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Daihatsu to Strengthen Manufacturing Base in Malaysia

Daihatsu Motor Co., Ltd. (“Daihatsu”) announced today that it will build a new vehicle manufacturing plant in Malaysia, through the local holding company (“Perodua”) in which it has a stake, and operate such plant by a new company to be established. As the Malaysian government is working to develop a global competitive automotive industry in preparation for future market liberalization, Perodua and Daihatsu plan to manufacture fuel-efficient, affordable compact cars at the new plant, which will act as a model for manufacturing high-quality motor vehicles at low cost.

In anticipation of intensifying global competition in the future, Daihatsu is working on structural transformation of local operations in Malaysia, which it has determined to be a key base for its overseas business. The new company will move forward with building a new plant and strengthen a local procurement infrastructure along with transforming existing plants, in an effort to enhance its global competitiveness.

[Outline of the new company and the plant construction]

Company name	(Not yet determined)
Founded	March 2013 (planned)
Location	3rd Floor, The Corporate, No. 10, Jalan Utas (15/7), Batu Tiga Industrial Estate, 40200 Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia
Business activities	Automobile manufacturing
Capital	200 million Malaysian ringgit (approx. ¥5 billion)
Investment ratio	PERODUA AUTO CORPORATION SDN. BHD.: 51%*1 PERUSAHAAN OTOMOBIL KEDUA SDN. BHD.: 49%*2
Representative	To be determined
Number of employees	Approx. 1,200 (at the time of establishment)
Plant location	On the premises of Perodua’s vehicle production plant, Rawang, Selangor, Malaysia
Plant area	65,000 sq m
Production capacity	100,000 units per year (as of the time of establishment)
Established	Mid-2014 (planned)

Amount of capital investment	790 million Malaysian ringgit (for buildings and equipment) Approx. ¥20 billion
Functions	Welding, painting, and assembly

*1: A holding company in which Perusahaan Otomobil Kedua Sdn. Bhd. has a 49% stake, Daihatsu has a 41% stake, and Mitsui & Co., Ltd. and others have a 10% stake

*2: A holding company in which Malaysia's local investment firms and other entities have a 73% stake, Daihatsu has a 20% stake, and Mitsui & Co., Ltd. and others have a 7% stake