

Award and orders for CBC-Iveco

CBC-Iveco, the Chinese Bus and Coach manufacturer (belonging at 50% to our Company) won the "The best City Bus of the year 2005" Award for the **CJ6180GCH**, the new 18 meters low-entry articulated city bus.

The prize was received on the occasion of the 2005 *Asia Coach Week-BAAV Awards* which took place on March 15th, 2005 at the Busworld Asia 2005 Exhibition in Shanghai. It is important to highlight that CBC-Iveco's 18m low-entry city bus was chosen by the Municipality of Beijing to operate on the Capital's new Bus Rapid Transit line (BRT). The deliveries of 50 vehicles to the Municipality, started on December 2004 and will be accomplished by May 2005.

The *Asia Coach Week-BAAV Award* was organized by the Flemish Bus and Coach Operators Council (BAAV). The Jury Committee was composed by professional representatives from BAAV, international specialized business people, technical experts in the European bus industry and authorities of China public transportation. The vehicles were judged on the basis of style, vehicle technology, craftwork, indoor decorations, innovation, safety, design and performance/price ratio.

Driven by the fast-growing demand for passenger transport in Asia, Busworld Asia has become a landmark for bus builders and accessory manufacturers worldwide. The 2005 edition saw the participation of over 130 bus builders and accessory manufacturers, both Chinese and non-Chinese.

The CJ6180GCH is 18 meters long, 2,50 wide and 3,16 high, has got a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 29 tons and can accommodate 170 passengers. It is powered by Cursor-8, 310 hp Euro-III engine, with ZF 5-speed automatic gearbox, and is fitted with full pneumatic suspension.