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PERODUA'S SUCCESS SHOWS M'SIANS ARE FAST LEARNERS, SAYS DR M

RAWANG, Aug 4 (Bernama) -- The success of Perusahaan Otomobil Kedua Sdn Bhd (Perodua) to produce 500,000 vehicles and introduce five car models in seven years is proof of Malaysians' ability to learn fast, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said the second national car producer had increased its capacity to manufacture quality cars since its first model rolled out of the assembly line seven years ago.

"This showed we have the ability to learn in a short time," he said after launching Perodua's latest model "Kelisa" at the company's manufacturing plant in Sungai Choh here.

Dr Mahathir expressed satisfaction over Perodua's ability to use latest technology in car manufacturing, including Research and Development (R&D) and design.

"I've not come here for a long time since 1995. I find this plant is now quite big, its production capacity has increased over the years, including in R and D and design," he said.

On "Kelisa" to be officially launched on Aug 24, Dr Mahathir said its design was attractive and was confident it would receive good response from the people.

Perodua Managing Director Datuk Abdul Rahman Omar said the four-door model using 1000cc twin-cam engine would be sold between RM36,000 and RM39,000.

He said bookings can be made from Monday.

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