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IMA RETURNS TO BANGKOK

The 2019 International Mobility Alliance (IMA) conference will take place from February 19-22 2019, in the Bangkok Marriott Marquis Queens Park Hotel. The event follows on from its successful inauguration last year.

The IMA conference focusses on one-to-one networking with delegates having the opportunity of booking 30 minute, face-to-face meetings from dawn to dusk. There is also a strong social element with evening events on all three nights and, in true Bangkok style, rich opportunities for more informal networking to suit all tastes. At the time of writing (early December 2018) around 125 delegates had already booked.

A portion of the conference registration fees will be used to fund the IMA2019 Charity with Operation Smile, Thailand.

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● Jan van Santen of Mondial Oostland (on the right) and Lou Jedeloo of Maxus Europe, with the Mondial Movers team.

Mondial Movers chooses Maxus EV80 chassis cab

Mondial Movers has announced that it has become the 'preferred launching customer' in Europe for the SAIC Maxus EV80 chassis cab. Lou Jedeloo, Brand Ambassador Maxus Europe, handed over the keys to Jan van Santen, Director of the Mondial Movers branch in Groningen: Mondial

Oostland Removals.

Maxus is a Chinese brand and the Maxus EV80 was introduced last year to the European market in two versions: the van and the chassis cab. Mondial Oostland Removals is the first company in Europe who ordered the chassis cab. The electric van has a range of almost 100 miles (depending on the

driving conditions) and requires about two hours to fully charge via fast charging. It has a volume capacity of approximately 17m³.

Maxus has awarded Mondial Movers with the title 'preferred launching customer', which made it possible for Mondial Movers to get the vehicle delivered more quickly while Maxus gets access to the actual usage results.

Mondial Movers has operated a large sustainable vehicle fleet since 2011. The company says that more clients are asking for electric transport.

Weight and payload

According to vehicle reviewer Parkers Vans the panel van variant of the Maxus EV80 has a gross vehicle weight of 3.5 tonnes and a payload of 1,419kg with its diesel engine. Using the electric motor adds a further 469kg to the weight of the vehicle giving it a payload rating of 950kg. Mondial Movers said the payload with their body style is 400kg.

David Arpin receives Wreaths Across America Spirit of Giving Award

Arpin Van Lines' President and CEO David Arpin received the James Prout Spirit of Giving Award from charity Wreaths Across America during the 34th Annual Arpin Agent Convention held in Newport, Rhode Island.

The Wreaths Across America James Prout Spirit of Giving Award commemorates James Prout, owner of a Maine trucking group and the first volunteer to haul wreaths for Wreaths Across America. The group presents the award annually to a deserving professional truck driver, company or organisation that has supported charitable causes in ways that will affect generations to come.

"My father, Paul Arpin, was an army veteran of World War II and a survivor of the invasion of Normandy," said David Arpin. "Following the war, he returned home to run Arpin Van Lines until he was 86 years old. When presented with the opportunity to support Wreaths Across America by one of our drivers, it was a no-brainer. Receiving this award is an honour and only further solidifies my support for the organisation and appreciation for all of the trucking industry volunteers who make it possible each year."

Arpin Van Lines' employees and agents have supported Wreaths Across America's mission to honour veterans for the past six years.



● David Arpin receives his award from Rob Worcester of Wreaths Across America.

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