

SIX PROGRAMMES

'GOVT SPENT 13B ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING'

Rent-to-Own option was recently approved

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THE government has spent close to RM13 billion to assist the rakyat in owning affordable homes and resolving housing issues, especially in urban areas.

Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Tan Sri Noh Omar said six programmes led by the ministry made a major contribution to address problems faced by Malaysians with regards to housing and property.

The programmes were the People's Housing Project (PPR), the Youth Transit Home scheme, the Housing Loan Scheme, the MyHome programme, the MyDeposit programme and the Revival of Abandoned Projects.

"In Malaysia, the provision of housing is undertaken by both the public and private sectors.

"While the private sector focuses more on market demand, the government concerns itself with providing adequate, affordable and quality housing for all, particularly the low-income group (B40)," he said in a keynote address at the 20th National Housing and Property Summit 2017 in Bandar Sunway here yesterday.

The PPR programme, he said, was the core housing programme for the ministry and the Rent-to-

Own option was recently approved to be included.

The idea to sell the units was the ministry's efforts to assist the B40 income group to have their own homes, with a selling price of RM35,000 in the peninsula and RM42,000 in Sabah and Sarawak. He added that for every unit of PPR sold to buyers, more than RM120,000 was subsidised by the government.

"Combined with other housing incentives by other government agencies, such as Integrated Public Low-Cost Housing, housing facilities for land settlers, housing facilities by economic development agencies, these efforts and subsidies have made a major contribution in jointly resolving housing woes in Malaysia."

Noh, in a press conference later that day, added that Malaysians should continue to expect more affordable housing programmes and schemes in the upcoming 2018 Budget, as Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak was concerned about youths and home ownership.

Also, he said the government's target of providing one million affordable homes for the people was currently more than 75 per cent completed as a result of various agencies' cooperation.

"In order to provide affordable housing in Malaysia and achieve our target of one million homes, various government agencies work closely with the private sector.



Tan Sri Noh Omar

"I have also requested the help of the private developers to come onboard with providing affordable homes for the rakyat, such as implementing the Rent-to-Own scheme in private developments."

GOVERNMENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMMES

THE PEOPLE'S HOUSING PROGRAMME
184 projects planned (as of June 2017) | 118 projects completed
83,380 homes provided to B40 group | Average cost of each unit: RM130,000-RM180,000

YOUTH TRANSIT HOME PROGRAMME
Studio units rented out for a maximum of five years to young couples
Rental cost: 20 to 30 per cent lower than market rate

HOUSING LOAN SCHEME Total spent: RM188.5 million
Up to RM60,000 loan provided for B40 group to build houses on own land
6,122 people benefited (since 1979)

MYHOME PROGRAMME Total spent: RM127 million
Partnership programme with private housing developers to build more affordable housing for first-time buyers
Offers subsidies of up to RM30,000

MYDEPOSIT PROGRAMME Total spent: RM39.2 million
Provides assistance of 10 per cent of maximum RM30,000 to assist first-time buyers
1,451 people benefited (since June 2016)

REVIVAL OF ABANDONED PROJECTS Total spent: RM219 million
32 abandoned projects revived since 2011

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PROGRESSIVE JOHOR EXPO

PM to launch showcase of Johor success tomorrow

ISKANDAR PUTERI: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak will launch the nine-day Progressive Johor Expo tomorrow showcasing the successes of the state, particularly achievements under the administration of the current state government in the past four years.

The expo in Dataran Mahkota, Kota Iskandar is aimed at highlighting the people's contributions towards the development of the state.

Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin said the event would allow the people to see the development and progress in Johor.

"The people want to know what are Johor's achievements, and they need to know that these achievements were made possible through the contributions of the people.

"It is about letting the people see what is being done, so that they can be proud of these achievements, so that they can come forward to contribute towards Johor's progress," said Khaled after visiting the site of the expo in Kota Iskandar yesterday.

He said the expo had been planned for many years and finally became a reality due to co-operation between the public and private sectors and various groups within Johor's society.

"It is an event which has been planned for a while now. I am thankful it became a reality because there needs to be a deeper understanding about the state government's plans, as the plans are outlined to fulfil the needs and aspirations of the people."

At least 150 exhibitors comprising state government agencies and the private sector, representatives from the 16 local authorities and government-linked companies are taking part in the expo.

Half a million visitors are expected throughout the event, which includes dozens of fringe activities such as Karnival Muafakat Johor, state Road Safety Campaign and Johor Job Fair Carnival.

Khaled said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi would close the expo on Oct 14.

Najib is expected to simultaneously launch four initiatives at

the opening — a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project spanning 51km and costing RM1 billion for Iskandar Malaysia; four People's Housing Project (PPR) projects in Johor; the Johor Skills Development Master Plan; and Johor Sustainability Policy 2017-2021.

Johor Health, Environment, Education and Information Committee chairman Datuk Ayub Rahmat told Radio Televisyen Malaysia on Monday the expo was the biggest event held by the state government.

"The main exhibits comprise one section with segments on the Johor sultanate, state government's mission and the Johor Strategic Growth Plan, involving all 10 districts.

"Another segment features achievements under 13 sectors where visitors will see Johor's achievements in the past and where it is heading in the future," said Ayub.

The expo will be open from 10am to 10pm at Dataran Mahkota, Kota Iskandar here.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/eksppo-johor2017. By Ahmad Fairuz Othman and Halim Said

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