



## **VIP Shuttles for the Presidents**

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**At a meeting of numerous government leaders in Tashkent, two MAN Lion's Coaches and two VW Crafters - all converted at the MAN Bus Modification Center - were used.**

At the end of June, the government leaders of China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan met within the context of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in the Uzbek capital of Tashkent, in order to consult on questions regarding the security of their countries. The host, the President of Uzbekistan, Islom Karimov, undoubtedly wanted to make his visitors' stay comfortable. To provide transportation during the SCO Summit 2016, the presidential administration purchased two MAN Lions' Coaches and two VW Crafters, which were provided with very customised and high-quality fittings at the MAN Bus Modification Center.

The Crafters, the first vehicles of this type to be modified at the BMC, received comfortable 1+1 seating with leather seats from the Turkish manufacturer, Brusa. In this way, nine passengers and a bodyguard can be transported using this VIP shuttle. The interior was also adapted to give the look of a large tour bus and fitted with LED lights. The installed Konvekta roof air conditioning system and convector heating unit also aim to give a feel-good atmosphere. For a harmonious impression, they also received paintwork to match the large tour buses, at BMC's own large plant.

In the Lion's Coach, the participants at the SCO Summit also enjoyed atmospheric LED lighting integrated into the suspended ceiling, as well as individual seats with a locking mechanism, leg supports, adjustable headrests and a swivel function, which makes it possible to have flexible seating groups. The seats are complemented with folding wooden tables on the side walls. Instead of the usual maximum of 49 passengers in this 12-metre two-axle vehicle, with this exclusive arrangement, now just 18 passengers can enjoy the extremely comfortable seating. The safety of passengers is ensured by Continental Birdview cameras for 360-degree outside surveillance, modified entrances with non-slip covering and illuminated steps, as well as numerous assistance systems. Amongst

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others, the MAN Lion's Coach offers as standard the electronic stability program (ESP), ECAS air suspension with level adjustment, the MAN BrakeMatic braking system with electronic braking system (EBS) and sustained-action brake management, as well as exterior mirrors with integrated wide-angle mirror and rear-view mirror for the best view. A 6-cylinder inline diesel engine in accordance with the Euro 4 standard with 440 hp (324 kW) provides the required drive.

"This example illustrates the whole product portfolio of the BMC", André Körner, Location Manager of the Bus Modification Center in Plauen, points out. "From regional bus companies, German football league clubs, promotional vehicles right up to high-end vehicle upgrading for state and government leaders, every customer request can be fulfilled." In addition to the vehicles, the order from the Uzbek presidential administration also included after-sales support and driver training from MAN. During the SCO Summit, service engineers from MAN Truck & Bus were ready and available on site. In later everyday life, when the luxury buses will continue to be used for VIP transportation functions in Greater Tashkent, the local MAN Center will be responsible for the servicing and maintenance of all four vehicles.

At present, SCO represents around one-third of the world's population and is therefore the largest regional organisation in the world. In addition to the six current Member States, additional countries are also represented as potential new members and permanent observers at the annual meetings.

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Caption:

Two MAN Lion's Coaches and two VW Crafters were converted into luxury shuttle buses at the MAN Bus Modification Center.

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At the MAN Bus Modification Center, the tour buses received, amongst others, 1+1 seating with leather seats and atmospheric LED lighting.