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Pos Malaysia can issue m-cycle insurance discs

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IPOH, Sat. - Pos Malaysia Berhad is now ready to issue insurance discs to motorcycles with engine capacities of 150cc and below at 388 selected branches nationwide.

Pos Malaysia suspended its road tax renewal service after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced a road tax exemption for motorcycles with engine capacities of 150cc and below in his Budget announcement on Sept 12.

The new RM4 disc will indicate that the motorcycle has insurance cover.

Pos Malaysia's senior general-manager (retail commerce) Mohd Zin Abd Manap said the motorcycle road tax renewal service resumed on Oct 21.

"Many motorcycle owners are not aware of it," he said after presenting excellent service awards to 26 employees from Perak at the General Post Office today.

The temporary suspension of its counter service, Zin said, was to facilitate changes by the Road Transport Department.

Zin said the 388 selected post offices nationwide also act as agents for Kurnia Insurans (Malaysia) Bhd, AMI Insurance Bhd and Takaful Nasional Sdn Bhd.

"Motorcycle owners need not worry about getting their insurance cover elsewhere.

"They can come straight to the post offices and purchase their cover there and obtain the insurance disc on the spot."

To another question, Zin said the market segment for written letters had not been affected by the increasing usage of the short messaging system and electronic mail.

"Instead, the global and local letter market has been growing at the same rate of about three per cent annually."

He added that 80 per cent of the letters segment was dominated by business letters.

However, he said, the market for local non-business letters - personal letters and postcards - had dropped a little since the introduction of the SMS and e-mail services.