

## **Dr M: Third National Car Project Needed To Drive Malaysia's Engineering Capabilities**

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**The Government is reviewing the national automotive policy, which may include imposing conditions on the import of foreign vehicles.**

(The Star) – Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said on Monday (July 30) that while the Government agrees with the practise of free trade, other countries worldwide impose conditions for their own markets.

He cited the example of European emission standards, which defines acceptable limits for exhaust emissions of new vehicles.

“But here, any cars produced, even those made out of Milo tins can enter the Malaysian market, so it is very open.

“As such we are looking into imposing certain conditions to disallow cars from (arbitrarily) entering local markets.

This will allow brands like Proton to capture the local market, said Dr Mahathir, answering a question from Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong who asked for elaboration on the Government’s plan on a third national car project.

Dr Mahathir said the national automotive policy would also be reviewed to ensure that local national car manufacturers like Proton and Perodua remain competitive.

He also said that the automotive industry is vital for a country’s growth and that a new national car project would help boost Malaysia’s engineering capabilities.

In June, Dr Mahathir said Malaysia should have a third national car, a suggestion which was met with some criticism from both politicians and the rakyat.

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