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## REVIEW AND REDEVELOPMENT OF ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION MODULE FOR SCHOOLS IN MALAYSIA

'LONG TERM INVESTMENT TO CHANGE OUR ROAD USERS BEHAVIOUR'

PUTRAJAYA, 18 FEBRUARY 2016 – Ministry of Transport Malaysia has launched the "Review and Redevelopment of Road Safety Education (RSE) Module Project", today. Currently the RSE module is embedded in Bahasa Melayu subject as a cross curriculum element.

Malaysia is aiming to reduce road fatalities in the country by 50% in 2020. The RSE has been implemented in schools since 2007 as part of the intervention programme by the Road Safety Department of Malaysia (JKJR). The effort was supported by Ministry of Education as part of long term proactive action plan to increase awareness on road safety among primary and secondary students.

In 2015, a study was conducted by Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research (MIROS) to review the RSE module. The findings of the study show that the module needed some refurbishment according to the current situation. The government has allocated RM 42 million for this project which was approved in the Eleventh Malaysia Plan (RMK-11). It shows the commitment and seriousness of Malaysian government to reduce road accidents. The Review and Redevelopment of Road Safety Education Module is another government's effort to enhance the educational methods and psychology in road safety.

YB Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai, Minister of Transport Malaysia said "It is very important to instill road safety values in our children in order to have future ethical road users. The module will have new interactive ways to teach road safety in schools." The public are invited to give their opinions and suggestions on the improvements on the module through online feedback form http://www.rse.miros.gov.my which is available for a month, starting from 18 February to 17 March 2016.

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