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Gophers ahead with Powermaps

GOPHERS, Malaysia's manufacturer of PC.com's Best GPS Device of the Year 2009, is the first local company to be in collaboration with Aapico ITS.

Aapico ITS received the Frost & Sullivan Award for the Most Promising Car Navigation Company in 2008. It was formed to bring digital mapping to Thailand and is currently the top digital navigation map there.

Aapico ITS started its Malaysian operations in 2008 and has been hard at work mapping Malaysia since.

The fruits of Aapico's labour, the Powermaps, will be pre-installed on all new Gophers Quatr-O and Visi-O devices with detailed maps of Peninsular and East Malaysia as well as Singapore.

Chong Lee Siong, director of products development for Gophers, said their move from using community maps such as MaSing to Powermaps' commercial maps is to ensure quality, detail and genuine navigation data.

"Powermaps convinced us with their thorough and dedicated attention to coverage, detail and quality," said Chong.

One of the new features with the Powermaps program is the Power-



maps guide, a directory of places of interest (POI) with real-life pictures, detailed information of the place and geo-tagged for the system's route planning.

The Powermaps software will also feature a function which allows users to search individual house numbers or shoplot numbers.

Those interested in upgrading their existing units to Powermaps have to get Powermap licensing from

Gophers.

"Powermaps would only be available for all VisiO units and QuatrO units that have the Atlas 4 processor and onwards," said Chong.

The Visi-O is currently priced at RM698 for the Lite version and RM1,200 for the Plus version which includes a wireless reverse camera.

□ For more, information visit www.gophers.com.my



Mohd Shobri (left) presenting the NGV Lube to Bandar Tun Razak taxi driver Mohammad Ali.

New NGV lubricant from Petronas

THE new Petronas NGV Lube offers protection against oxidation and nitration for engine cleanliness in natural gas-powered vehicles.

"NGV powered vehicle owners can look forward to a smoother driving experience as it provides excellent protection at higher operating temperatures, which improves engine power and efficiency. These factors were the main criteria in the development of NGV Lube," said Petronas

Dagangan Bhd general manager (lubricant business) Mohd Shobri Abu Bakar during the recent launch of the NGV Lube at the Bandar Tun Razak NGV station in Kuala Lumpur.

The NGV Lube was engineered using extreme performance Salicylate and DPA additive technology.

It is available at all Petronas NGV stations with Kedai Mesra or Mini Mesra nationwide at an introductory price of RM50 till Sept 30.