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Prime Minister Mark Phillips promoted the widespread adoption of electric vehicles during yesterday's "EV Show and Tell" exhibition at the University of Guyana Berbice Campus and he said the government will soon be leading the way.

"The world is transitioning from non-renewable to renewable energy. Greater usage of renewable energy will lead to greater resilience against climate change and reduce the carbon footprint on the entire world and help us to be greater in terms of the resilience against the effects of climate change", he urged

As he addressed the Guyana Energy Agency's (GEA) maiden EV [Electric Vehicle] Show and Tell exhibition on Saturday at Amazonia Mall, Providence, East Bank Demerara (EBD) he emphasised the importance of environmental stewardship and sustainable development in the face of global issues. He asserted that although fossil fuels will be available for another 30 years or so, Guyana needs to keep up with the global shift towards a greater usage of renewable energy sources.

Guyana now has 200 electric vehicles (EVs) with six charging stations, and the Prime Minister anticipates that number would rise to over 1,000 by 2025.Furthermore, there are currently 50 persons trained to service these vehicles.

In an attempt to support national green energy initiatives, the Government of Guyana has made all imports of electric vehicles tax-free and duty free. There is also a 50 per cent annual write-down allowance for businesses investing in environmentally friendly vehicles.

"Government is here to continue facilitating the move towards greater use of renewable energy with the use of electric vehicles in Guyana. It is my hope that by the end of 2025, we will pass 1,000 vehicles and I would like to contribute by purchasing an electric vehicle," said Phillips, who has oversight over the country's energy sector.

The increased use of electric vehicles will, in the opinion of Phillips, also help Guyana to gain more recognition as a global leader in climate and energy security.

"We want to be seen as the leader in energy security. And embracing renewable energy will not only see us as a leader in energy security, but [we] will also be seen as a leader in climate security..."

PM Phillips used the fact that there are more than 5,000 electric automobiles in the Dominican Republic to support his argument that these vehicles are getting more and more popular. He added that Uganda has a comparable situation with regard to the adoption of electric vehicles for both private and public transportation.



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Excited attendees eager to learn about and experience the future of automotive innovation filled the Amazonia Mall. Massay Motors showcased sleek electric vehicles that illustrated the advantages of moving away from conventional fossil fuel-powered modes of mobility.

Meletia Hossanah, the company's Marketing and Customer Service Manager, stated that these vehicles offer substantial financial and environmental benefits in addition to requiring less upkeep and operation than petrol-powered vehicles.

She said the vehicles come with home charging kits, enabling persons to conveniently charge their vehicles overnight at a fraction of the cost of traditional fueling. According to her, the company offers after sales support for all models.

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