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Kampung Kapitan concept to be extended to Sarawak this year — Zuraida

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Zuraida receives the 'cai qing' from a lion dance performer during the open house, as (from right) Baru, See, Willie and others watch. — Photo by Chimon Upon

KUCHING: The federal Housing and Local Government Ministry has identified six settlement relocation areas on the outskirts for development using the New Villages (NV) concept in Peninsular Malaysia, says its minister Zuraida Kamaruddin.

Speaking at a press conference held at Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) Stampin branch office yesterday, she said the concept of NV, also known as Kampung Kapitan in Peninsular Malaysia, would be extended to Sarawak for the first time this year.

“Kampung Kapitan in Peninsular Malaysia looks after the development of the Chinese but for Sarawak and Sabah it will be extended to other races.

“In Sarawak, this concept is alien to the people here so for the first time in 2020, my ministry wants to expand it to the state and for this first phase, six areas have been identified,” she said.

Under the concept of Kampung Kapitan, the area would receive funding from the ministry to develop the community in terms of infrastructure, economy, education and safety.

“The leaders of Kampung Kapitan level would, however, not take over the role or responsibilities of the current community leaders appointed by the state government,” she said.