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Enjoy a ride on motorised bicycles on our roads soon

WOULDN'T it be nice to have a motorised bicycle to help negotiate that steep slope? It saves you from overstretching the leg muscles.

Meet the Eco-power bicycle, which is soon to be manufactured in Serdang, Selangor, by TWM Enterprise Sdn Bhd.

Transferring technology from China, the bicycle uses nickel cadmium (NiCad) rechargeable batteries which can provide power up to a maximum range of 25km at the twist of the grab handle on the bar.

Alternatively, you could still pedal and use the battery when you are tired.

TWM chairman Johan Ariffin said at present, the company would be assembling the bicycle at its RM2 million plant.

"Manufacturing will start next month and we hope to incorporate new designs to improvise the bicycle as well to use up to 70 per cent local content."

He said this at Tanjung Malai, venue for the Maritime Division of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace exhibition where the bicycle was introduced.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad took a spin on the bicycle on Saturday.

Charging the battery takes five hours and Johan guaranteed that it would not cause the owner's electricity bill to leap. He also said his company was looking for distributors to market the bicycle.

Meanwhile, Mohd Shauki Hassan, one of the bicycle's distributors, said the machine was ideal for use in resorts.

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