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KUALA LUMPUR: The British-based Institute of Motor Industry (IMI) will continue to collaborate with Malaysia to address the automotive skills gap, especially in the energy efficient vehicles market (EEV).

IMI noted that the automotive industry is demanding that technicians and service personnel acquire new skills and knowledge in line with global standards and the requirements of the emerging technologies, particularly hybrid, EEV and driver-less cars trends.

Head of business development Steve Scofield said IMI would continue to invest in the Malaysian automotive sector.

This, he added, would be by promoting professional skills and development of the population in both technical and non-technical disciplines, to produce an empowered workforce that is internationally recognised.

"With Malaysia's rapid economic development, we see a strong potential for growth for the automotive sector here, especially in the after-sales segment as purchasers need to ensure their cars are well maintained," he said in a statement.

Scofield was in Kuala Lumpur recently to meet with education ministry officials and key automotive organisations, to discuss how vocational training and accreditation can boost Malaysia's automotive industry.

IMI had signed a Memorandum of Understanding last year with the ministry to provide training support to enhance the skills of 1,000 automotive training candidates by end-2014, particularly focusing on electric and hybrid vehicles.

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