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Mahathir-Kelisa

PM LAUNCHES PERODUA'S "KELISA"

RAWANG, Aug 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today witnessed the roll-off of the 500,000th vehicle produced by Perusahaan Otomobil Kedua Sdn Bhd (Perodua) at its plant in Sungai Choh here.

The 500,000th vehicle is the first unit of Perodua's latest model, the "Kelisa".

At the function, Dr Mahathir conducted the final inspection including signing the seal for the launching of the "Kelisa". The official launching of the model is scheduled for Aug 24.

Following the inspection of the vehicle, Dr Mahathir indicated his satisfaction to the workers of the plant.

Since it began operations seven years ago, Perodua has launched four models -- Kancil, Rusa, Kembara and Kenari.

The prime minister also launched Perodua Engine Manufacturing Sdn Bhd's second cylinder head machining line.

The new machining line is capable of producing an additional 70,000 units of cylinder head compared to the present capacity of 60,000 units.

The two machining lines are expected to increase the production capacity to 130,000 units annually.

The new line will produce cylinder head for Perodua's 660 cc, 850 cc and 1,000 cc models. It functions as back up for the existing machining line.

The existing machining line is semi-automatic and needs four workers to insert machine equipment, change equipment and inspect the machine.

The new machining line is fully automatic and requires three workers to handle it.

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