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## SL's first automated motor vehicle production line

(FT.lk) - President Mahinda Rajapaksa last week opened Sri Lanka's first automated motor vehicle production line of Micro Cars at the Polgahawela Industrial Zone.

The President inspected the production including the hi-tech welding plant after ceremonially unveiling the commemorative plaque.

At the ceremony, a Micro van which is the latest model of Micro vehicles was presented to the President by Micro Cars

Chairman Dr. Lawrence Perera. The Chairman officially handed over the documents of the first consignment of vehicles to be exported to Bangladesh to the President.

Addressing the gathering International Monetary Cooperation Senior Minister and Deputy Finance Minister Dr. Sarath Amunugama said new productions are a must for a country to achieve its development potential.

"Micro Cars has set an example by

introducing its own production. New airports, ports, highways and modern infrastructure facilities will help attract new investments, which will help boost production."

Dr. Perera said new technology should be introduced to the villages. He added that the company is progressing bringing the Sri Lankan identity to the world. Our pic shows Dr. Perera showing the President around the plant. Pix by Krishan Ranasinghe.



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## Arjuna disappointed with Farbrace quitting as SLC coach

(Island.lk) - Former Sri Lanka captain

Arjuna Ranatunga says he is disappointed with Paul Farbrace's decision to end his tenure with Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) after a mere five months into the contract. Farbrace yesterday told SLC that he wished to move back to England to take up a coaching position with England and Wales Cricket Board, where he is expected to be deputy to Head Coach Peter Moores. "I am disappointed with what Paul has done, but on the other side there were loopholes in his contract.

Paul came to Sri Lanka before his contract with Yorkshire expired. SLC had to compensate for Yorkshire to the tune of millions of rupees. However, that compensation should have been paid by Paul. Now, he has left us high and dry," Ranatunga told

'The Island'. "I see a weakness in management to be honest. Those who sat on the panel that headhunt the coach lacked practical knowledge," Ranatunga added. "The Big Three has been promising us that the game's future will be in good hands once they have the control. Even before the control has been handed to them one of the Big Three has hijacked the coach and I fear ... CONT P30



Tickets are still available for both Sri Lanka matches at the Kia Oval - although they are going fast - especially for the IT20 on 20th May - Kids tickets are only £1, Adult prices from £30 - SEE P5

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