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Daihatsu Establishes an Automatic Transmission Manufacturing Company in Malaysia

Daihatsu Motor Co, Ltd. ("Daihatsu") announced today that it has established Akashi-Kikai Malaysia for the manufacture of automatic transmission (AT) as a joint venture with Akashi-Kikai Industry Co., Ltd. ("Akashi-Kikai", location: Kako-gun, Hyogo Prefecture, President: Noriyoshi Matsushita), and Perodua, a local subsidiary of Daihatsu, as of February 17, 2012.

The construction of a manufacturing plant of the new company will commence in March, with operations slated to commence in November 2013.

While the ratio of automobiles with AT is high in the Malaysian market, to date no automaker has manufactured ATs itself locally.

Akashi-Kikai domestically manufactures drive-line units, including continuously variable transmissions for Daihatsu. By operating the joint venture, the company aims at establishing base technologies in Malaysia for the manufacture of ATs that combine both high quality and low cost.

In anticipation of intensifying international competition, Daihatsu will increase its domestic procurement rate in Malaysia, one of its overseas business strongholds, aiming to increase its cost competitiveness.

[Outline of Akashi-Kikai Malaysia]

Established	February 17, 2012
Location	Sendayan Industrial Park, Seremban, Negeri Sembilan State
Business activities	Manufacture and sale of electronically controlled AT assemblies (Commencement of operation: November 2013 (plan))
Capital	100,000,000 Malaysian ringgit (approximately 2.6 billion yen)
Investment ratio	Akashi-Kikai: 51%, Daihatsu: 39%, Perodua: 10%
Representative	President: Hideki Nomura (Vice President of Akashi-Kikai Industry Co., Ltd.)
Number of employees	Approximately 120
Land area	113,000 square meters
Plant area	13,000 square meters
Production capacity	150,000 units per year