

With the theme 'Future of ASIA and Pacific Cities: Transformative Pathways to Achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development', APUF7 is targeting the presence of 7,000 participants from 60 countries, with 28 countries having confirmed their participation.

"Penang is chosen because of the many urbanization and smart city initiatives that had been implemented by the state government and thus will be able to provide exposure to the foreign participants," said Zuraida.

In conjunction with APUF7, she said, the ministry, through the Local Government Department (JKT) would also organise the second Local Authorities Empowerment Convention on October 14 to 15. — Bernama