



Country steps up measures to fight flu

to install temperature scanners

It also plans to increase supplies of medication and face masks, and accelerate the licensing of new drugs

At airports are thermal body temperature scanners for incoming passengers with fevers, as official measures to fight global outbreaks

Following the lead of Singapore, Thailand,

"We have the files of more than one local manufacturer," the official said. "Because of the current situation we are fast-tracking the application, but this does not mean they will be accepted."

"We consider if they have fulfilled the requirements. We want the patients to take the right medicine no matter what."

Dr B R Shetty, chief executive of

Show-stopper



Powerful machines were on display at the Big Boys Toys Super Show in the capital yesterday, including this 12.5-metre powerboat featuring six airline-style seats, a flat-screen television, two 750bhp engines and a US\$750,000 (Dh2.02 million) price tag. Report, page a9. Stephen Lock / The National