

Ministry to release wakaf land framework in January

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PETALING JAYA: The Housing and Local Government Ministry is set to release the wakaf land development framework in January next year.

According to Deputy Minister Datuk Raja Kamarul Bahrin Shah Raja Ahmad, it will encompass 30,000ha of wakaf land under the management of Baifulmal in Peninsular Malaysia.

"There's a lot of very prime land which falls under wakaf land that has been neglected and underused. We feel that beneficiaries should get more returns out of it," he told the media after delivering his keynote address at the Rehda Housing Conference 2019 yesterday.

"The government thinks it's high time to make it more commercially viable and practical for people to develop the land."

Raja Kamarul Bahrin said he believes the move will overcome the constraints associated with wakaf land that could be used for residential or mixed development.

Wakaf land is earmarked for general development and is not for specific functions, he added.

Wakaf is an endowment made by a Muslim, in the form of land or building, to a religious, educational or charitable cause.

Housing and Local Government Minister Zuraida Kamaruddin had said the ministry planned to develop affordable housing on wakaf land to cater to the B40 group.



Raja Kamarul Bahrin delivering his keynote address at the Rehda Housing Conference 2019 yesterday. — ASYRAFASID/ THE SUN