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Second Malaysian-made van on sale in October

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Inokom-Permas, the second Malaysian-made van manufactured by Industri Otomotif Komersial Malaysia, or Inokom, using the Renault technology from France, will hit the market in October.

Inokom director Tengku Datuk Adnan Tengku Mansor said today the 2.2 litre van was expected to be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at its plant in Kulim on Sept 18. The selling price has not been ascertained.

Seventy per cent of the van uses local content while the petrol engine would later be converted for diesel use. The van is targeted at petty traders and shopowners.

Inokom also plans to produce trucks using the Hyundai technology by the middle of next year, Tengku Adnan today after accompanying Dr Mahathir on an inspection of seven variants of the van, now being exhibited at the Bukit Kiara Equestrian and Country Club.

Inokom's shareholders include Berjaya Group Bhd (35 per cent), Pesumal (M) Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Koperasi Polis Diraja Malaysia's subsidiary (30 per cent) and Hyumal Motor Sdn Bhd (five per cent). The remaining 30 per cent is equally shared by Regie Nationale Des Usines Renault SA and Hyundai Motor Co.

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