

Project gets six-month trial

KUALA LUMPUR: The regulatory framework for motorcycle e-hailing services will be set up six months after the implementation of the pilot project, said Transport Minister Anthony Loke. The pilot project, which is local start-up Dego Ride, would have to provide insurance protection for its users and adhere to the existing necessary safety measures, he said. "After six months we will see how the services can be continued. From there, we will look into its legal and regulatory framework," he told a press conference after using a Dego Ride motorcycle service at the Pasar Seni Station yesterday. He said the pilot project would cover the Klang Valley only. "We have about 500 registered riders covering Kuala Lumpur area at this stage," he said. Asked if the regulatory framework would include delivery services, Loke said the ministry planned to regulate the entire sector. "There are a lot of complaints from the public that some delivery motorcyclists do not follow safety and traffic regulations. "This is why we want to look at this holistically. "Once this industry is more integrated – not just passengers, goods delivery and others – we will look to regulate it together," said Loke. On female riders, he said the service provider had a special feature for customers to request female riders. "So far there have been no complaint," he said. On Indonesia's Go Jek, he said if the company wanted to enter Malaysia, it must set up a company based in Malaysia to provide its services. "As far as we are concerned, we have yet to receive any application from Go Jek," he said.

On Rayani Air, he said the ministry had yet to receive any applications from the operator to resume its services. "They need to get the necessary approval from the existing regulators in order for them to resume their services," he said. Rayani Air's Air Service Licence was revoked by the Malaysian Aviation Commission on June 13, 2016. The commission found Rayani Air had breached the conditions of its licence and lacked the financial and management capacity to continue operating as a commercial airline.

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