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MALAYSIA GIVES PROTON WIRA TO CAMBODIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 6 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian government today presented a Proton Wira grand limousine to Cambodia's King Norodom Sihanouk as a gesture of friendship.

Malaysia's Ambassador to Cambodia, Encik Deva Mohd Ridzam, handed over the national car to the King in a ceremony at the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh.

The King said he "is deeply touched and privileged to receive an elegant and luxurious gift", according to a statement from the Malaysian Embassy in Cambodia.

He said he would always cherish "the fraternal friendship" with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who had always stood by Cambodia, it said.

In his speech, Deva said the limousine was to commemorate the historic state visit of the Cambodian King to Malaysia last year. -- Bernama