

**National Automotive Policy Shifts To Fuel-efficient Vehicle Production – Mukhriz
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 10 (Bernama) -- The National Automotive Policy has shifted to production of fuel-efficient vehicles to transform Malaysia into a hub that produces fuel-economy vehicles for the Asean region by 2020, a deputy minister told the Dewan Negara Tuesday.

Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry Datuk Mukhriz Tun Dr Mahathir said that to effectively implement the crucial policy, the ministry has drawn up workable strategies such as offering incentives for vehicle production with high added value.

"This is to bolster Malaysia's status as the hub for manufacturing energy-efficient vehicles for domestic use and export," he said.

Recent media reports had quoted Indonesia had overtaken Malaysia as the vehicle production hub in Asean, manufacturing 650,000 vehicles last year vis-a-vis Malaysia's 605,000, while Thailand produced 1.64 million vehicles.

In efforts to realise Malaysia's aspirations to emerge as an energy-efficient vehicle maker, the government would venture into new automotive technologies and engineering, work on market expansion, human capital development, develop parts and components supply network, spare parts and vehicle safety.

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