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# Loke: No ban on cruise ships

## But visitors to Malaysia will be screened at all entry points

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia will not bar cruise ships from docking at its shores in the face of the global novel coronavirus outbreak, which has claimed more than 600 lives.

Transport Minister Anthony Loke said the temporary travel ban imposed by Malaysia remained only for visitors from the city of Wuhan and the surrounding Hubei province in China, and would not be extended to cruise liners.

The temporary travel ban also applied to visitors from all other provinces placed under lockdown by China, said Loke, who gave assurance that visitors coming to Malaysia would be screened at all entry points based on measures



outlined by the Health Ministry.

"We have not banned any cruise ships, but we will take measures to ensure everyone coming here has their body temperature and health conditions noted.

"All that will be checked at airports and ports. All measures have been put in place by the Health Ministry," Loke told reporters at Puspakom Wangsa Maju here yesterday after he was asked whether

the government would follow Taiwan's cruise ship ban.

There are currently 15 confirmed coronavirus cases in Malaysia, comprising 11 Chinese nationals and four Malaysians.

Loke said the Transport Ministry would continue to take advice from the Health Ministry on measures to curb the outbreak.

On a separate matter, Loke announced earlier that road tax renewals for de-controlled commercial vehicles with a maximum permissible laden weight of 7,500kg and below could now be done at Puspakom Wangsa Maju.

He said road tax renewals would also be introduced within the next three months at 53 other Puspakom centres, and more vehicle categories, including private vehicles,

were expected to be added.

"When the system is stable, the service will be widened to include other vehicles from time to time.

"That will be in stages. We want to make things easier for people and help them save time," said Loke.

Puspakom chief executive officer Shukor Ismail said the introduction of road tax renewal at Puspakom was part of the firm's initiatives to create one-stop centres for vehicle-related services.

"The services offered by Puspakom will give customers a comprehensive experience under one roof to save their time and energy," he added.

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