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Sapura unveils its latest transceiver

SAPURA Thomson Radiocommunications Sdn Bhd unveiled yesterday its latest hand-held VHF/FM transceiver, TRC-5100, at the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (Lima) exhibition.

The product, aimed at the defence industry, was officially launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Sapura Holdings Sdn Bhd senior vice-president (research and development) Shahrulzaman Hassan said TRC-5100 was developed in Malaysia as a Malaysian-French collaboration.

"The new lightweight, fullband (33-88Mhz) transceiver is secured for tactical use by the military and paramilitary forces," he told a news conference after the launch.

The TRC-5100 comes with built-in digital ciphering for voice and data.

It is designed for either analogue or digital capability and is easy to operate with user friendly features, including being hands-free.

Shahrulzaman said it is expected to take six months to a year before the first TRC-5100 rolls out in the market, both local and international.

"We expect to export 66 per cent of what we manufacture then," he said, adding that the company will manufacture some 15,000 units over the next five years.

Sapura Thomson Radiocommunications is a 50-50 partnership between Sapura Holdings Sdn Bhd and Thomson-CSF Communications of France.

It was established to develop local capability to design and develop, manufacture and maintain tactical radio for the armed forces.

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