yet highly

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effective methods. Torque wrenches for instance are inspected on a daily basis to ensure they measure the right torque. An "OK Card" is then placed in a rack that indicates the station and week day. By simply looking at the rack, managers can see that the wrenches a) have been checked and b) are indicating correct values. This system works even without power and is simple and effective. When applying the wrenches, ink is applied. This again is a mechanism that ensures the easy identification of these areas without using technology that could fail. As a result of these practices, the downtime of the plant is as low as 3%.

Kaizen ensures Quality

The application of Kaizen, the continuous improvement process, is by no means only limited to the management level of the company. Every

to success. Findings and processes engineered in Fujisawa are applied identically in all plants and assemblies in the network. Automated Guided Vehicles are delivering parts and fun: each of the driverless carriers plays music while driving around the factory. To ensure consistency, Isuzu is applying the IMM (Isuzu Management Method). This has been launched in 2000 with the aim to standardise operations and





The ink is then transferred to the bold or nut tightened. Just by looking at the bolt, with the ink on it, managers know that the bolt has been tightened correctly.

In certain areas, mistakes are being eradicated by the use of modern technology. Windscreens are inserted by using a special robot. Highly accurate and precise, these robots fit the windscreens faster than any worker could do. While ensuring the best fit, the risk of a failure being build in has been minimised, if not completed avoided.

Every area concerned with quality checks is clearly marked with orange colour.

worker is encouraged to participate in the improvement of the production. In fact, many tools, jigs and processes used throughout the Fujisawa plant near Yokohama are developed by line staff assembling the vehicles. This is based on the experience that the people working on the lines are actually the best to know how to improve the processes. In daily meetings taking place at the beginning of each shift, problems are being noted and immediate solutions are to be found in order to ensure smooth operation.

Since Isuzu is present in 32 countries with 41 operations, consistent and homogeneous standards are key management practices around the world. In essence, all procedures are to be identical, allowing the easy transfer of staff, knowledge and methods. IMM also ensures that the quality of any Isuzu truck is the same as in the main factory in Japan. Customers, no matter where they are based, will get the same product, in terms of looks and attention to the details in the production.

Kit-Sets are the new KanBan

Isuzu manufactures up to 1300 variations of light commercial vehicles. Each vehicle manufactured is different and therefore the parts needed vary from one to the next vehicle made. Instead of



the Kanban system used when the parts used are identical for each vehicle on the conveyor belt, the parts needed differ. To avoid mistakes, a kit-system is used. Prior to assembly staff collects the parts needed for every station. Kits have the exact number of inserts for the needed. If there is an empty slot in the kit, there is a part missing. Again, this is a simple speed tests on a dedicated track with banks of up to 42degrees. There are slopes and rough terrain as well as cobblestone roads. As an interesting anecdote, the cobblestone road simulation is mainly for European exports as such roads are still commonplace there and require the suspensions of the vehicles to be engineered accordingly. an international airport. Most of the journalists visiting the facilities enjoyed the "floor it" command when driving the Giga trucks around the track. As this is a controlled environment, we kindly ask our readers to refrain from doing the same on normal roads. You may, however book the facilities to train your drivers in different environments or to



system to avoid mistakes without using hi-tech. At the station, the kits act again as a control device. If there are still parts in the kit, there is something wrong. Instead of storage at the conveyor belt (KanBan) only the exact parts needed are being delivered to the operators.

Design is good, testing is better

As nothing beats real-world testing experience, Isuzu uses a test facility in Hokkaido, Japan to see how the trucks fare in real-world applications. Hidden from sight, trucks may perform high Stiffness of the frames is tested on long wave circuits, while the gravel road may indicate dirt distribution on a vehicle when driven over dusty roads. Obviously, this has to be taken into consideration as dirt may impair the functions of brake lights or signals.

The Wacom testing facilities have around 160 staff and operates yeararound. With four seasons in Japan, it is possible to simulate all conditions found on all continents. The site boasts a total of 1 095 acres or the space needed for help lower your fuel consumption.

Mimamori system by your side

Assisting drivers and companies to drive more fuel efficient and safer, Isuzu has developed the Mimamori system. This vehicle tracking system is capturing data and allows owners of vehicles to analyse the driving behaviour of the vehicle captains.

The fuel economy driving report analyses major aspects of driving a truck, such as the idling time, the



shifting behaviour and utilisation of the brake system. Drivers are being rated based on the data and it is possible to train drivers accordingly to improve their fuel economy. This system comes with additional features such as alerts in case of harsh deceleration, which is usually a sign of an accident or near accident. Owners can then immediately check with the drivers on what is the issue.

Isuzu's mini Eco Drive seminar improves fuel economy

During a media trip organised by Isuzu Malaysia, Asian Trucker's Stefan Pertz wins at the Isuzu Eco Drive challenge at the Wacom proving grounds in Hokkaido, Japan.

Following their visit to the Isuzu factory near Tokyo and the HQ, 18 journalists went to Hokkaido to visit the Isuzu proving grounds, Wacom near Sapporo. After a comprehensive introduction, media was doing their first rounds on the test track with their Isuzu Giga 8 x 4s. Weighted in at 25 tons,





the vehicle was set to simulate real driving experiences. The performance of each driver was tracked using Isuzu's Mimamori system.

After a review of the results of a "free drive session", Wacom's staff explained how to drive more fuel efficient. According to Isuzu, the Eco Drive seminar is the most popular since the results directly translate into cost savings. The second round of driving was carried out under the same conditions, now with drivers aware of how they can improve their fuel economy. All drivers improved, event those that had good results already in the first round. Three drivers stood out and were later presented with certificates:

- Best driving technique, scoring 100 points: Mr. Richard Burton Augustin, Asian Auto
- Best improvement of fuel savings: Mr. Ahmad Syukran, Kosmo
- Most fuel efficient driving (kilometres per litre fuel): Stefan Pertz, Asian Trucker

Same credibility with guiding principle

Although Isuzu is working on a number of things to improve the trucking industry as a whole, the company will stay true to its reputation. Isuzu is known as the Diesel Engine expert. When asked, if the company will continue to be the leader in this field, the answer from our hosts was in unison" Yes, of course".

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The Female Factor in trucking: Environment Idaman challenges industry perceptions and status quo

Trucking today requires smart thinking. Environment Idaman innovates the way cities can be kept clean by innovating the use of trucks, management of the business and the hiring of drivers.

While we may see it as "refuse" or simply rubbish, for some companies it is a lucrative business to manage the collection and waste from our households. As always, trucks play a crucial and pivotal role and Environment Idaman is challenging the status quo in more than one way to ensure that their business is running smooth. The company has a total of 280 trucks under their care to manage the refuse collection in Kedah, cleaning the streets and managing the recycling of solid wastes. Since the company is a private business, it needs to generate revenues to be able to finance the operation. Smart ways of using the trucks is key to the success of Environment Idaman and other municipals are currently learning from them. The majority of trucks, mainly Japanese makes, are compactors. The rest are special vehicles: road sweepers and vacuum trucks as well as the only 27 tonne truck in Malaysia with a crane.

Logistic challenges

There are over 320 000 household collection points of waste bins alone for the company to manage. Each of them has to be reached 3 times a week, which makes it almost a million collections per week. There is a 100 RM penalty imposed if a garbage bin isn't collected. "Consequently, we need to be extremely smart with our logistics planning. Not only do we need to ensure that the trucks are used in the most effective way but we also have to ensure all garbage bins are collected on time, all the time" says MD. Naturally, the company employs GPS tracking systems. One way of ensuring that all garbage cans are being collected is to section areas. With an average collection time per garbage can, the company can calculate how long it should roughly take to finish one street. Should the truck leave the street much faster, a check can be done over the phone to see what is going on. "It is crucial that our trucks are well maintained as we cannot afford breakdowns. A breakdown would mean that we fall behind schedule and cannot collect the garbage as required. We have several trucks on stand-by, just in case" Mhd Saiful Anuar bin Zainal, CEO of Environment Idaman, further explains.

Learning from airlines, Environment Idaman is applying a hub + spoke system. Smaller trucks collect the waste from households and then bring it to the collection point. From here, the refuse is being "consolidated" and transported further by a larger truck. The benefit here is that drivers don't need a truck licence and the hub + spoke system makes the route planning extremely flexible. Geo-fencing and managing of driver behaviour are used to manage overtime and to lower overall cost.



Mhd Saiful Anuar bin Zainal, CEO of Environment Idaman and his team



Special vehicles for a special business

Environment Idama is benefitting from the Managing Director's experience in the truck industry as he has previously been working for a company manufacturing special purpose vehicles. This transpires into the creation of vehicles customised for the job of refuse collection. The "MPAR" -Multipurpose Arm Rolltrucks, light commercial vehicles" are a feast for the techie. The detachable compactor is just the start. Each truck is equipped with a robotic arm that can grab the garbage cans, lift them up and transfer the rubbish from the bin to the compactor unit. All this is done using controls inside the cabin. Cameras mounted to the cabin let the crew know what is going on. Currently, each truck is staffed with two staff: one driver and one operator for the robotic arm. However, once everyone has gained enough experience. there will only be one driver to handle the vehicle. The use of such robotic arm has many advantages according to Mhd Saiful Anuar bin Zainal. "You only need one staff instead of 1 driver and a crew of 3. Further, it allows us to impose a new rule not to "tailgaterecycle". Drivers are not allowed to handle any rubbish with their hands." As a result, the common practice of garbage collection crews rummaging through household waste to find items that can be sold has stopped. Trucks are in immaculate condition and no bags cling to the compactor. "Should we catch a crew still tailgaterecycling, the entire crew will be penalised with the fee" Mhd Saiful Anuar bin Zainal says. The only issue for this new method is that the bins need to be nicely aligned for the robotic arm to grab it, but apparently, citizens of Alor Star and Kedah are happy to see the new vehicle and immediately adjusted their habits.

The 33 lifters are provided by a German company. Further improvement of the business was made by switching to NGV. This is also in line with the company's mission to care for the environment. NGV is lighter and as a result a higher payload can be transported, translating into fewer runs.





The female factor in trucking

Environment Idaman did not stop at re-engineering business processes or completely transforming trucks. "We also looked at the drivers" What started as a test project has turned into the biggest success for the company yet. Being LCVs, the compactors can be driven without the costly E class truck licence. Therefore, the number of potential drivers increases and Environment Idaman found them behaviour and general working style, Environment Idaman found several plus points for female drivers: Apparently they are more careful with the equipment, which means fewer repairs. Also, they appear to be more intrigued by their work, which allows them to give feedback on the vehicles, procedures and the business as a whole. It was also found that they are more likely to pay attention to instructions and the routes to be serviced. And with a million finding drivers for our striving business. We found our solution in the female workforce. And look at our trucks: they don't look dirty. When you drive around town, you can be proud of what you are doing as you ensure the place looks immaculate."

The company has just taken delivery of new UD trucks, fully equipped with the robotic arm and detachable compactor and Jiswati goes on to demonstrate



in the female population around town. Masiyana Bt Azan (29) was the first female garbage truck driver Environment Idaman employed. Proud driver of a UD truck, she is doing her daily runs to collect garbage with the use of the robotic arm on her vehicle. She said that "initially the public said the company is crazy!" Within a short period of time however, the experiment started to develop a dynamic of its own. Other female drivers applied and there are now 3 female drivers on the roads of Kedah. Monitoring the driving collection points per week, this is what matters when you are being penalised if you miss one.

Initially, male colleagues were viewing the female drivers as a threat as they could be taking over their jobs. However, over the past month camaraderie has developed and the three women are now fully integrated into the operation. As Mhd Saiful Anuar bin Zainal explains "The female drivers are being hired to compliment the other staff. As everybody else, we have problems her skills with the grippers. Meanwhile, Environment Idaman, encouraged by the extremely positive outcomes of the pilot project has decided to hire more female drivers. A total of 11 positions have been identified. Trucking seems to have an elating effect and some of the women have indicated that they would be eager to upgrade their licence and to step up to a "real truck" and show the public some female driving skills. If your wife is interested in a career move, Environment Idaman's doors are open.



Mhd Saiful Anuar bin Zainal, CEO of Environment Idaman

The need to innovate further

With rising cost and KPIs imposed by the government, Environment Idaman will continue to innovate and improve the business. Besides the robotic arm, side-loaders are able to manage large bins on the bigger trucks. NGV is currently the solution to reduce fuel cost by up to 25%, but new technology may replace this if it becomes available. KPIs imposed by the government are going beyond the number of collection points but also include the amount of recycled material. Currently, a lot of refuse is commissioned to landfill, a situation that is to change soon. Currently, 5% of refuse is being recycled. By 2020 the rate of recycling has to go up to 22%, which will result in new ways of collecting, sorting and re-distributing the refuse using the truck fleet at the disposal of Environment Idaman.

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Shacman today Current standing of the China truck brand



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Equipped with Euro 3 engines, these high-powered trucks have made their entry into Malaysia a while ago. This Chinese brand has seen a good response from the market and according to the directors of the firm, sales are on target (see Asian Trucker, Issue 8). East Malaysia remains to be the acid test for any truck as the environment is very demanding and shows the inner values of any truck. Shacman trucks have already been supplied to the Eastern part of Malaysia and YonMing has received some very good feedback from clients using them in the harsh environments. Over in Peninsular Malaysia, the truck also receives positive reviews.

Director of Doesbest (Sabah) Sdn Bhd, Steven Foo Fook Shing has a lot of good things to say about Shacman trucks. He is also the Chairman of the Sabah West Coast Lorry Transport Association and his company operates in the area of Kota Kinabalu. "I chose shacman truck due to the design matters. The design is attractive and yet the cabin space is bigger and comfortable. Furthermore, I found that the price of this truck is more competitive to be worth with the feature that was built up on this truck" he says.

According to him, his fleet is now running more efficient. Ample engine power more is allowing better handling and driving and there are also less problems with the engine. Equipped with Euro 3 engines, this kind of truck consumes less fuel compared to other trucks used by Doesbest. The trucks handle well with enough torque for the hilly terrain. With this truck the company estimates they can save fuel cost about 10% to 15% a month.

Naturally, Yonming Group are fully supporting their customers by supplying spare parts and also services.



Doesbest

When it comes to any problem or breakdown, YonMing is easily able to address these issues due their presence of specialists on spare parts and they have got their own workshop as a service centre.

Mr. Ng Fui Siong, Managing Director of Syarikat Sankota, who's company also operates in the Kota Kinablu area, echos this assessment of the trucks.

"The price for this Shacman truckis more competitive and the truck uses less fuel compared to other trucks. With the MAN axle that is built in, these trucks can be more efficient and can be used for prolonged periods of time" says Ng. He also points out that it is not difficult to find the axle parts due to other brands using the same axle which easily can be found in the market.

Ng further states that the truck easily handle a bigger capacity due to the better performance of both, the engine and axle. His company also noticed an impact on the cost as the truck consumes less fuel. They estimated that they can save cost of about 5 to 9% per month with the increased engine power. "We are very satisfied with the work performed by YonMing as during servicing, they double check all components to ensure the parts have been installed correctly" he states.

Lastly, he praises the brake system which is supported by an



Sankota

ABS brake system in preparation for standby and in emergency cases. This also guarantee a safer journey for the driver in the harsh environments they operate in.

Sh Sen Heng Transport Sdn Bhd. is also using the Shacman trucks, however in a different application. Mr. Chia Chee Foong, who is the managing director has chosen the Chinese brand for several reasons: "I like the truck as it is the latest design and it looks strong enough to get the job done. Besides that, the Engine is a WEICHAI, which is famous in China for the 430HP variant. It matches the high torque transmission 16JSD200TA and MAN 16TON Double Hub Reduction Bogie Axle well." According to him, compared to the previous European trucks the company has been purchasing they do not need to opt for any additional upgrades, saving time and money. Having run the trucks for a few months by now, Sh Sen Heng Transport has got its proof that they have choosen the right trucks.

Since the company is in the business of heavy load haulage, the performance is crucial. The truck performance is excellent compared to other European/ Japanese trucks the company is using. Shacman trucks always provide top performance and higher torque, which make delieveries a smooth and efficient job. Fuel Consumption is the same compared to



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other European trucks, thanks to the advanced Euro 3 engine, which is saving money and is more economical.

For the servicing of the fleet, Fong relies on Shaanxi Trucks Sdn Bhd and their serice network. As Sh Sen Heng Transport operates nationwide, this is crucial and Shaanxi provides both, preventive and corrective support in accross Malaysia. "We are satisfied with the efficient support" Fong states.

Some of their drivers have 30 years of experience and have been driving a myriad of trucks in their carreer. They are also satisfied with the cabin comfort, power in high torque and the easy handling of the trucks. One can say that comfort and safety for the drivers is build-in.



Sh Seng Heng Transport Sdn Bhd

SHACMAN F3000 **6x2** 430 HP

D'Long F3000 6 x 2 Tractor Truck Series Specifications

Model		SX4257JV324R	
Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) kg		26500	
Kerb mass (kg)		9400	
Max. laden mass at fifth wheel (kg)		16500	
Gross Combination Weight (GCW) kg		70000	
Max. speed (km/h)		110 - 120	
Min. turning circle (m)		16.5	
Min. ground clearance (mm)		314	
Max. gradeability (%)		34	
Appearance dimensions (mm)	Max.Length	6870	
	Max.Width	2490	
	Max. Height	3710	
Wheel base (mm)		3240 +1370	
Steering		Right	
Overhang (front / rear)		1470 / 790	
Track width (mm) (front / rear)		2036 / 1800	
Engine		WP12.430N Euro 3	
Output power ps r.p.m		430 / 1900	
Torque N.m r.p.m		1800 / 1000- 1400	
Cylinder bore x Engine stroke (mm)		126 x 155	
Compression ratio		17 : 01	
Fuel tank capacity (L)		400L Aluminum Alloy	
Clutch		Ф 430 diaphragm - spring	
Gearbox	Transmission	Fast 12JSD200TA	
	Gear ratio	12.10 9.41 7.31 5.71 4.46 3.48 2.71 1.64 1.28 1.00 0.78 11.56 (R1) 2.59 (R2)	
Brake & Air Valve System		Wabco - ABS (WABCO)	
Suspension	Front	Longitudinal semi-elliptic leaf spring type with telescopic absorber	
	Rear	Longitudinal semi-elliptic main & auxiliary leaf spring type	
	Lift Axle	Hendrickson HLM-2 air suspension peerless axle 10.5 ton	
Front axle		MAN 7.5T	
Rear axle		MAN 13 TON (Hub Reduction)	
Saddle		JOST 50	
Cab		MAN F3000 cab, high cab with top & side spoiler, twins beds Climate control air conditioning, Electric heated door mirrors electric windows, air seat, (4) point air suspension cab	
Туге		295/80R. 22.5	











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Paul Chan (left) looks on as Joseph Mejaly (Vice President of Meritor Commercial Vehicle Aftermarket & Trailers) and US Ambassador to Singapore, His Excellency Dav id Adelman do the Official Launch



US Ambassador David Adelman (2nd left), EEike Merz - Managing Director of Meritor Singapore(middle)



New facility now serving 10 countries and major distributors.

On April 16, 2012 Meritor, Inc. (NYSE: MTOR) has opened a new ASEAN Aftermarket Distribution and Customer Service Center in Singapore. A reception was held at the new regional headquarter with customers, suppliers, business partners, and area government officials.

With a distribution reach to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Philippines and Taiwan the new facility will provide commercial vehicle axle-brakedriveline-suspension parts – under the Meritor, TruckTechnic and Gabriel brands - to major distributors in the region, along with thousands of enduser truck operators.





Mark Gable









"Our global experience with serving our customers has enabled us to incorporate many advancements in this new distribution center complete with offices, training center, warehouse and new Oracle ERP system, as well as trained associates in efficient packaging and distribution," said Eike Torsten Merz, Managing Director, Aftermarket & Trailer Asia Pacific, Meritor. "Our speed-to-customers in Asia Pacific will improve dramatically, as well as our ample critical-parts inventory to meet all truck-tractor-trailer service parts demands."

The Singapore facility is another expansion of the company's Aftermarket footprint, by which commercial vehicle customers are serviced and supplied by a growing footprint of aftermarket distribution centers. The other fully set up operations in India, China and Australia will all be managed by the Singapore Asia Pacific headquarter.

The facility is another facility integral to the company's recent launch into an aftermarket-based, third-party multiple logistics business called Meritor Logistics which offers unique competencies including packaging and kitting, material planning, warehousing, distribution, customer support, core consolidation, remanufacturing and consulting services.

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Malaysia has seen a high influx of Chinese truck brands which are now competing for markets share. CAMC is the ONLY ONE INCORPORATING both EUROPEAN and JAPANESE standards into its trucks, giving clients more options and VALUE FOR MONEY for their heavy duty vehicles.

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SERVICE NETWORK IN MALAYSIA

Truck sales need to go hand in hand with the creation of a sufficient service network. Currently, there are ten service centres that cater to the needs of CAMC truck owners. The centres are located strategically along the North-South highway, with a cluster of three in the Klang Valley. Naturally, this network will be expanded in the near future to ensure that fleets keep running smoothly.







EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE TECHNOLOGY FOR MALAYSIAN DRIVERS

While the trucks themselves are from China, many of the crucial components are from Europe, adding value to the vehicle. The vehicles are designed with robustness in mind, offering a feast of high-specs for the client that would like to move with distinction. The heart of the truck is a modern engine, complying with Euro III standards. CAMC trucks for the Malaysian market are equipped with HINO P11C 10.5 litre EURO III engines with inter-cooler turbo and an output of a massive 275 KW (380HP). This will provide transporters with the pulling power they need on the roads. The engine uses direct fuel injection.

To get the power to the wheels, ZF gearboxes are further enhancing the fuel efficiency and ensure effortless transmission of the power. The German engineered gearboxes are available in 9-speed and 16-speed options and are lightweight aluminium tube variants. To supplement the JAPANESE engine and the GERMAN gearboxes, AUSTRIAN and GERMAN wheel hub reduction axles are fitted to the trucks. These are capable of carrying higher loads and need minimal maintenance, crucial factors when considering the purchase of trucks. With dual reduction axles, clients will also benefit from a wider series of speed ratios. Again, the use of these axles will support the notion of robustness as they offer a prolonged lifespan.

All these are fitted into a rugged chassis. This high-strength, yet light-weight chassis is developed and designed by CAMC, utilising their proprietary technology and offers a flexible loading system. To compliment all these technological features, CAMC has equipped the trucks with height & tilt adjustable steering wheels, multifunctional door modules and cup holders that can be stored away, keeping the cabin clutter free and neat. Overall, the cabin is designed to enhance crew safety and minimisation of low-impact collision damage.



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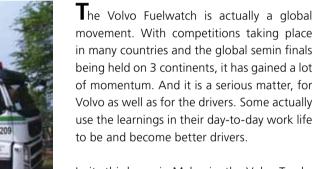
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AND THE ABOVE SALES AND SERVICE CENTRES.

A closer look at VOIVO As the name suggests, Volvo Trucks **Trucks Fuelwatch** FuelWatch is about saving fuel. But there is more than meets the eye to

this global competition that sees a huge followership.



In its third year in Malaysia, the Volvo Trucks FuelWatch Challenge has seen an increase in participation. From 308 participants in 2011 to 363 is a significant jump that shows the interest in the event. This year, the truck used for the final was a FM400 6x2 with I-Shift transmission. Volvo also uses the format of the challenge to continuously improve the

competition. Changes to the FuelWatch are made based on the input of participating drivers. For instance, the current course for the semi-finals and finals is using a different route than last year. It is mainly longer, however, the length of the drive is not the only factor determining the winner. The Semi-finals this year saw a 20km route and the finals a 50km track set-out in advance. This year, each driver will also be utilising Volvo Trucks's legendary I-Shift. The lack of experence with this system may have actually stopped Asian drivers from winning the global finals in 2011. Naturally, since the competition is aimed at benefitting the people participating and therefore, they can also provide a more detailed input.

Martin Kavanagh, Vice President, Aftermarket says "Fuel savings are the obvious objective of this Challenge. However, drivers also learn a lot more during the events. For instance, defensive driving. FuelWatch is about the impact of the trucking industry on the environment. But the term "environment" is not limited to mother nature. Environment also includes other participants on the road and we have to ensure that there is as little to no negative impact on them too".

The credo of Volvo is manifesting itself in the FuelWatch. Since 1972, the protection of the environment has been a core value. The quote that "We are part of the problem, so we have to be a part of the solution" is something one will hear often when



talking to Volvo's staff. Visibility of the event, according to Kavanagh, is important. The general public should be well aware of the efforts that the company makes to reduce emissions, improve safety and assist people in becoming better drivers. It may even come to a surprise to experience drivers that the difference between the global winner of FuelWatch 2011 and the "worst" was 18%. We need to remember that these people are already top drivers and that their skills are already outstanding.

It becomes obvious that FuelWatch is a serious affair when looking at the six pillars it is build upon. And it is not difficult to see how all these tie back to the notion of saving fuel and reducing the impact on the environment:

- 1. Optimised mised Trucks: obvioulsy, no matter how good a driver, if the vehicle is a mismatch to the application, the fuel consumption will not be optimal.
- 2. Fuel saving maintenance: a well maintained vehicle will consume less. It is recommended to use original spare parts to optimise the performance of the vehicle.
- 3. Efficiency upgrades: these can be software updates for the engine management or hardware, such as spoilers to improve the aerodynamics of an older truck.
- 4. Dynafleet Trip Manager: via this software, truck owners can monitor the driving behaviour of the truck captains and improve the performance of each vehicle
- 5. Driver development: even a good driver can always improve their skills. Several programs are available to enhance the skills of truck-captains.
- 6. Fuel Management Service: Volvo can assist fleet managers to actively improve the fuel economy in partnership with the clients.

Driver focus expands beyond the framework of the FuelWatch Challenge. Recently launched, the Globetrucker's club is the first and apparently the only club in Malaysia that provides a platform for truck drivers to exchange their thoughts and experiences. As a pre-requisite to join, one needs to be a truck driver with a valid truck driving license. Within a short period of time, the club has already gained a strong followership of approximately 500 members. In conjunction with the start of this year's FuelWatch 2012 in Malaysia, the online platform www.Facebook.com/VolvoTrucksMalaysia was launched.

Adding another layer of service, Volvo Malaysia has just launched a fleet of fully equipped service vans, ready to help truckers having technical problems on the roads. These vans are bright yellow, so that drivers can relax when seeing them from far.

Competing again is the 2012 FuelWatch Ambassador and winner of the Malaysian leg of the competition in 2011, Adnan Laili from Fueller, Johor Bahru. His insights helped him with his job as he is subject to strict controls, driving a petrol tanker. He has also been a driver mentor for the past four years and is competing with two other colleagues at this year's FuelWatch Challenge.

"I would never have thought I can win (last year)! It was a totally amazing experience and the competition has helped me a lot in my job. I am proud to be an ambassador for this cause as we all need to be doing our part" he says just after he finished his rounds for the semi-finals in the 2012 competition on Friday, 13th. It was also his first time overseas in a European country, the first time to drive left-hand drive and the first time for him to be in a cold country when he went to compete in the finals in Sweden. "You always hear stories about Europe, but being there is a different thing altogether. Obviously, I was nervous and the left hand drive and tighter corners hindered me as I wasn't used to either. However, the I-Shift helped me to compensate for this" he elaborates.

This year, the Champion was Roslan Bin Md Ali of Taipanco Sdn Bhd, Shah Alam. He won a RM 5,000 BSN voucher and the chance to represent Malaysia in the Asia Finals in Australia while his company won a RM 10,000 Genuine Parts voucher. Sim Kiam Voon of Xing Long Logistics Sdn Bhd, Bintulu was 1st runner up and won a BSN voucher worth RM 3,000 with his company winning a RM 7,000 Genuine Parts voucher. Mohd Faiz Bin Abu Hassan of Kumpulan Samastar Sdn Bhd, Prai who won a BSN voucher worth RM 2,000 with his company winning a RM 5,000 Genuine Parts voucher up.

Responsible and Sustainable Mobility

Truck manufacturers know that their success is closely linked to their environmental performance so they put a great deal of resources, money, and research into ensuring that not only do their trucks meet all the regulatory requirements, but their entire operation is as sustainable as it can possibly be.

Being sustainable for a corporation is not as easy as writing a mission statement to outline your goals. For an equipment manufacturer the challengers are numerous and they must do more than continuously develop better products.

Reporting Sustainability

While developing an engine that releases fewer emissions is appreciated by all, for truck manufactures there is much more that needs to be done to ensure their products have the least environmental impact.

Daimler reports that in order to secure its success over the long term, the company has made sustainability a key element of its growth strategy. Speaking at the presentation of Daimler's most recent sustainability report Dr. Christine Hohmann-Dennhardt, member of the Daimler Board of Management for Integrity and Legal Affairs stated, "Sustainable growth is only possible on the basis of sustainable action. That's why growth, sustainability and responsibility constitute the triad of our entrepreneurial activity. Because we take this matter seriously, integrity will be firmly anchored in the individual target agreements for Board of Management remuneration as of this year."

Integrity Dialogue

In 2011 Daimler instituted a Group-wide integrity dialogue between executives and workforce across corporate hierarchies and sites with the intention of securing a changed awareness about sustainability.

Daimler continues to develop its compliance programme. For example, the company has refined its analysis for the assessment of risks in business units and its procedure for reviewing business partners. The BPO whistleblower system has been revised and supplemented in Germany with an external contact person in the role of a neutral mediator.

All employees receive continual training in compliance. Since May 2011, Daimler has regularly provided employees with information on topics related to integrity and compliance in 19 languages in the context of the Group-wide 'fairplay' campaign.

Market Success Due to Innovation

The Daimler Group's commitment to sustainability is visible in its entire product range from the smart to emotional sedans and sports cars to heavy trucks, with the addition of innovative mobility concepts such as car2go. In 2011, Daimler invested 5.6 billion in research and development, the results of which



were 2,175 new patent applications in 2011 and numerous product innovations that help to secure the Group's long-term market success.

Prof. Thomas Weber, Chairman of the Daimler Sustainability Board, explains, "For us, the priority is on responsible mobility. Examples of this include the smart electric drive and the world's most economical full-size automobile, the E 300 BlueTEC HYBRID. Both models will be launched in the middle of this year. Our new Actros sets standards for efficiency: It is the first long-haulage truck to already meet the strict Euro VI emission standards, although they don't come into force until 2014."

New Fuel Efficient Fuso

Fuso has unveiled its new 'Fuel Efficient Truck' and Next-Generation product design.

Along with the 'Fuel Efficient Truck' Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation (MFTBC) launched 'FUSO-Concept II' next-generation product design concept. "Our commitment is to leading the industry in fuel efficiency," says Gustav Tuschen, MFTBC Vice President of Product Engineering. "We continue our offensive in advanced propulsion systems such as hybrid and electric. But further optimisation of conventional diesel power is our homework. Fuso is committed to extending its leadership in this area."

According to Tuschen, the newly developed Fuso 'Fuel Efficient Truck' realises more than 10 percent better fuel efficiency compared to the conventional heavy-duty truck model, through improvements other than from power train technologies, such as optimization of vehicle aerodynamics, lightweight body design, optimized electricity management including solar power generation, and low-resistance tires. The vehicle body itself is designed lighter, and low-resistance tires are adopted.

Fully Interconnected

FUSO-Concept II is a design concept model of a heavy-duty truck eying the commercial vehicles market in 2032, the 100th anniversary year of the Fuso brand. Tuschen noted, "The commercial vehicles industry in 20 years will see the Asian transportation network fully interconnected with Europe. In addition, advanced technologies will also see a leap, such as the realisation of an auto-vehicle platooning system and significant advances in battery and fuel cell technologies."

Based on such predictions, FUSO-Concept II foresees trucks on the Asian Highway AH1 connecting Tokyo and Istanbul in 2032.

FUSO 2015 'Leader in Green Innovation'

The technologies presented by Fuso are in line with "FUSO 2015," the company's five-pillar growth strategy for the future. One of the five pillars is "Leader in Green Innovation," meaning the company focuses on advances in Green Products, Green Factory and Infrastructure and Green Supply Chain to achieve an aggregate CO2 reduction of 7.5 percent by 2015.

The company plans to enhance its fuel efficiency leadership position in



conventionally-powered diesel vehicles, while pushing forward with advanced technologies such as hybrid-electric and all-electric vehicles. In the hybrid truck segment, the company launched its latest Canter Eco Hybrid light-duty truck in spring 2012 in Japan, followed by international market roll-outs.

MAN Commits to Clear Climate Target

MAN says that it will be playing a significant role in CO2 reduction. The bus and truck manufacturer says it can achieve this goal by reducing its own CO2 emissions at MAN sites by 25 percent worldwide by 2020. This mandatory target is set out in the Climate Strategy, which is part of MAN's Corporate Responsibility Strategy. It is presented in the 2011 MAN Corporate Responsibility Report.

By concentrating on the fields of transportation and energy, MAN is focusing on precisely those products and services that significantly influence climate change. The MAN Climate Strategy has been adopted to contribute to the reduction of global CO2 emissions. "We can only meet our responsibility and seize business opportunities at the same time if we have clear and binding targets," explains Dr. Georg Pachta-Reyhofen, CEO of MAN SE. "After all, climate protection and cost effectiveness belong together: efficient, low-emission production and products minimize emissions and cut costs."

In order to define and translate the climate targets, a MAN Climate Expert Team has developed five core initiatives. To cut CO2 emissions at the sites renewable energy sources will be used and comprehensive energy management will be introduced. At the MAN Truck & Bus plant in Steyr, the waste heat from engine test beds is used to heat production halls. In addition to cutting CO2 emissions at its sites, positioning efficient products with low emission values is also important to MAN.

"MAN wants to be recognized as one of the industry players to have dealt with the challenges of climate change the best by 2020," says Yvonne Benkert, Head of Corporate Responsibility for MAN SE.

Your Partner on the Road: Shell gets fleets on the roads faster, more secure and with reduced admin

You may not know that Shell is the only global energy company that has a dedicated organization for commercial fleets. And this is just one of the myriads of insights that may help you with running your fleet with the right fuel partner.

With a legacy spanning more than 120 years in Asia and with over 50 years of fuel card & fleet management expertise, Shell knows their fuels and their customers. Shell understands, thanks to its 1.7 million fleet customers globally, that B2B customers are looking for a valued offer with a strategic fuel partner so that their fleets can get on with their business anytime, anywhere. In Shell's view a valued offer to customers really boils down to a convenient and accessible site network that delivers high quality fuels that enhances vehicle lifespan and drives increased performance and mileage. This valued offer is underpinned by a peace of mind that their fuel partner will continue innovating to enhance fleet controls, to simplify card adminstration and to proactively tackle card abuse and fraud.

Shell believes that the company is best placed to address these needs, regardless of the size, type and nature of its customers' fleet. A professional trucker easily clocks in 80 000 - 120 000 kilometers per year, much of it under extreme terrain and stress of a 24/7 operations. Both man and machine are under great strain, wear and tear. With fuel cost making up 35 – 50% of operating cost in a commercial fleet operation, fleet owners and operators demand that their fuel partner keeps their fleets operating safely and efficiently on the roads.

Commercial fleet businesses look to



Shell for high guality fuels and lubricants that deliver mileage and performance under the most extreme conditions. Apparently, Shell doesn't just pay marketing lip service to the quality of its fuels; it is part of Shell's strategy to win with fuels. Shell invests more than US\$ 1 billion annually on R&D, a large portion of which goes to creating the world's most technically advanced fuels & lubricants portfolio. In 2008, Shell was the offical partner for Daimler when the truck manufaturer broke the Guinness World Record for truck fuel efficency. Only three years later, a new attempt to break this record was made. Daimler set up the "Record Run 2011" and put the Actros with Euro VI engines to the test. There was only one fuels- and lubricants partner Daimler would turn to. Daimler's Actros trucks running on

Shell FuelSave Diesel and Shell Rimula R6 LME Lubricant beat the previous fuel economy world record by a whopping 7.6%!

Over the years, whilst most international majors have divested their retail operations, Shell has continued to invest in and strengthen its committment to Asia. As the only energy major with the international reach across the Americas, Europe and Asia to truly cater to global businesses, Shell's Global Key Accounts team is forming strategic alliances with global commercial fleet customers such as DHL, ISS, Philips etc. that need a fuel partner to provide consistent service standards and sales professionalism, commercial mindset and fleet management expertise across their global operations in established

heartlands and in new market entries.

With a network spanning over 43 000 sites in 80 countries, Shell is the world's largest fuel retailer. Of these, 4300 sites are in Asia and this will grow to 6300 sites by 2015. Today, Shell is opening one site a day in China and ramping up in Indonesia, India and Russia. 60% of Shell's sites are equipped with high speed diesel pumps. However, for truck ports, Shell is going to extremes and installs "Ultra High Speed Diesel Pumps" specifically catering to its Commercial Fleet customers' desire to get their fleets back on the roads as quickly as possible. Fueling with Shell's specially designed pumps is 2 – 3 times faster, a significant advantage. This not only minimises the time needed to refill, but also reduces congestion at the station as fleets can be serviced much faster.

Shell's Fleet Card has features that other cards simply do not offer. What is important to a fleet owner is that a fleet card offers a) protection against fraud and misuse and b) ease of administration The Shell Fleet Card offers exactly that. Shell has gone to great lengths to make the card as safe as possible. For instance, there are no local vendors that meet the stringent security strandards for producing Shell's cards. All Shell Fleet Cards are produced by Visa / Mastercard accredited vendors only. In the case of Shell, this is Swiss Post in Germany. Cards and PINs are mailed on different days to avoid interception, just as it is done for credit cards in the banking industry. Obviously, this has required Shell to create a competitive card fullfilment infrastructure that gets a secured card in the customers' hands within 5 days anywhere in the world from Germany. Additionally, their retail sites have invested in "Pump Link". This ensures that customers are only billed on their fleet cards for the exact amount of fuel dispensed. It eliminates driver fraud where a cash payout is given when a fleet card is billed at the site for more fuel than is dispensed, a common abuse elsewhere.

Despite being the market leader and the most preferred fuel and lubricant brand among commercial fleet customers across its markets in Asia. Shell will continue to innovate. They are here to serve fleet customers and their evolving needs, to grow together and win. Part of this winning strategy involves investing more than US\$ 500 million over the next 10 years to introduce a state of the art, fully integrated, global card platform. This technology investment will enable mobile payments and prepaid offerings, real time fuel transaction data, advanced fleet management and card controls as well as enhanced security options on their cards. Asia is the first region

globally to deploy the new system. By end of 2012, Shell's fleet customers in the Philippines, Hong Kong and Macau will be utilizing the new platform to better manage their fleets. In early 2013, it will be deployed to the rest of Asia followed by Europe and the Americas in the later half of next year. Shell is extremely excited about the possibilities and what this means for their commercial fleet customers. And this is just the beginnning.

Baljit Singh, a 33 year old Singaporean, says that he is extremely privileged to work with Shell and with his management team from Oman through to the Philippines. His team manages a portfolio of 3 billion liters of fuel across eight markets in Asia. All of them care deeply about their customers and aspire to be the best B2B business in the world. Everyday, his team gets closer towards fulfilling that vision.

Baljit graduated as a chemical engineer and first worked in a tech start-up in Silicon Valley, California before returning to Asia in 2004, where he is now combining technology, entreprenuership and his passion for chemicals in his daily work at Shell. He is a member of Shell's Global Commercial Fleet Leadership Team as well as Shell's Asia Retail Leadership Team. He is married with 3 young kids.



Mr Baljit Singh

Asian Trucker met with the **pioneer female drivers**

of Environment Idaman in Alor Star to find out what motivated them to become truck drivers and what keeps them trucking. **Effa Izahwati Bt Mohd Hatta** (29) started as the first driver at the company with **Nor Azlinda Bt Sobri** (27) and **Maziyana Bt Azan** (32) following shortly after.









AT: What motivated you to become truck drivers?

Maziyana: I wanted a challenging career and also help to clean the environment and I wanted to be part of a company that is forward thinking

Izahwati: Simple! I wanted to show that ladies can drive trucks too.

Azlinda: It is a challenge and not a male monopoly

AT: What did you do before you started working for Environment Idaman?

Maziyana: I was a driving school teacher.

Izahwati: I sold donugts at a local supermarket

Azlinda: I worked with my husband

AT: What do your husbands say now?

Maziyana: He is asking me every morning if I can do it, but I keep saying that I can do the job

Izahwati and Azlinda (answering together): I get the full support at home!

Maziyana: but my friends were really surprised as there are so many jobs and I chose this one.

Izahwati: true, but we can see what matters in today's world

Azlinda: this is not an easy job. You have to be focused and concentrated all the time. 100%, not 99!

AT: What are some of the difficulties you are facing:

Maziyana (for the group): It will be getting even tougher when we do the driving and collection of garbage alone in our trucks. Sometimes we have difficulties accessing the bins when they are not properly aligned.

AT: Would you consider driving a bigger truck?

Maziyana: Yes, I want to take the test for the E-class licence

Izahwati: Absolutely

Azlinda: Sure!

AT: Would you want to see who the better driver in a competition is: Male or Female drivers?

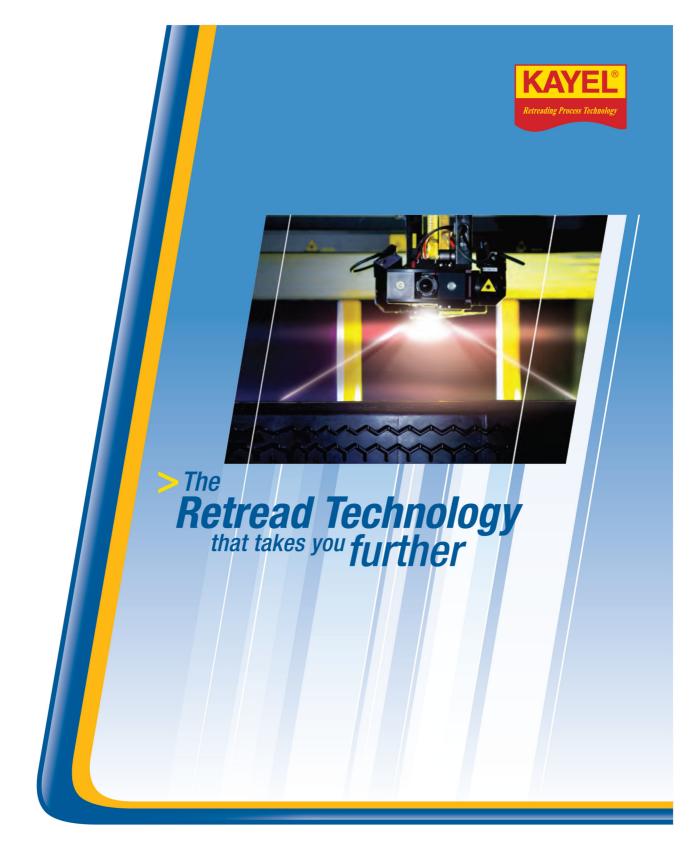
All three: CAN!!!

(If any truck manufacturer is interested in hosting such driving competition, please let us know; Asian Trucker would like to hear from you).

AT: Any comments?

Izahwati: We hope to be in this job for the long haul.

Azmi: Till now, the three of us had no accidents. We hope this stays this way!



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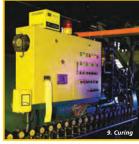
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Asian Trucker Casts Wide Net

Asian Trucker recently held its first networking event at House Frankfurt, Bangsar in Kuala Lumpur, sponsored by Continental Sime Tire. With close to 100 people in attendance coming from as far as Singapore and Hong Kong therewere opportunities to meet representatives from many areas of the truckingindustry, from fleet owners, parts suppliers, logistics and related businesses. All agreed that it was a great evening of meeting the right people and enjoying the free flow of beer and terrific buffet dinner put on by House Frankfurt. Shell will be the main sponsor of the coming three Asian Trucker networking events. For more information please contact Amy at amy@asiantrucker.com.











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