

## **INTO A NEW ERA ...**

**IT WAS** a double first for Penang yesterday ... Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad became the first national leader to cross the new \$800 million Penang Bridge. And he made the historic drive in a bright red Proton Saga, the first of Malaysia's very own car to appear on Penang roads.

The bridge is the third longest in the world and the longest in South-East Asia. Spanning 13.5km between Penang

island and the Province Wellesley mainland, it took 39 months to build.

It is scheduled to be opened by the Yang di-Pertua Negri, Tun Dr Haji Awang Hassan, on Sept 15.