

Goa for L'Aquila



For a year now, the city of L'Aquila jumped at the center of the international attention. On April 6th, 2009 an earthquake with an intensity of 5.9 on the Richter scale and 256 tremors destroyed much of the city and many surrounding areas, causing 308 deaths and about 1,600 injuries and damaging 10-15 thousand buildings. A great race of solidarity started, which has allowed, among other things, to give in record time an accommodation to all those who had lost their house. For this reason the city in Abruzzo hosted on July 8-10th an important meeting of G8, during which the "great of the earth" had the occasion to see and live directly the damages provoked by the earthquake and the reconstruction work that was being done.

Obviously there is still much to do. Institutions, companies and private citizens are still involved, providing financial resources and skills to help the affected population and allow them to come back to normality as soon as possible. In this context, Mahindra Europe gave their contribution, offering an off-road four-wheel drive Goa GLX to the Municipal Police of L'Aquila, that will use it for daily controls on difficult surfaces.

The vehicle, customized with logo and colors of the Municipal Police of L'Aquila and specially fitted with siren and flashing lights was officially handed by Sandro Cetrullo, representing the Mahindra dealer network, to Dr. Eugenio Vendrame, Head of the Municipal Police of L'Aquila, in the presence of Angelantonio Molfetta, M.D. of Mahindra Europe.

"The earthquake-hit areas of Abruzzo have been the focus of a great race of international solidarity in which many individuals, companies and institutions have contributed with their availability and expertise", recalled Angelantonio Molfetta of Mahindra Europe, during the delivery of the vehicle to the Head of the Municipal Police. "Mahindra has a long tradition as a manufacturer of strong and reliable off-road vehicles. Our Goa 4x4 seemed the ideal solution for professionals who are called to intervene promptly in inaccessible locations".

This is the case of Mahindra pick-ups and off-road vehicles that in recent months have found an increasing application in institutions and organizations engaged in public utility activities. Let's consider, for example, the Double Cab Goa pick-ups used by the forest anti-fire AIB association of Invorio (Novara) and the Single Cab Goa pick-ups for the anti-fire service in the Pollino National Park.

"Those who, like us, work daily in a particularly "spread " city as it is L'Aquila now and over a wide and different territory like that of L'Aquila require very versatile and reliable vehicles as Mahindra Goa", said Eugenio Vendrame of the Municipal Police of L'Aquila. "I therefore want to thank Mahindra and their Italian dealer network personally and on behalf of the Police and the municipal administration for the precious contribution offered to our work".