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PERLIS WILLING TO HELP IMPLEMENT THAI CULTURAL VILLAGE PROJECT

KANGAR, Jan 20 (Bernama) --The Perlis government is willing to help the Malaysian Thai Association implement the Thai Cultural Village project in Pulau Langkawi, Menteri Besar Perlis Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said.

He said the state government could, through the Menteri Besar Corporation and the Perlis State Economic Development Corporation, help carry out the project on a turnkey basis if the association faced difficulties raising capital for the project.

Shahidan was speaking at a function here last night held in honour of the association's coordinating chairman, Charern Intachat, for his recent appointment as a senator.

Charern said the RM34 million project, mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, was still being negotiated but was confident it would be carried out.

Shahidan, in his speech at the function organised by the Perlis Thai Association, said Charern's appointment as a senator reflected the high recognition accorded by the Malaysian government to the Thai community not only in the economic and administrative fields but also in national leadership.

Charern, 56, the former Kedah Immigration Director, is the first person of the community to be appointed as a senator.

Shahidan also announced the appointment of the deputy chairman of the Perlis Thai Association, Siw Chun a/p Eam, as a Kangar Municipal Councillor. -- Bernama