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MALAYSIA NOT RULING OUT

RECIPROCAL ROAD CHARGE

Transport Ministry to get feedback from people and Singapore before making decision, says Liow

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MALAYSIA has not ruled out the possibility of matching the charges imposed by Singapore on foreign-registered vehicles entering the republic.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai said the ministry would study such a possibility based on its vehicle entry permit (VEP) system.

"We will study this and engage the people and the Singapore government.

"We want to get feedback before we decide. As for now, we are not taking any reciprocal action to what Singapore is charging with its VEP since 1973."

Liow was referring to the republic's issuance of the charge in the 1970s, which he also said had been increased from S\$10 to S\$35.

Malaysian-registered vehicles pay RM129.30 to enter Singapore, while Singaporean-registered vehicles pay RM20 to enter Malaysia through Johor.

Liow said he had received a letter from Singapore's transport minister on the republic's Reciprocal Road Charge (RRC) on Malaysian-registered vehicles entering Singapore yesterday, adding that he

respected the move.

However, he said, Malaysia's own road charge of RM20 was not in reciprocation of the republic's earlier charges on Malaysian motorists through its VEP system.

"They (Singapore) have said these charges were in reciprocation to ours but we want Singapore to know that there is no discrimination by the Malaysian government against Singaporean motorists," he said.

He said the government had decided on the RM20 fee for security reasons, and to ensure foreign-registered vehicles paid their fines for traffic offences committed in Malaysia.

"This is not just about collecting money for the government."

On whether Malaysia would reduce or scrap the charge, Liow said the government had been in discussions with Singapore since it introduced the charge in November last year.

SINGAPORE RECIPROCAL ROAD CHARGE

Toll charges for foreign-registered vehicles

Vehicle category	Tuas Checkpoint		Woodlands Checkpoint	
	Departure	Arrival	Departure	Arrival
Motorcycle	S\$0.50 RM1.56	S\$0.50 RM1.56	S\$0	S\$0
Car	S\$3.20 RM10	\$3.20 RM10	S\$3.80 RM11.88	S\$2.70 RM8.44
Van/light goods vehicle*	S\$7.40 RM23.13	S\$7.40 RM23.13	S\$5.80 RM18.13	S\$4.00 RM12.50
Heavy goods vehicle	S\$14.70 RM45.95	S\$14.70 RM45.95	S\$7.70 RM24.07	S\$5.30 RM16.57
Taxi	S\$2.50 RM7.81	S\$2.50 RM7.81	S\$1.90 RM5.94	S\$1.40 RM4.38
Bus	S\$3.90 RM12.19	S\$3.90 RM12.19	S\$3.10 RM9.69	S\$2.20 RM6.88

* Van/light goods vehicle is defined as those having two axles or six wheels or less.

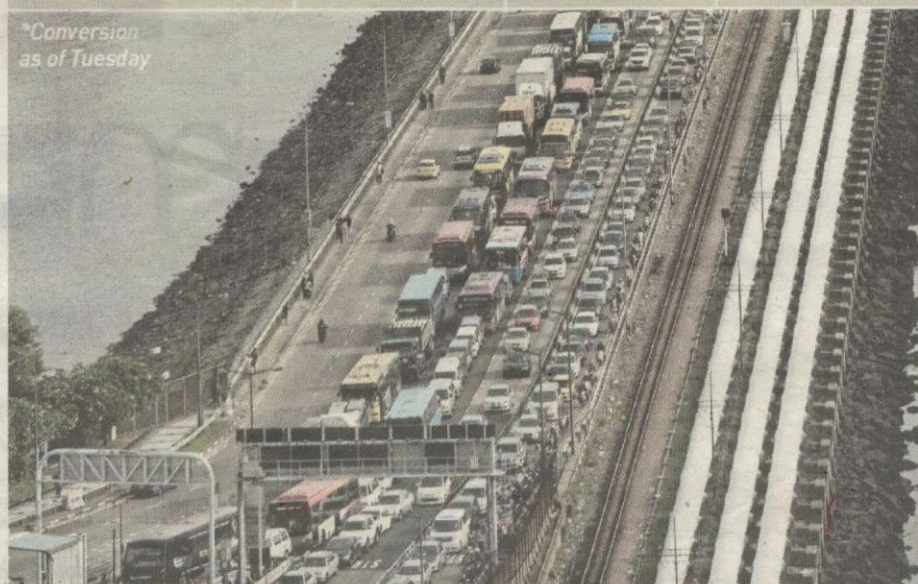
VEP fees for foreign-registered cars and motorcycles

Vehicle category	VEP Fees at Tuas Checkpoint and Woodlands Checkpoint	
	Mondays-Fridays (2am-5pm)*	Mondays-Fridays (5pm-2am)* Saturdays, Sundays and Singapore public holidays
Car	S\$35 per day RM109.41	No VEP fee payable
Motorcycle	S\$4 per day RM12.50	

* During the Singapore mid-year and year-end school holidays, VEP fees will apply from 2am-12pm.

The amount drivers of Singapore-registered cars have to pay to enter Malaysia

Singapore to Johor	Road charge	Toll	Total
Via the Causeway	RM20	RM2.90	RM22.90
Via the Second Link	RM20	RM7.50	RM27.50



*Conversion as of Tuesday