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Ramli-Licensing

PRIVATISATION OF JPJ LICENSING WILL BENEFIT PUBLIC

KUALA LUMPUR, March 12 (Bernama) -- Deputy Transport Minister Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib said today that the proposed privatisation of the Road Transport Department (JPJ) licensing division will benefit the public in terms of increased efficiency.

Ramli said the privatisation would lead to injection of new technologies and ideas in the administration and running of the division.

This would not only reduce cost but also boost the revenue of the JPJ, he said.

"The privatisation of licensing will bring benefits to the people running the service like staff and department, and finally the public," he said.

"This privatisation exercise is not to pave the way for an increase in licence fees. Any increase will be because of other factors like the fact that the fees have not been revised for a long time," he said.

The division would remain under government control even after it was privatised, he said.

Speaking to reporters after appearing at a question-and-answer session at Umno's official website, UMNO Online, he said the ministry was still finalising proposals on the privatisation.

This week Ramli was picked as the guest to be interviewed by visitors to the website in the one-hour session.

Ramli said the web interview was a good idea for ministers to answer questions posed directly by the people on a host of issues.

An official of UMNO Online said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was scheduled to appear on the programme next month.

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