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DR MAHATHIR LAUNCHES "ELEKSURIA", COUNTRY'S FIRST ELECTRIC VEHICLE

BANGI, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- The first Malaysian-made electric vehicle, named "Eleksuria", was today launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The Eleksuria buggy was created by Perusahaan Otomobil Elektrik (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd (POEM) founded by Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), the country's privatised power utility concern.

The launch, held at the Tenaga Nasional University here, was also attended by Energy, Telecommunications and Posts Minister Datuk Leo Moggie and Tenaga Nasional executive chairman Datuk Dr Ahmad Tajuddin Ali.

Ahmad Tajuddin had said yesterday that the first batch of 10 units of the Eleksuria was built in only six months.

The local content was more than 50 per cent.

Units of the first batch would be displayed at the 1997 Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (Lima '97) starting there tomorrow.

Today's official launch of the Eleksuria also marked mass production of 500 units of the POEM buggies initially. -- BERNAMA

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