

# Give local inventors a chance: PM

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PUTRAJAYA: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi wants Malaysians to give local inventors a chance by using their products and provide valuable feedback that will go a long way in improving the quality of their inventions.

The prime minister felt Malaysians are quite sceptical when it comes to utilising made-in-Malaysia products but would embrace imported items without a tinge of doubt over their quality.

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"Let's change our attitude and be ready to recognise the ability of our own inventors and their products," he said when launching Iris Corporation Berhad's oxy-hydrogen mobile incinerator yesterday. -

Abdullah drove home the point that if Malaysians themselves refuse to use locally-made goods, then the inventors might feel disheartened that their work is not being recognised.

But if their inventions are noticed, he said, this would encourage them to do more research and development (R&D) with the hope that they could come up with improved products in all aspects.

The prime minister also took the opportunity to remind the R&D

fraternity not to conduct their work in a slipshod manner.

This, he said, was important so that their inventions are useful to people.

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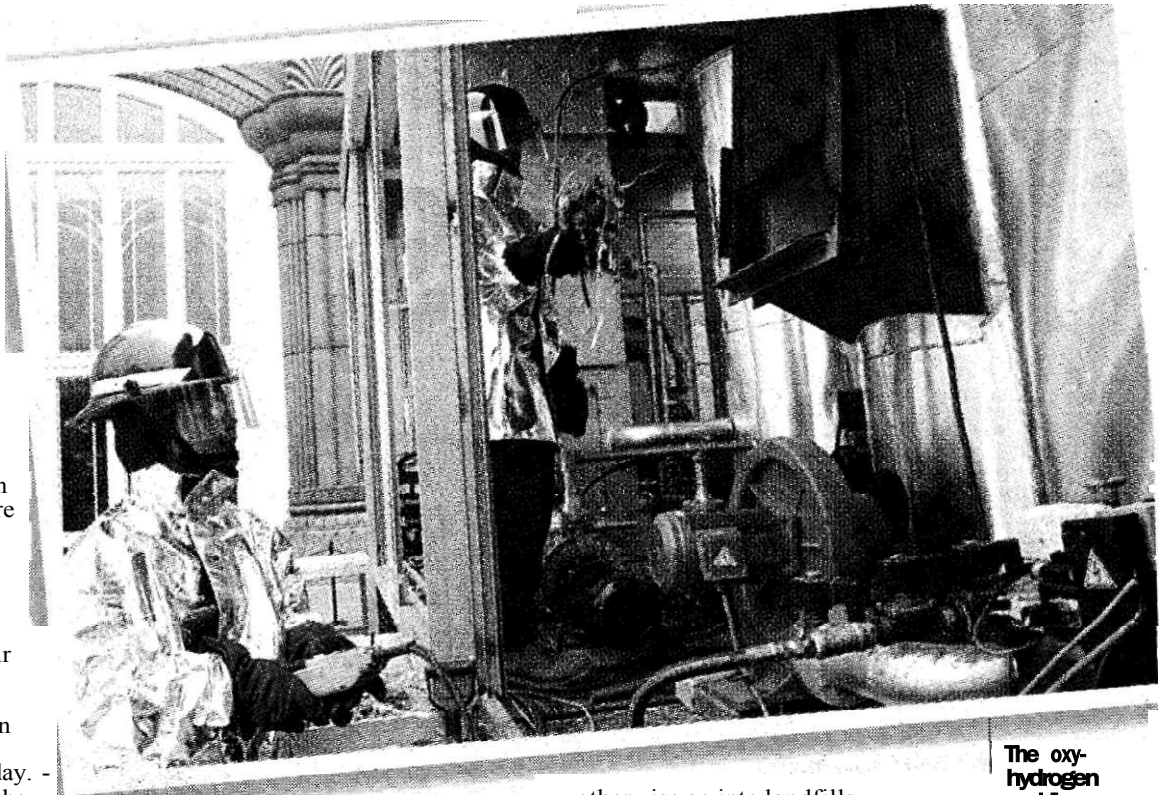
Its manufacturer claims the machine reduces the volume of waste by as much as 90%, a significant reduction that would

otherwise go into landfills.

In incinerating waste products, the incinerator is touted not to emit foul odours or discharge harmful gases into the air.

Two versions of the incinerator will be manufactured by Iris Corporation through its subsidiary Mega Silicon Sdn Bhd.

They are the mobile incinerator on wheels capable of handling two tonnes of waste per day while the made-to-order version is capable of incinerating between 20 to 50 tonnes of waste per day. - Bernama



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