

Submit memo on toll pacts, says Mohd Zin

KUALA LUMPUR: Works Minister Datuk Mohd Zin Mohamed has invited all parties who have studied the recently declassified toll concession agreements to give him a memorandum with their queries or suggestions.

Mohd Zin said that to date, he had not received anything in writing from those who had aired their views in the media.

"It would be very helpful if they can submit a memorandum to me and then we will respond accordingly," Mohd Zin told reporters after hosting Syrian Prime Minister Mohammad Naji Otri at the Malaysian Construction Industry Showcase here yesterday.

Mohd Zin said the views of various parties published in newspapers might have been made without proper study due to the brief time given to them to study the concession agreements.

He added that there would be no time limit for memorandums to be handed in to him and that it was his duty as minister to respond.

To answer a question on whether highway concessionaire PLUS Expressways would be raising its toll rates this year, Mohd Zin said he would be submitting a working paper for the Cabinet to deliberate.

"The official statement will be made later," he said.

Mohd Zin also said he had ordered all agencies that would be getting allocations from the RM7bil economic stimulus package

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to roll out projects by the first quarter of this year.

On the Syrian Prime Minister's visit, Mohd Zin said Mohammad Naji was impressed by what Malaysia had to offer in terms of the technical expertise available.

"He was also impressed by the SMART tunnel and expressed support for the Damascus Outer Ring Road project that is being implemented by a Malaysian company."

Mohd Zin said Malaysian companies had completed 464 overseas construction projects worth RM97.6bil, with 103 ongoing projects worth RM70.5bil.