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GIA Launches New Vehicle Accident Report History Service

Vehicle owners can now buy the report from the GIA Easy Accident Reporting System (GEARS) and see the dates of accident reports made by owners of their vehicle for the past six years.

SINGAPORE, 21 FEBRUARY 2024 – The General Insurance Association ("GIA") of Singapore announces the launch of its new online Vehicle Accident Report History (VARH) service. This service is provided on the GIA Easy Accident Reporting System (GEARS)¹, the association's motor accident reporting online platform.

The service is available at https://m.gears.com.sg/accident-history-report.

Current vehicle owners will be able to buy the report that shows the dates of accident reports made by owners or drivers of their vehicles for the past six years. The cost of each report is S\$90 plus prevailing GST.

"For the first time, car owners can access the list of the accident reports made on their vehicles. Both buyers and sellers can use it as part of a more informed vehicle buying and selling experience," said Mr Ho Kai Weng, Chief Executive of GIA.

Vehicle owners must use Singpass MyInfo to use this service. Currently, the VARH service is only offered to individual vehicle owners².

This new service builds on the successful launch of GEARS, a platform launched in 2020 that offers consumers a more seamless and convenient payment and delivery of third-party accident reports. While the GEARS launch enables motorists to remotely and securely buy third-party accident reports in an event of an accident, this new added service allows prospective buyers of second-hand vehicles to understand the accident history of the vehicle prior to purchase.

In partnership with the Singapore Police Force, the sector also recently unveiled a video campaign that raises public awareness towards motor touts, underscoring the industry's overall mission to strengthen the motor insurance sector and safeguard consumers. This video can be viewed on <u>YouTube</u>.

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¹ Vehicle Accident Report History Service – https://m.gears.com.sg/accident-history-report

² Businesses such as motor vehicle traders may request for vehicle owners to buy the report before transferring vehicle ownership.



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Established in 1966, the General Insurance Association of Singapore (GIA) is the general insurance sector's trade association whose membership comprises Ordinary Members licensed by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) to transact general insurance business in Singapore.

As a trade association, GIA works to make all aspects of insurance easier and more effective for consumers, agents and insurance companies in Singapore. It helps identify emerging trends and responds to issues affecting the general insurance sector and seeks to promote the overall growth and development of the sector in Singapore.

For more information, please visit www.gia.org.sg.