Motordata Research Consortium (MRC) Malaysia Becomes Thatcham Research’s Global Associate Partner

MRC to be ASEAN Distributor of Thatcham Research’s Products and Services

Kuala Lumpur, 1 November 2019 - Motordata Research Consortium (MRC) today announced that it has become the ASEAN representative of Thatcham Research’s Global Associate member initiative.

Under the new agreement, MRC will act as a distributor of Thatcham Research’s other products and services across the ASEAN region and will provide outsourcing services for several UK-focused repair parts price projects.

In Malaysia, MRC will continue to use Thatcham Research’s PLAZA system to generate accurate repair times for Malaysian vehicles while having access to Thatcham Research’s wealth of vehicle research, data and services, which can be shared with its key stakeholders in the country.

The new agreement builds upon a decade-long relationship between the two organisations, which has seen MRC collaborate with Thatcham Research to provide vehicle repair times as the established standard within the Malaysian market.

Steve Miller, CEO of Motordata Research Consortium said, “Data is important in today’s fast-paced environment and the new agreement will ensure insurance engineers and repairers have instant access to the latest researched repair methods, recommendations and technical knowledge through MRC. This will help further our objective in assisting our stakeholders to provide Duty of Care to their vehicle owners.”

Neale Phillips, Global Product Director of Thatcham Research said, “I am delighted to welcome MRC as our new Global Associate member, following a longstanding and highly successful partnership. We are committed to support its needs and those of its insurer and industry stakeholders as we work together to expand our reach across ASEAN, at a time when vehicle technology is changing rapidly”.

The Global Associate Member status for MRC is a new category established to enable international companies to benefit from and contribute to research, supporting Thatcham Research in its goals of improving car safety, security and repairability at a global level.

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About Motordata Research Consortium (MRC)

MRC was established in 1998 at the request of Bank Negara Malaysia and the Malaysian Insurance Association (PIAM).

MRC’s fundamental mission is to reduce subjectivity in motor claims’ estimation and compensation while recognising the need to ensure that vehicles damaged in an accident are repaired using the right methodology, equipment, and skills, to be safely put back on the road.

MRC has implemented a single, and standard database of replacement motor parts nomenclature, price reference and repair times – based on the internationally recognized standards – to enable the electronic preparation and transmission of repair estimates. www.mrc.com.my

About Thatcham Research

Thatcham Research is the independent voice of automotive safety, security & repair, advising motorists, insurers and vehicle manufacturers to help reduce accident frequency, severity and costs and to realise the vision of ‘Safer cars, fewer crashes’, while driving standards in vehicle security.

As well as its world leading crash and track research, Thatcham Research develops repair methods amongst a number of other products and services within the collision repair industry for insurers, motor manufacturers, equipment manufacturers and suppliers.

In addition, Thatcham Research has administered the Association of British Insurer’s (ABI) Group Rating system for the past 50 years. Group Rating is an advisory system intended to provide insurers with the relative risk of private cars and light commercial vehicles.

A founder member of the international Research Council for Automobile Repairs (RCAR), Thatcham Research has also been a member of the European New Car Assessment Programme (Euro NCAP) since 2004. www.thatcham.org

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