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PM TO UNVEIL THE TVR CHIMAERA

KUALA LUMPUR, April 23 (Bernama) -- The TVR Chimaera, the first locally- produced, handcrafted, high performance sports car, will be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Saturday.

Production of the two-seater by TVR Sports (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd began in January 1996 at its RM20 million factory in Klang, Selangor, said the company in a statement today.

TVR Sports was appointed by TVR Engineering Ltd of the United Kingdom in 1995 as the first overseas manufacturer to locally produce the TVR sports car and market it to the Asia Pacific region.

TVR Engineering, established in 1947, is the UK's largest independent car maker.

At present, TVR Sports produces 10 cars per month and plans to increase the number to 20 units a month by the end of the year.

TVR Chimaera, built with a lightweight but strong composite body mounted on a rigid tubular spaceframe chassis, is the best selling sports car in the UK.

With its high performance and exclusivity, the Chimaera finds its niche market among sports car enthusiasts. -- BERNAMA

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