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Limos '96-Centre

MAKE MALAYSIA A CENTRE OF MOTOR INDUSTRY IN ASIA PACIFIC

LANGKAWI, Nov 30 (Bernama) -- The latest happenings in the nation's motor industry, such as the acquisition of Lotus by DRB-Hicom and the Formula 1 race coming to Malaysia in 1999, indicate the country's seriousness to promote the motor industry, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

In his message in the souvenir programme of the Langkawi International Motor Show (Limos 96) here the prime minister said the government had always encouraged the growth of the motor industry and would do anything to ensure technology transfer in the advancement of the industry.

"We would also like Malaysia to be the centre for international car manufacturers to showcase their latest design and technology in the Asia Pacific region," he said.

Dr Mahathir hoped that Limos would be included in the calendar of motor shows that are being staged internationally.

Meanwhile, Datuk Mohamed Radzi Manan, executive chairman of Le Proton Exhibition Services, the show organiser, said Limos '96 was a sign of private sector support of the government's effort to develop the nation's automobile industry.

"We hope Limos '96 is not only an occasion where cars are traded, but would also like to see cooperation, joint ventures and technology transfer taking place between foreign and local manufacturers," he said.

The show at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre will be officially opened by Dr Mahathir tomorrow.-- BERNAMA

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