

DPM Suggests Incentives To Encourage Ownership Of High-Powered Bikes
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PUTRAJAYA, Sept 12 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi today made several suggestions to encourage ownership of high-powered motorcycles among Malaysians, including reducing import and sale taxes.

"Using high-powered motorcycles is not just for fun but they (motorcyclists) are also involved in community activities such as helping orphanages and old folks homes," he said at the summit event of the 2015 ASEAN Ride Festival at the compound of the Palace of Justice here.

Ahmad Zahid, who is also the Executive Chairman of the Superbikers Association of Malaysia (SAM), said he would suggest to the government to reduce the import and sale taxes of high-powered motorcycles in the coming budget.

"Bikers also need the attention of the government...and I am representing all high-powered motorcycling associations, in the hope, the taxes will be reduced, even a little, when the budget is tabled in October," he said.

He also suggested that banking institutions facilitate loans to buy high-powered motorcycles while outlets endeavoured to boost their sales.

Meantime, Ahmad Zahid said the festival which gathered more than 10,000 motorcyclists, showcased the harmony among the riders.

"Although, they come from different places and associations, they can set aside their positions and status in the spirit of 'once a biker always a biker'," he said.

The festival organised by SAM was also attended by the Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar and SAM president Datuk Abdul Halim Suleiman.

Ahmad Zahid also handed the Malaysia Book of Record's certificate to Abdul Halim, as SAM president, on the organisation of the 2015 ASEAN Ride Festival, which gathered 11,099 riders and high-powered motorcycles. The participants included from Singapore, Indonesia and Brunei.

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