



# Minor mogul invades East

**GARAGE** owner Charlie Ware has found a new market for his Morris Minors — in the Far East.

Charlie, pictured left at the wheel of a Morris Traveller, is planning to open a Morris Minor factory in Sri Lanka.

The one-time family favourite, enjoying a cult revival in Britain, has always been popular on the tea-growing island.

Around 40,000 were imported in the 1950s, and many are still on the road. Even the island's black taxis are Morris Minors.

Charlie, who runs the Morris Minor Centre in

Bath, Avon, said: 'Old British cars are the only thing suitable for their roads.'

'They are also 30 per cent cheaper than modern cars and much more durable.'

He is negotiating with the Sri Lankan authorities to open the factory in Galle, in the south of the island, by Christmas. It will create 2,000 jobs.

'A Morris Minor factory would be very suitable for a developing country because there is no high technology involved,' he said.

Eventually he hopes to import the cars to Britain — including a £10,000 luxury five-speed model capable of 100 mph.

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