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LEAF takes center stage as electric vehicle show begins

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Nissan is set to be the star of the show in Monaco Thursday as it debuts its LEAF electric vehicle in the principality.

The LEAF will be on show for three days at the EVER Monaco electric vehicle show, which runs through March 28. According to Nissan, a main sponsor of the show, Monaco will be one of the first markets globally to receive the LEAF.

"We are very excited to give the public in Monaco a chance to see Nissan LEAF up close before it launches here in 2011," said Nissan's Pierre Loing.

"Thanks to Monaco's proactive stance on zero emissions, including its plans to boost the number of its charging stations and to maintain incentives for electric vehicle buyers, we are confident that Nissan LEAF will do well here."

The tiny principality of Monaco has taken a strongly supportive stance on green transportation and been successful in attracting brands keen to tap its high-income population.

It has pledged to increase the number of electric charging stations from 176 to 300 in 2011, an impressive amount for the second smallest country in the world (with an area of only 2 km2).

Last year, electric sportscar maker Tesla opened a major showroom in the principality, its third in Europe after London and Munich.

The Nissan LEAF, which boasts an all-electric range of 160 km and a top speed of over 140 km/h, will be on display alongside around 50 other vehicles at the show. The general public can visit from Friday, March 26.

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