

# ELV likely to be re-introduced

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**KUALA LUMPUR (Nov 7, 2013):** The government is expected to re-introduce the end-of-life vehicle (ELV) policy when it rolls out the revised National Automotive Policy (NAP) next month.

If things go according to plan, it hopes to implement mandatory annual comprehensive inspection for vehicles aged five years and older in five years, *Sin Chew Daily* reported today.

Malaysia Automotive Institute (MAI) chief executive Madani Sahari pointed out that ELV is not a vehicle-scraping policy. As such, the scrapping of vehicles older than 10 or 15 years does not arise, he said.

The policy to be introduced is different from Singapore's car-scraping policy in that vehicles which do not pass the inspection under the ELV policy will not be scrapped.

Madani told the daily that vehicles which fail the inspection need to be sent for repair until they pass the inspection before they are to be on the road again.

He said although owners of old cars which are unable to meet roadworthy requirements will not be able to renew their road tax, they will not be asked to scrap their cars. Instead, it will be up to them to decide what to do with these vehicles, he added.

He said the institute is studying the feasibility of implementing the policy under which an annual or biennial comprehensive inspection will be mandatory for vehicles aged five years and above.

On the scrapping of the ELV policy shortly after it was introduced in 2009, Madani said it was because the public had mistaken it to be a car-scraping policy.

He said before ELV can be implemented, the necessary facilities must be in place, including having enough inspection centres, as well as a competitive car pricing structure. The public must also be taught the importance of vehicle inspection.

Madani said the government may also roll out the voluntary vehicle scrapping policy (VVSP) before ELV is implemented.

He said at present, about five million cars on our roads are aged 10 to 15 years.