

Malaysia Cannot Be Relying On Imported Auto Technology Forever, Says Dr Mahathir
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SEPANG, Oct 7 (Bernama)-- Local car manufacturers cannot expect to depend on import of foreign auto engineering technology forever, said former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir.

On the other hand, he said the country needed to invent new technology in the automobile industry especially in green technology engineering and electric-powered engines which were currently the main focus of manufacturers and producers of cars in the world.

He said the move apart from weaning itself from continued dependence on foreign technology, home grown technology could also contribute to the economy of the country.

"Most of our work is only in assembling or putting together products made by other people and we also use technology which come from outside.

"The time has come for us to seriously think about new technology and work towards utilising such technology so that we could have 'intellectual property' to boost the country's economy," he told reporters after presenting prizes of the Proton Green Mobility Challenge 2012 (PGMC) here Sunday.

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