

MEDIA STATEMENT ROAD TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

RTD launches *my*License Program for Students with the Ministry of Education Malaysia

Road Transport Department (RTD) through the Driving Institute expands the *my*License program for secondary school students in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.

*my*License program introduced by RTD throughout the country on 15th of September 2015 has received an overwhelming response to help the people in the rural and urban areas to get a single class B2 motorcycle license.

This initiative is extended to high school students to encourage school students to get a driver's license as well as providing education and exposure to the students on the importance of road safety.

According to statistics released by the Ministry of Education, there were a total of 117,268 from 172,535 school students who use vehicles to school do not have a valid driving license and are exposed to the risk of accidents. Whereas, statistics of deaths caused by road accidents involving high school students from January to July 2016, there were 48 reported deaths.

Given the scenario, RTD and the Ministry of Education brought the available MyLicense program to students in secondary schools so these group get to possess valid driving licenses according to law.

Registration process of students for obtaining driving license in the program will be implemented from 22nd of August 2016 until 31st of December 2016 by the Driving Institutes in cooperation with the school. The fees charged for obtaining the driving license is RM299.00 only including GST and are payable directly to the Driving Institutes. Meanwhile, the process of training and testing shall be performed at the Driving Institutes under existing procedures.

Among the privileges of the *my*License program other than the low fees, this program is operated in clusters. In addition, candidates are given the opportunity to occupy a special oral examination after failing through a Part 1 computerized exam twice and a written test 2 times. However, all the transportation shuttle facilities for the purpose of training and testing during the process of taking the driver's license is borne by the candidate.

The launching ceremony was held at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Tunku Temenggong, Pendang, Kedah today officiated by YB Dato 'Sri Mahdzir bin Khalid, Minister of Education with the full cooperation of the Honorable Dato 'Wira Othman bin Abdul, as the Member of Parliament for Pendang, Kedah.

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