

Bidding for special plates now open

SEREMBAN: The bidding for the special "Malaysia" series of vehicle plate numbers is open until Aug 15, with the minimum price of RM10,000 for premier numbers 1 to 10. Transport Minister Anthony Loke said the public could start bidding for the special number plates at the Road Transport Department (RTD) headquarters in their respective states, adding that the results would be known on Aug 29. "The special 'Malaysia' series of vehicle plate numbers will have four categories with their own minimum price, namely the 'Premier Value Number' category with the minimum price of RM10,000, 'Ascending Number' category (RM2,000), 'Popular Number' category (RM300) and 'Current Number' category (RM300). "The bidding is carried out through the existing manual system. No number can be reserved for anyone, not even for VVIPs. Even I have to make a bid at the RTD headquarters today (yesterday)." Loke said this after placing a bid of RM1,509 for the special "Malaysia 509" number plate, which symbolises the date of the 14th General Election on May 9, at the Negeri Sembilan RTD headquarters here yesterday. However, Loke said one special number — Malaysia 2020 — was reserved for Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad. "We reserve this number for Dr Mahathir, but if he does not want it, then we will open the bidding to the public." However, he said the e-bidding system could not be implemented for the time being due to a technical problem. "That is why we are using the existing manual system." - Bernama

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