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ISA WELCOMES MAHATHIR'S VIEW ON LOW-COST HOUSE PRICING

SEREMBAN, Oct 20 (Bernama) -- Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad said the move to determine low-cost house prices based on its location will complement the state government's plans to build more such houses in the state.

He said the move would also help resolve the problems faced by the state government to build such houses.

He, however, said the Federal Government must first fix a formula to decide on the prices of low-cost houses in major towns like Kuala Lumpur.

There should also be a formula for the price of low-cost houses in medium-sized towns like Seremban and smaller towns like Kuala Klawang in Jelebu, he said when commenting on the proposal.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday prices of low-cost houses would be fixed according to their location as it was no longer possible to maintain the RM25,000 ceiling for each unit.

He had said it was only logical that the low-cost houses were priced according to their locations as it was not realistic to pay RM25,000 for a low-cost house in areas like Kuala Lumpur.

Speaking at the launch of the state-level World Health Day, Isa said the public should realise the importance of maintaining a high standard of cleanliness at all times in urban areas.

He said the direct involvement and commitment of the people were crucial as environmental cleanliness depended on them.

"The level of public awareness on cleanliness is still low which is evident from the number of people patronising dirty foodstalls," he said

The urban population is expected to increase by 60 per cent before the year 2000 and the increase would create various health problems if serious attention was not given from now, he added. -- BERNAMA

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