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GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO SUBMIT REPORT ON LAND UTILISATION

KOTA KINABALU, Dec 12 (Bernama) -- The Ministry of Land and Cooperative Development has asked government departments and agencies to submit reports on unutilised land owned by them.

Its minister Datuk Osu Sukam said today the report was important for the government to prepare a comprehensive development plan for the land.

"We will draw up the plan soon after the departments and agencies submitted their reports," he told reporters here after opening an electrical and furniture shop belonging to Kopeks, the 30,000-strong cooperative for government employees.

Osu said the development of the unutilised land was in consistent with the suggestion by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to have the land developed by the owners including through joint ventures with the private sector.

He said the ministry had records of land awarded to government departments and agencies in Peninsular Malaysia while in the case of Sabah, land was under the jurisdiction of the state government.

Asked if the government would acquire land not developed by the owners, Osu said all land acquisition land had been put on hold pending the amendments to the Land Acquisition Act next year.

Last Sunday, Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee had directed for a review of hundreds of hectares of land owned by government departments and agencies but left undeveloped.

Yong said the review was to plan development of the land. -- BERNAMA
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