

## All industry players say in second review of car policy

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The second review of the National Automotive Policy (NAP) will be more comprehensive, with input from industry stakeholders who were previously not consulted.

"We have compiled feedback from associations previously not involved such as the Malaysian Automotive Recyclers Association (MAARA) and Federation of Automobile Workshop Owners Association of Malaysia. "This is to ensure that all stakeholders have a say in the matter," Malaysia Automotive Institute (MAI) chief executive officer M. Madani Sahari told Business Times yesterday.

Established more than a year ago, MAI was formed to serve as a focal point and coordination centre for the development of the local automotive industry, especially in matters of policy.

"It will be a while before the report is released, it will have to be presented at the Economic Council and then the Cabinet," Madani said.

As part of its initiative to grow not only the manufacturing sector but also the after sales sector of the automotive industry, MAI has teamed up with MAARA to host the 4th Asian Automotive Environment Forum here.

The forum seeks to gather experts in the automotive to discuss policies and standards for the auto recycling industry.

It will be held from November 10 to 12 in Genting Highlands, Pahang, and is expected to have about 300 participants from six countries.

They include speakers from the biggest automotive recycler markets in the world such as Japan and the US.

MAARA was established in 2008 to give a voice to automotive recyclers in Malaysia, following the announcement of the NAP.

Its 200 members are mainly involved in the import and dismantling of spare parts.