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Dr M to visit Poem assembly plant

PRIME MINISTER Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will visit the Perusahaan Otomobil Elektrik Malaysia assembly plant in Puchong where the country's first electric car is being assembled today.

Tenaga Nasional Berhad executive chairman Datuk Dr Ahmad Tajuddin Ali said the name of the electric car would also be announced at the Poem plant located at the Universiti Tenaga Nasional campus.

"A few other electric car models which are not being manufactured will also be on display today," he told reporters after launching Tenaga Nasional's Family Day at its sports complex here.

Tajuddin added that Poem would also send 10 electric cars for use and exhibition at the Langkawi Maritime and Aerospace exhibition after the launch.

"All other details will be announced later," he said when asked for more information.

Poem, a joint venture company with Tenaga Nasional as its majority shareholder, uses the technology of Frazer-Nash, a UK-based firm.

Dr Mahathir had tried out the vehicles during his visit to Frazer-Nash's research and development centre in Britain on June 5.

Earlier, Ahmad Tajuddin said he was pleased with the turnout of staff and their families at the Family Day gathering.

The event was attended by more than 5,000 people, most of whom participated in the various events.

They included a fishing competition, telematch, drawing and painting competition, karaoke competition, lucky draws and hot-air balloon rides.

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