

**Good news for taxi drivers**  
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REASON TO CHEER: PM announces extension of Teksi Rakyat 1Malaysia scheme

PUTRAJAYA: SOME 76,000 cabbies nationwide have reason to cheer when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak announced the extension of Teksi Rakyat 1Malaysia (TR1Ma) scheme.

Known as TR1Ma 2.0, Najib said yesterday that the Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD) would roll it out soon.

The TR1Ma 2.0 RM520 voucher will not have a validity period as before.

Upon hearing the news, the 10,000 taxi drivers gathered at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre for the award of 200 out of 1,000 individual taxi licences, roared out their approval.

"Unlike the opposition, they have Bersih 1.0, Bersih 2.0 and Bersih 3.0.

"Whereas, the Barisan Nasional government has churned out BR1M 1.0, BR1M 2.0, TR1Ma 1.0 and now TR1Ma 2.0.

"We roll out things that take care as well as protect the rakyat's welfare and not to cause trouble, break the law or destroy the country," said Najib and the crowd again roared in agreement.

Najib gave a big smile to the excited crowd before telling them that he was humbled by their rousing welcome.

For the 1,000 successful applicants who would obtain their individual taxi licences, the prime minister gave them another piece of good news that they would get a RM5,000 grant each to buy a factory-fitted Proton Exora MPV.

Because of larger space and comfort, he had decided that all taxi drivers must get the Proton Exora and at a discounted price using the RM5,000 grant.

"The RM5,000 is not a loan, it is a grant," he stressed, before personally handing the approved application for the individual taxi licences to the 200 cabbies.

SPAD chairman Tan Sri Syed Hamid Albar later said the RM5,000 grant would help these taxi drivers so that they would not be burdened financially by paying lower monthly installment for the Proton Exora for seven years.

At the same time, Najib announced that these 1,000 cabbies would be allowed to pick up passengers at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) and at KLIA 2.

The prime minister expressed his hope that the cabbies would remember the government's goodwill and efforts to improve the taxi services industry.

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