

Over 100,000 vehicles registered for VEP

SEGAMAT: More than 100,000 foreign-registered vehicles, especially from Singapore, have registered for the Vehicle Entry Permit (VEP) with the Transport Ministry.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai said the registration was still open for now.

"It is encouraging to see the registration of foreign-registered vehicles but a bit more time is needed until the ministry is ready.

"We won't be making any more announcements (on the VEP implementation) until all the necessary process takes its course."

"This is because Malaysia has many gateways into the country which also involves vehicles from Brunei, Indonesia and Thailand," he told reporters after opening the Johor MCA convention yesterday.

It was reported that an administration fee of RM10 would be imposed during tag collection.

The VEP is renewable every five years.

The permit is implemented by the ministry via the Road Transport Department for foreign-registered vehicles entering Malaysia.

It will initially involve foreign-registered vehicles entering Malaysia through Johor and will be implemented at the other 12 road entry points in Malaysia gradually.

The other phases will cover Thailand, Brunei and Indonesia and then other designated entry points.

Meanwhile, MCA deputy president Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong said Umno and MCA had always worked hand-in-hand and enjoyed good collaboration, which could be seen especially in Johor.

He said the good partnership was evident when Johor Mentri Besar Datuk Mohamed Khaled Nordin recently approved an allocation of RM3mil to 90 Chinese vernacular schools in the state.

"The Mentri Besar had informed us that the allocations, to be handed out in cash and cheques, were ready to be distributed," he said in his speech at the Johor MCA Convention here.

Dr Wee had also informed Mohamed Khaled during a Sept 7 meeting on the need to have additional Chinese schools in Kota Masai, Adda Heights and Bandar Dato Onn due to the growing number of residents in new housing estates.

Besides Chinese education, Dr Wee also raised matters regarding religious lands and new village issues.

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