

# Minister on working visit

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MINISTER of Communications Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong yesterday embarked on a working visit to take a closer look at the training sessions provided for the Sistem Pengangkutan Darat (SPD), which was held at the Brunei Darussalam National Scouts Association in Beribi.

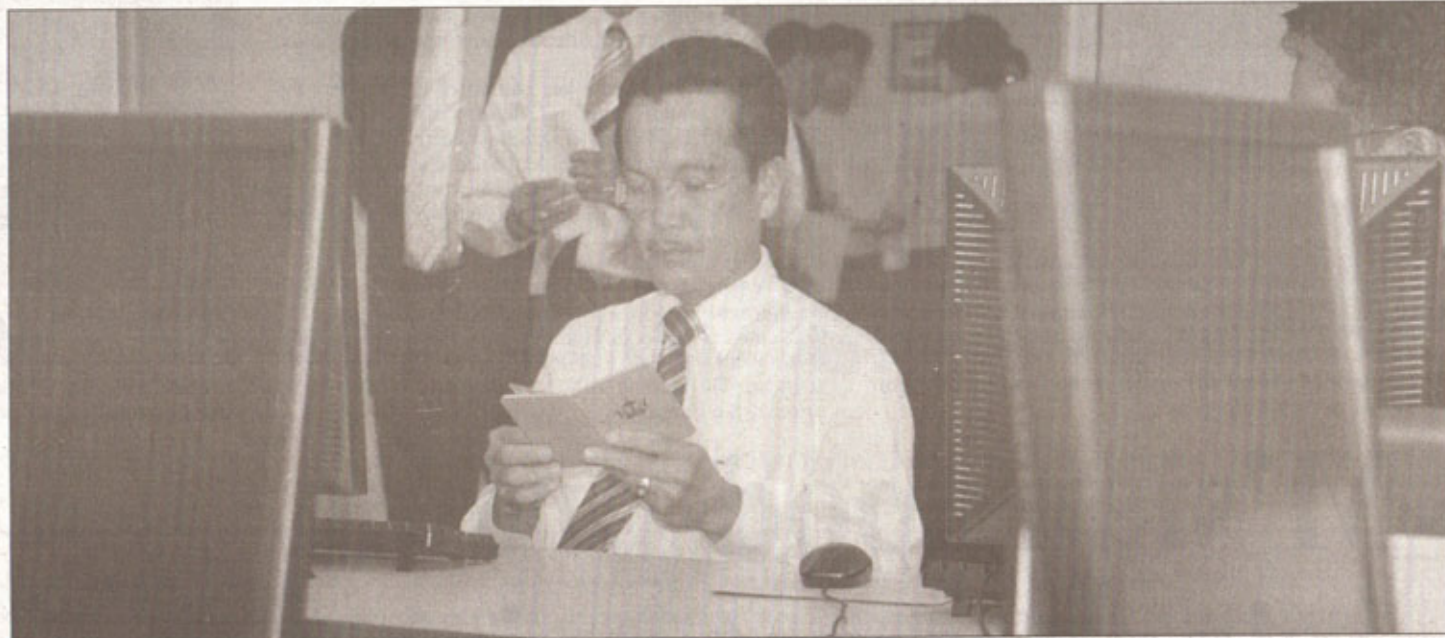
The project - which costs approximately \$8 million - is an integrated electronic system that consolidates various transactions into a single platform. The tender for SPD was awarded to OakChem Sdn Bhd in May 2006.

With the full implementation of the system, the Land Transport Department will issue new driving licences and vehicle registration books using high-end technology - namely, the Machine Readable Card (MRC) and Machine Readable Document (MRD).

The project will also enable system networking between the Land Transport Department and other relevant stakeholders from the government agencies to the private sector such as insurance companies, car dealers, driving schools and financial institutions.

Additionally, the project will greatly facilitate the users as the Land Transport Department will be able to serve the public online for services such as renewal of driving licence and renewal of vehicle licence.

Other than enabling the timely provision of information,



Minister studying a vehicle registration book



Minister of Communications taking a closer look at a training session

## *Takes closer look at training session for new system*

the key benefits of this project are to increase productivity and efficiency as well as to counter fraud.

During the visit, the minister also observed the training session conducted by NovaCityNets (S) Pte Ltd for personnel from the Land Transport Department.

The training session is intended to familiarise the relevant officers with the new configuration of the systems and eventually to facilitate the migration from the old system to the SPD.

Application Project Manager Carolyn Goh gave the minister an in-depth briefing on the new system and functions.

Accompanying the minister during the working visit were Acting Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Communications Haji Ibrahim Ali as well as senior officers from both the Ministry of Communications and Land Transport Department.

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