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PERAK TO IMPROVE DATA-COLLECTION ON LOW-COST HOUSES

IPOH, March 2 (Bernama) -- The Perak government will update data-collection on low-cost house applicants which will be streamlined with the state centralised registration network system, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib said.

He said the State Secretary's Office would be directed to ensure the registration exercise and data collection on low-cost units, being carried out only at district levels now, be updated and conducted systematically.

The data gathered must be fed into the state centralised registration system linked to the Housing and Local Government Ministry, he said.

The data must be updated every year as the economic status of a family could have improved due to the rapid growth of the state's industrial sector as well as the various poverty-eradication programmes implemented by the government, he told reporters after meeting state Umno division chiefs at his residence, here, last night.

He said the state government met the demand for low-cost units not only by approving low-cost housing projects but also offering land for those in the lower income bracket to build houses under the planned village concept.

Ramli, however, said the state government would reduce planned village projects as those offered housing lots did not build houses but instead left the plots lying idle.

He also said existing planned villages could not be developed in an integrated manner due to lack of proper infrastructure facilities.

He said the state government was more in favour of building low-cost houses complete with basic amenities.

Ramli also said some 30,000 people would welcome Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on March 23 when he arrives to perform the earth-breaking ceremony for Proton's second production plant in Bernam Valley.

He said Dr Mahathir who is scheduled to make a one-day visit to the state would also visit the holiday resort type of houses built at Diamond Creek, near the production plant site.

In the evening, Dr Mahathir would visit the Bukit Merah integrated development project in north Perak. -- BERNAMA

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