

**Operators Laud Abolishment Of Road Tax For Individually Owned Taxis**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 7 (Bernama) -- Taxi operators today described the government's announcement on the abolishment of road tax on all individually owned taxis as an effort to reduce their burden.

Federal Territory and Selangor Taxi Operators Association president Datuk Aslah Abdullah said this was because those taxi owners could use the money allocated for paying the road tax for something else.

"Although the amount is not that big, it shows that the government cares about us. We can definitely use the money for maintenance and repair," he told Bernama here.

He also lauded the government's move to provide assistance of RM3,000 for the disposal of old taxis.

Meanwhile, private taxi owner, Ramly Abdul Razak, 60, said he was thankful to the government for the abolishment of road tax on individually owned taxis.

"Now, we don't have to think about the road tax anymore. I would like to thank the government for that," he said.

However, he said the assistance of RM3,000 for the disposal of old taxis was actually too small and not enough to be used as a deposit for a new taxi.

"So, we are asking the government to increase the amount, if possible, especially when senior citizens like me have to compete with the younger taxi drivers to earn a living," he said.

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