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DR MAHATHIR UNVEILS FIRST MALAYSIAN SPORTS CAR

LANGKAWI, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the prime mover behind the development of the nation's automotive industry, today unveiled Malaysia's first indigenously-developed sports car -- the Delfino IQ 140 -- at the Langkawi International Motor Show (Limos '96), here.

The sleek and graceful Delfino, which is privately-owned and financed by Arni (M) Sdn Bhd, is reputed to deliver superb handling and is powered by an Italian engine.

The Delfino IQ 140, which only weighs 750 kg, delivers close to 140bhp, as the name suggests, and has a top speed of 200kph.

Its acceleration is 0-60mph in 6.5 seconds.

Besides the Delfino (Italian for dolphin), the Prime Minister also unveiled the Mercedes Benz SLK model at the Mercedes Benz pavillion and the Rover 200 and Moto Guzzi bike at the Malay Vehicle Importers and Traders Association of malaysia (Pekema) pavillion before launching the Hummer 4x4 wheel jeep and the new Porsche Boxter. -- BERNAMA

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