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TRANSPORT MINISTRY ALLOWS MORE PASSENGERS FOR SCHOOL BUSES

KOTA BAHARU, Sept 24 (Bernama) -- School bus operators using twelve-seater vans are now allowed to modify their passenger seats to carry 18 passengers, said Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik today.

He said the approval was effective immediately but the modification of the passenger seats must be made according to the specifications set by the Road Transport Department (RTD).

"The Transport Ministry and Technical Department of the RTD have studied it (the increase in passenger capacity) in general and found that it is safe," he told reporters after officiating the MCA Pengkalan Chepa division's Service Centre, here today.

Dr Ling said the approval was given to all school bus operators nation-wide following the application from the Kota Baharu School Bus Operators Association chaired by Lim Siew San.

He hoped the approval would benefit both the students and school bus operators.

Meanwhile, Dr Ling who is also MCA president was confident that the Chinese community in the country would not be easily duped by the tactics of the opposition pact which were trying to win support for the coming general election.

He said the people could differentiate between the excellent qualities and leadership of the Barisan Nasional led by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and those of the opposition parties.

BN leaders particularly the Prime Minister had been proven to be successful in bringing development and innovation to the nation which was not only appreciated by the rakyat but also the international community, he said.

Thus, Dr Ling said, the people should give their support to the Barisan Nasional in the coming election so that all programmes that had been planned to bring development to the rakyat and nation could go on.

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