

Electric Cars Bound for Cuba from Cayman Islands



Grand Cayman, May 14 (RHC) -- In a move to promote eco-friendly tourism destinations, Cuba is making available electric cars for transportation in the beach resort of Cayo Largo.

In the next two months, John Felder of Cayman Automotive, who introduced electric vehicles to much of the Caribbean, expects to ship the first electric cars to Cuba, the Cayman Compass reports.

The initial vehicles are bound for Cayo Largo, a tourist island with no permanent residents, located 50 miles south of Havana and a 22-minute flight north of Grand Cayman. The Cuban government will put the new electric vehicles into service at the destination's seven major hotels, moving visitors around the 32-square-mile island linked by a single paved road.

The five to 10 vehicles will be low-speed electric vehicles, with a maximum speed [of] 25 miles per hour. "The Cuban government would like Cayo Largo to be a fully eco-friendly tourist destination. They want to make it the first test market for electric vehicles," Felder added.

If the test proves a success, Havana will expand the project, first to three small neighboring islands, then, ultimately, nationwide.



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