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MAHATHIR LAUNCHES NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE

GURUN, Oct 3 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad opened the Motosikal dan Enjin Nasional Berhad (Modenas) plant here this morning and launched the 110cc national motorcycle which he named "Kriss".

The motorcycles will be on sale from next month.

Modenas is a joint venture between DRB-Hicom (55 per cent), Khazanah Nasional (15 per cent), Kawasaki Heavy Industries (19 per cent) and Nissho Iwai Corporation (11 per cent).

Initially, Modenas will produce four-stroke motorcycles in two models, one with an electric starter and the other with kick-start.

The motorcycles will roll off the assembly line in three colours -- red, blue and green.

Some 10,000 people including Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid, International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz and Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik were present to witness the ceremony. -- BERNAMA

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