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INDIA'S INTEREST IN M'SIA LOW-COST HOUSING

KUALA LUMPUR, May 30 (Bernama) -- India is interested in learning from Malaysia on how the country implements its low-cost housing programme, Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh said today.

He said the big demand for low-cost houses in India provide good opportunities for local developers to undertake projects there.

"In fact, India invites local developers to carry out housing projects there on their own or joint-venture basis," he told reporters after receiving a call from outgoing Indian High Commissioner to Malaysia Vijay K. Nambiar at his office here.

Dr Ting said so far only two Malaysian companies were involved in housing projects in India.

On Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL)'s housing project in Jalan Jelatek, he said the first phase comprising 400 units had been completed.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to present the keys to successful tenants of the flats. Applicants must earn less than RM500 per month to be eligible to rent the units.

But Dr Ting said he was told many applications were rejected because they earned more than RM500.

"If there are few applicants earning less than RM500 per month, we might consider increasing the income limit," he said.

Successful applicants would pay not more than RM120 per month for the rent, he said.

Earlier Dr Ting who is adviser to Federation of Automobile Workshop Owners Association of Malaysia received a memorandum from association members for a new scheme for vehicles owners to submit their insurance claims after repairing the vehicles. -- BERNAMA

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