



Electric vehicle tech development initiative to be implemented, says Adham

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Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Dr Adham Baba says the Campus for Local Electric Vehicle Expeditious Roll-out initiative will support the National Automotive Policy 2020 in preparing around 5,000 charging stations to strengthen electric vehicle support infrastructure. — The Malaysian Insight file pic, July 1, 2022.

THE Campus for Local Electric Vehicle Expeditious Roll-out programme that will be implemented at selected universities will boost the development and spur the use of local electric vehicle (EV) technology.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Dr Adham Baba said the programme under NanoMalaysia Bhd (NMB) is capable of becoming a platform or sandbox of innovation to enable start-ups and innovators to conduct real-time testing related to EV technology in a controlled environment.

He said the initiative will launch at EduCity Iskandar in Iskandar Puteri, Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and Universiti Tenaga Nasional.

“The involvement of NMB is significant in creating an ecosystem conducive to encouraging local talent to develop excellent technology and market their achievements,” he said during his speech at the programme launch at EduCity Sports Complex today, which was also attended by NMB chief executive officer Rezal Khairi Ahmad.

He said the launch is in line with his ministry’s goal to boost development and use of local EV technology to support the National Automotive Policy 2020 in preparing around 5,000 EV charging stations to strengthen EV support infrastructure.

Rezal said not only will the programme spur the use of EV technology in campus areas, but it is also capable of tackling issues like affordability, skill of local talent and technical support, the lack of infrastructure and range anxiety through best practices.

“The programme will provide smart solutions for Malaysia to achieve technology sovereignty and commercial equity in the EV sector, at both local and regional levels,” he said.

He added that NMB is committed to transform Malaysia into an EV component exporter through various initiatives, including the launch of the programme. – Bernama, July 1, 2022.