

TRANSITION TOWARDS GREEN MOBILITY

Melaka enters EV supply chain with MG S5 local assembly

EP Manufacturing Bhd is gearing up to assemble 120 to 180 units of MG Motors' S5 electric vehicles (EVs) per month for the Malaysian market this year, translating to an expected 1,500-2,000 units by year end.

"Today's launch not only introduces a new EV but also marks Melaka's entry into the regional electric mobility supply chain, highlighting the state's growing role in the country's transition towards green mobility," Melaka chief minister Datuk Seri Ab Rauf Yusoh reportedly said.

Speaking at the launch at HICOM Pegoh in Melaka on Tuesday, Ab Rauf said the assembly project demonstrated Melaka's capacity to support EV production with a skilled workforce and advanced technology.

Present at the event were EP Manufacturing executive chairman Hamidon Abdullah, SAIC Motor Ma-

laysia Sdn Bhd managing director Emory Qi and chief operating officer Hoffen Teh.

"This shows that Melaka can become an EV production hub and contribute to the development of the nation's green technology.

"The state offers ample space for investors to establish a base for vehicle distribution nationwide," he said, as quoted by Bernama.

Meanwhile, Qi highlighted the strategic significance of domestic assembly for MG.

"The completely knocked-down assembly of the MG S5 EV represents a major milestone for MG in Malaysia and reflects our long-term commitment to localisation and strengthening Malaysia's role in the regional EV ecosystem.

"With local assembly, we are able to bring our vehicles closer to Malaysian customers while supporting



local vendors and contributing to the broader EV ecosystem," Qi said, underscoring how Melaka's EV push fits into Malaysia's wider green mo-

bility ambitions.

The initiative positions Melaka as a potential hub for EV production and distribution, aligning with

national goals to expand electric mobility, strengthen the automotive supply chain and drive investment into green technology.

Melaka chief minister Datuk Seri Ab Rauf Yusoh (fourth from left) with EP Manufacturing executive chairman Hamidon Abdullah (fourth from right), SAIC Motor Malaysia Sdn Bhd managing director Emory Qi (third from right) and chief operating officer Hoffen Teh (second from right) at the launch of the first domestically assembled MG S5 EV in Alor Gajah, Melaka, on Tuesday. BERNAMA PIC