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CNA – Focus Taiwan (2012/03/15) A Taiwanese university said on March 15 it plans to set up Taiwan's first "hospital" for electric cars by the end of the year to serve as a professional maintenance center for electric cars.

The center will seek to train maintenance professionals and improve Taiwan's maintenance skills regarding electric cars, said Cliff Y. Y. WU, chairman of the Department of Vehicle Engineering at National Taipei University of Technology.

The university plans to import 200 electric cars from Norway-based electric car maker Think over the next two years, and members of the center will be able to gain hands-on experience maintaining the cars, said Leeh-ter YAO, President of the university.

YAO said the imports are part of an initiative launched by the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) to evaluate if Taiwan is a suitable place for electric cars and what kind of improvements need to be made to make it more suitable.

"The 200 electric cars will be installed with 3G monitors, which will send the driving records of the cars back to the university for analysis," YAO said, adding that the cars can be rented by the public.

"This will help us gain a better understanding of whether Taiwan's roads or weather conditions are suitable for the driving of electric cars," said YAO.

He said the university will also cooperate with local and foreign companies to improve the batteries, electronic control systems and charging systems for the electric cars.

The MOEA plans to introduce 3,000 electric cars to Taiwan over the next three years to promote the development of electric cars in the country.

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