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**IMI Eyes Partner To Develop International Version Of Latest Qualifications**

KUALA LUMPUR, July 27 (Bernama) -- UK-based Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) is looking to partner with the Malaysian government to help develop an international version of one of its latest qualifications, the L4 Award in the Diagnosis, Testing and Repair of Electric, or Hybrid Vehicles and Components (QCF).

In a statement Monday, its Senior Manager of IMI South-East Asia, Matthew Stuart, said Malaysia was seen as being ahead of others in this region in the area of electric vehicle adoption.

"With its conducive policies and a growing awareness of electric vehicles, Malaysia has a strong potential to become the main regional training hub for electric vehicles," he said.

He said the institute hoped to help make this happen via partnerships with various organisations here and an international version of the L4 qualification would definitely help advance this goal.

The qualification would enable technicians here to safely carry out repairs on the live high voltage electrical components and systems of electric or hybrid vehicles, he said.

"Currently, there are about 45 technicians in Malaysia who have been trained to maintain and repair electric and hybrid vehicles, and many more will be required over the next five years.

"By advancing their training to the L4 award, they will be among the very first in the region to have this advanced level qualification to work on live electric or hybrid vehicles thus putting them in a unique position as their skills and expertise are likely to be highly sought after," he said.

The IMI is a long time contributor to improving the training standards for the workforce in Malaysia's car sector. -- BERNAMA

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