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### **UniMAP – MODENAS ESTABLISH MOU**

Pauh Putra, March 15 - Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) is committed to help ensure the success of the National Automotive Policy (NAP), which aims to generate sustainable economic value to the country.

In an effort of making the aim a reality, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by UniMAP and Syarikat Motosikal dan Enjin Nasional Sdn. Bhd (National Motorcycle and Engine Company), or known as MODENAS.

UniMAP's Vice Chancellor, Dato' Prof. Dr. Zul Azhar Zahid Jamal said that Motorsports Technology Unit (MOTECH), which the unit has international expertise and standard in the field of automotive research; will commit in helping the country's automotive industry.

“The basis of establishing MOTECH is to uphold studies and researches in the field of motorsport and automotive, through the development of innovative ideas with industry collaboration towards Energy Efficient Vehicle technology. Also it is an initiative in producing outstanding automotive graduates” he said.

He was speaking at the MOU Signing Ceremony between UniMAP and MODENAS Research Centre and also a ceremony to hand over a Proton Suprima S. The ceremonies was held at UniMAP Circuit, in Perlis yesterday.

Also present during the ceremony is Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Malaysia (MOSTI), Datuk Wira Dr. Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah; Head of Directors of Higher Education Ministry Malaysia, Datin Paduka Ir. Dr. Siti Hamisah Tapsir; Chairperson of the UniMAP Board of Directors, Datuk Prof. Emeritus Ir. Dr. Zainai Mohamed; Chief Executive Officer of MODENAS, Amiruddin Abdul Kadir dan Chief Executive Officer of Proton Edar Sdn. Bhd. Abdul Rashid Musa.

According to Zul Azhar, this is one of UniMAP's contribution to the country's automotive industry and it is hoped that it will make Malaysia a regional automotive hub in Energy Efficient Vehicles (EEV).

“UniMAP and MODENAS have worked together for already 4 years and I strongly hope that this new collaboration will help to facilitate the technology between both sides. I believed that this will also help escalate branding and reputation of UniMAP and MODENAS.

“Personally, I feel that with 4 years of experience together, there is greater opportunity in strengthening the partnership and collaboration. Thus this will increase the quality of students as well as being relevant with the current needs,” he added.

During the ceremony, UniMAP received one Proton Suprima S from Proton for Automotive and Motorsports Club UniMAP. The contribution is a part of social responsibility of both parties aim to educate UniMAP students and staff as well the public in driving ethically.