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Dr Mahathir goes on test drives at Frazer-Nash

AFTER attending the second Asia-Europe Meeting summit here on Saturday, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad visited Frazer-Nash, a company that has been providing innovative solutions to engineering problems since the 1920s.

Its chairman Kamal Saddigi received the Prime Minister at the company located at Maytchett in Camberley Surrey, about 50km from London.

The company has a team of designers and engineers with specific skills in electronics and silicon chip design, mechanical systems, composite materials and structures and vehicles dynamics.

Frazer-Nash has developed a range of products some of which are already in production.

The Proton Pesona, one of the vehicles test-driven by Dr Mahathir, was fitted with computer-controlled equipment, including an "Auto-Key".

Developed in 1990, the key uses infra-red transmission to communicate with the lock mechanism and provides a high level of security due to the fact that the unlocking code is changed each time the key is used.

Kamal also showed Dr Mahathir an Adhan Computer which calls the Azan five times a day at the correct time anywhere in the world.

An in-built electronic compass also indicates the kiblat, the direction towards Mecca where a worshipper faces when praying.

The Adhan is now in use in over 100 countries.

After the guided tour and test drives, an impressed Dr Mahathir left for Kuala Lumpur.

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