



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

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Liow: National Transport Council Inaugural Meeting

Today I chaired the inaugural National Transport Council, formed to discuss various transport related issues across Malaysia. The council is a platform to coordinate, discuss and resolve issues relating to transportation matters both on federal and state level with the involvement of various ministries and agencies nationwide.

The council's role include amongst others to advise government on policy implementation relating to transport; regulatory issues on transport infrastructure development to ensure safe, secure and efficient transportation system; identify and resolve safety, security and efficiency issues on public transport including ports and aviation; and coordinate, align and resolve issues among stakeholders including regulatory bodies, private sector as well as related parties.

I am happy to note that the council received undivided support and commitment from its members both on federal and state level. This is indeed a testament to our aspiration to ensure the nation's transport system will be on par to that of advanced economies that will benefit the rakyat.

I am also pleased with the intensive dialogue on the subject of transportation system across Malaysia, as deep as it has been wide ranging, amongst the member of the council. The discussions and views shared has certainly been valuable and added to the free flow of insightful and informed discussion.

In this very first meeting, I am pleased to announced that the council has agreed to establish working committees to better deliberate on transport issues. This includes working committees on land, aviation, maritime and logistic sectors as well as a working committee specifically to Sabah and Sarawak transport matters.

The meeting was also briefed by the Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD) on current and future land transport plan as well as initiatives that will be undertaken. I am happy to note that the council agreed that SPAD will take into account and coordinate all state transport masterplans to ensure a comprehensive and holistic land transport development across Malaysia. This is to avoid redundancy and wastage of resources.

It is my fervent hope that this council will continue to build upon the discussions initiated and the partnership created between federal and state governments as well as related agencies.