

Loke: Quality upgrades for transport terminals

Land public transport agency to draft standard

MALACCA : A quality standard for upgrading public transport terminals nationwide is being drafted to include various aspects for the convenience and safety of passengers, said Transport Minister Anthony Loke. He said the standard was being developed through the Land Public Transport Agency aimed at improving the quality of public transport and encouraging more people to use it. "The Federal Government is preparing a standard to improve public transport terminals to be on par with airports or the Bandar Tasik Selatan Integrated Transport Terminal in Kuala Lumpur.

"For ticket sales, we will introduce a ticketing system based at the bus terminal concerned so that it can overcome the problem of ticket touts." He said at a media conference after visiting the Malacca Sentral bus Terminal. Present were Malacca Public Works, Transport and Public Utilities Committee chairman Mohd Sofi Abdul Wahab and Malacca Sentral general manager Md Yusof Abdullah. Loke said the system would be implemented in stages depending on the financial capabilities of each state, with Penang, Perak and Malacca among the states with capability to adhere to the quality standard.

On the five – year passenger charge rebate introduced by Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad to airlines operating at the Malacca International Airport, Batu Berendam, he said the incentive was apt for encouraging more airlines to operate in the state. "We hope all airline operators will work together to come up with more creative measures to increase their operations and ensure more services are introduced to the public."

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