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GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES SELF-CONTAINED TOWNSHIP

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 13 (Bernama) -- The government is encouraging the development of self-contained townships to meet the needs of residents, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

Such integrated development included the development of golf course together with housing schemes, schools and hospital in the same area.

"Now, the trend is to develop houses, schools and hospital together with the golf course for the benefit of the residents," he said when opening the Tropicana Golf and Country Resort (TGCR) in Damansara, here.

He said development of self-contained townships would not only benefit the people and investors but also the government through collection of taxes.

Dr Mahathir said the resort was testimony of the country's sound economy growth.

"The private sector in Malaysia is very innovative nowadays and their business is getting bigger and bigger and the government is encouraging this healthy competition," he added.

Also present were Tropicana Golf and Country Resort chairman Tan Sri Jaffar Abdul and its Managing Director Datuk Danny Tan.

Earlier, Jaffar said the 250-hectare resort built on former estate land was planned as a comprehensive self-contained township with the theme "Country Living With City Convenience."

The resort has a 36-hole golf course, clubhouse with indoor sports facilities, bungalow lots, residential houses and condominiums, business park, hotel, medical centre and private school.

He said Tropicana was designed for a low residential density of seven units per 0.4 hectare. -- BERNAMA