

# RTD to upgrade computer system

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**GEORGE TOWN:** The Road Transport Department's computer system will be revamped to provide better services to the public.

The exercise, costing about RM400 million, will start this year and is expected to be completed by 2009.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Chan Kong Choy said the existing system, which was installed in 1991, had long reached its maximum capacity.

"The new system will be able to

support all the initiatives and new development which had been introduced through the use of the information and communication technology applications," he said after launching the use of credit card for road tax payments and renewals at the department's 70 offices and branches nationwide.

At the launch in Seberang Jaya were the ministry's secretary-general, Datuk Zakaria Bahari, the department's enforcement director, Salim Parlan, and its

former director-general Datuk Emran Kadir.

Chan said the new system would be able to fully support all of the department's services offered electronically such as e-payment, e-registration, e-insurance and such.

"Once the new system is put in place, owners of the 15 million vehicles registered with the department can expect better services."

Earlier, Chan said the efforts taken by the department with its

partners Maybank and Visa International to roll out credit card acceptance for road tax payments and renewals was a commendable move.

He said the credit card payment system had facilitated the collection of almost RM3.6 million in revenue.

This system of payment would eventually be extended to car registration, ownership transfer, licence renewal, summons payment, tender for car licence numbers and other transactions.