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PROTON PERDANA CARS FOR FAUZI AND OTHMAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- Deputy Minister Datuk Fauzi Abdul Rahman and Parliamentary Secretary Datuk Othman Abdul have become the first two senior members of the administration in the Prime Minister's Department to use the Proton car for their official use.

They received the keys to their cars from the department's Administration and Finance Division Secretary Houd Sirat in a simple ceremony here today witnessed by the Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali.

Fauzi was given a "light kiwi" Proton Perdana Executive and Othman a "jade green" standard model of the same car.

Speaking to reporters, Fauzi and Othman said they were happy with their cars and for being the first to respond to the Treasury Circular on the provision of official cars.

"In fact, we were the ones to submit the proposal to use the cars to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Aug 22 and he agreed to it," Fauzi said.

Fauzi, who was formerly Land and Cooperative Development Ministry Parliamentary Secretary, and Othman, the member of parliament for Pendang, were appointed to their respective posts on Aug 16.

"This car (Proton Perdana) comes with 70 to 80 per cent local components and costs half as much as imported cars," Fauzi said.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik was earlier reported as saying that he too wanted to replace his Mercedes Benz official car with a Proton Perdana to help the government cut costs.

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