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# Bonus for traffic cops who reject bribes

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The Metropolitan Police Bureau (MPB) on Monday announced plans to reward traffic police officers with a 10,000 baht bonus if they arrest a motorist who tries to bribe them.



A traffic policeman directs tuk tuks and taxis at MBK shopping complex to park in another area, during a crackdown on June 23. (file photo by Seksan Rojanamethakul)

MPB deputy chief Pol Maj Gen Adul Narongsak, who oversees traffic affairs, announced the planned reward when he was outlining the city's traffic policies for 2015 to senior traffic police officers.

The policy fosters integrity awareness and polite service by traffic law enforcers. The MPB would take both decisive disciplinary and legal action against corrupt officers, he said.

"Any traffic police officer who can arrest a motorist who offers a bribe will receive a 10,000 baht reward. The money will come from the traffic police welfare fund," Pol Maj Gen Adul said.

Other measures included elevating traffic management standards with wider use of technology, continued strict law enforcement and a systematic review and planning to help reduce road accidents.

Police would continue to their campaign against five main traffic offences -- stopping beyond crossing lines, driving in the wrong direction, overtaking cars in prohibited areas, blocking intersection and using fake licence plates.

The MPB would also open an integrated operations centre for traffic accidents on Oct 16, he added.

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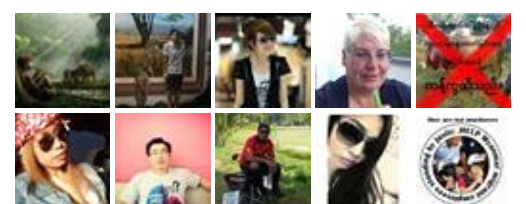
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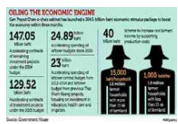
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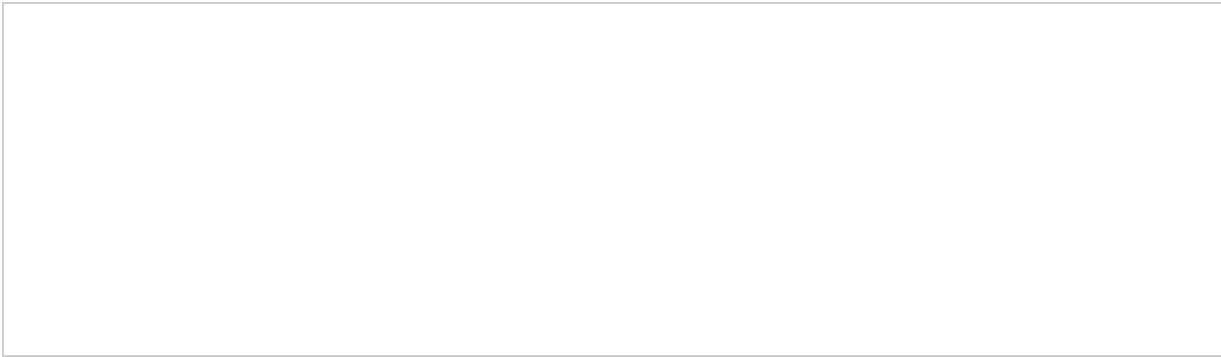



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