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ROAD TAX EXCLUSION TO BENEFIT 5.6 MIL MOTORCYCLISTS

BUKIT MERTAJAM, Sept 13 (Bernama) -- Some 5.6 million owners of motorcycles below 150cc are expected to benefit from the road tax exemption announced in the 2004 Budget by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed yesterday.

Road Transport Department (JPJ) director-general Datuk Emran Kadir said the number comprised 80 per cent of the total number of motorcycles registered under the department nationwide.

"The number of registered motorcycles is seven million and 80 per cent of those are below 150cc and will enjoy the road tax exemption," he told reporters after the department's northern zone Excellent Service Award ceremony here today.

Emran said the JPJ was ready to implement the exemption as soon as it received instructions from the government.

He said the department would also reimburse road tax payments for the period under the exemption and motorcycle owners could claim them from JPJ branches.

However, Emran reminded motorcycle owners that they still required insurance for their vehicles as it was different from the road tax.

"Insurance is for third party protection and the road tax exemption does not mean they don't need insurance," he said.

Earlier, in his speech, Emran urged JPJ staff to be alert to changes and customers' needs to ensure the quality of the department's service was maintained.

In the ceremony, he also awarded the excellent service awards to 91 JPJ staff from Perak, Perlis, Kedah and Penang who were chosen under the Sistem Saraan Malaysia remuneration scheme for the first time.

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