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PERODUA PRODUCING ITS OWN 660 CC, 850 CC ENGINES

KUALA LUMPUR, March 6 (Bernama) -- Perusahaan Otomobil Kedua Sdn Bhd (Perodua) is now building its own 660 cc and 850 cc engines for the kancil and the Rusa - a multi-utility vehicle launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight.

Perodua Chairman Raja Tun Mohar Raja Badiozaman, said this was one of the conditions laid down by the Prime Minister when the government approved the production of the national van, Perodua Rusa.

Speaking at the launching of the Rusa, he said its design was more attractive than the one submitted by Daihatsu of Japan, Perodua's technical partner.

All three versions of the multi-utility vehicles were launched by Dr Mahathir at a ceremony at the Dewan Merdeka of Putra World Trade Centre where there was also a laser display.

Raja Mohar said the several improvements proposed by the Prime Minister himself had been acknowledged by Daihatsu as having improved and beautified the design and look of the three models.

He also said Perodua received 3,000 bookings for the multi-utility vehicle until late this evening.

Eighty per cent of the bookings were for the Deluxe seven seat model, Tun Mohar said and expressed confidence that the demand for all three models would rise.

He said the seven seater was priced at RM39,000, five seat standard at RM34,343 and the closed version model at RM30,500.

He said Perodua Rusa had several unique features and was powered by a 1,300 cc engine and had aerodynamic style. -- BERNAMA

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