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PENANG, APRIL 12 (BERNAMA) -- THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENTS, WILL IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE RE-DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO UPLIFT THE LIVING STANDARD OF THE HAVE-NOTS IN THE URBAN AREAS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

LAUNCHING ONE SUCH PROJECT IN JALAN KEDAH HERE TODAY, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME WOULD BE THE PROVISION OF VARIOUS BASIC AMENITIES, INCLUDING DWELLING PLACES AND BUSINESS LOTS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FACILITIES TO ENSURE A SATISFACTORY LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PEOPLE.

THE JALAN KEDAH COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IS A MODEL SCHEME WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE EXTENDED TO OTHER TOWNS.

UNDER THE PROJECT, PEOPLE OF VARIOUS COMMUNITIES WILL BE RESETTLED. -- BERNAMA MORE 1629/AI

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE TO DEVELOP THIS AREA TO RAISE THE LIVING STANDARD OF THE PEOPLE SO THAT IT WOULD BE AT PAR WITH THAT OF NEARBY PLACES THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN DEVELOPED.

THE PROJECT WOULD CREATE AN AREA OF DEVELOPMENT IN A MORE ORDERLY AND SYSTEMATIC MANNER.

THE JALAN KEDAH PROJECT WHICH COMPRISES A SHOPPING COMPLEX-CUM-FLATS IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN GEORGE TOWN.

CHIEF MINISTER DR LIM CHONG EU SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS IMPLEMENTING RE-DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES AND NEW TOWNSHIPS IN ITS EFFORTS TO PROVIDE HOUSING FACILITIES, ESPECIALLY FOR THE HAVE-NOTS.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO PROVIDING NEARBY TEMPORARY ALTERNATIVE HOUSING TO REDUCE DISLOCATION AND DIFFICULTIES AS A RESULT OF ITS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. -- BERNAMA MORE 1642/AI

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HE ALSO SAID THAT THE UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA (USM) WAS CARRYING OUT A DETAILED PLANNING STUDY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE JALAN KEDAH AREA COVERING 14.2 HECTARES.

THE STUDY WOULD ENABLE THE PENANG ISLAND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE RE-DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL OF THE AREA. -- BERNAMA 1643/AI