

# Anwar: AHTV will transform Tanjung Malim into NEV hub

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The unity government's support of the Automotive High Tech Valley (AHTV) will serve as an example to investors of Malaysia's approach in facilitating investment promptly and efficiently, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He yesterday said the AHTV was a mega project in Tanjung Malim involving an investment of RM32 billion and spearheaded by Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Co Ltd with DRB-Hicom Bhd.

"Today, I visited Proton City in Tanjung Malim, Perak, to chair a meeting on AHTV with Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Saarani Mohamad; Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz; and Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Chang Lih Kang.

"(The project) will transform Tanjung Malim into a global automotive hub for new energy vehicles (NEV) while expanding to include talent development, research and development, and urbanisation," he said on Facebook.

After the meeting, he said he witnessed the signing of a main collaboration agreement between DRB-Hicom and Geely, as a commitment from both parties to make the project a success.

He also said he witnessed the signing of a main policy agreement between Altel and Geely strategic investment company Geespace Technology.

This agreement would focus on the development and implementation of high-technology systems.

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Thai prime minister

that Geely would invest US\$10 billion to turn Tanjung Malim into the region's largest automotive city.

The AHTV is expected to attract investments locally and overseas, which would propel it to become an international automotive hub for NEV.

Meanwhile, Thai Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin said he was looking forward to Proton and Geely's joint venture for an electric vehicle (EV) factory in Thailand.

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He said this with Anwar after the two had met.