



Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Tan Sri Noh Omar (centre) with MyHome incentive recipients during a handover ceremony in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC BY ASYRAF HAMZAH

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NOH: HOMES BUILT BY GOVT ARE DIFFERENT

People must not be swayed by opposition remarks on PR1MA, says minister

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THE people have been reminded not to be swayed by negative remarks made by the opposition on affordable homes built under the government's 1Malaysia People's Housing Programme (PR1MA).

Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Tan Sri Noh Omar said houses under PR1MA were unlike those sold by private companies, where residential properties were sold at high prices for the sake of

making profit.

"The government has provided an allocation for the housing projects to proceed smoothly.

"We don't make empty promises. We deliver," he said at the handover ceremony of housing incentives under the Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Ministry and People's Housing Project (PPR) buy-and-sell signing ceremony at the Putra World Trade Centre here yesterday.

Present were PR1MA chief executive officer Datuk Abdul Mutalib Alias and National Housing Department director-general Jayaselan K. Navaratnam.

Noh said the public should know how to differentiate between the Kerinchi residential project, which was implemented by the Barisan Nasional-led government, and the Datum Jelatek housing project initiated by the PKR-led Selangor government.

"We abolished the old houses under the Selangor State Development Corporation and built new ones so that the locals will have comfortable homes to live in.

"It is different from the Datum Jelatek project, where the locals were given only compensation. Furthermore, the new houses were not affordable. The locals could not afford to buy the houses because they were expensive.

"The opposition makes promises, but never delivered them. In the end, the people are the ones who suffer," he said.

A total of 270 recipients received the PPR Rent-to-Own houses, while 168 recipients received MyHome incentives.

A total of 581 recipients received incentives under the MyDeposit scheme, and 118 under the Housing Loan Scheme. Some 138 applications were approved for the 1Malaysia Transit Homes scheme.