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SAP EXPECTS SALES OF RM280 MLN FROM RE-DEVELOPMENT OF RAWANG TOWN

SHAH ALAM, May 27 (Bernama) -- The Selangor state government has given the mandate to SAP Holdings Bhd to re-develop Rawang town involving state land measuring 30.33 ha at a cost of RM220 million, with an expected sales value of RM280 million.

The project, which is scheduled to be completed within six years, would commence in October, SAP Holdings Bhd chairman, Datuk Yaacob A. Hamid said after signing a privatisation agreement on the Rawang town re-development project between SAP and the Selangor state government.

In a statement, SAP said it has a 70-percent stake in the project via its subsidiary SAP Rawang Development Sdn Bhd, while Ciri Urus Sdn Bhd holds the other 30 percent..

Yaacob said the development would commence with a government complex, to be followed by a commercial project and a condominium project.

The sales for the commercial and condominium block would also be launched in October, he said, adding that Bumiputeras would be given a 50 percent quota.

The Rawang town would be equipped with a government administration complex, an office complex, a hotel, a supermarket, a four-storey commercial block comprising 77 units, a two-storey, 22 units shop office, 549 apartment units as well as 128 units of government houses.

There will also be a modern market, a surau, a library, a sports and recreational center and a bus station.

Yaacob also said that SAP would gain a number of new expertise from the project, the first of such project undertaken by the company.

"If the company is able to prove that it can carry out the Rawang town project, the Selangor state government had shown signs for the company to make an offer to re-develop old towns like Ulu Selangor, Banting, Kuala Selangor and others," he said.

Meanwhile, Selangor Menteri Besar Selangor Tan Sri Muhammad Hj Muhd Taib who was also present at the ceremony, said Rawang town was chosen because it formed part of the Northern Corridor and the Bernam valley component, a new economic area currently being developed by the state government.

Upon completion, the new Rawang town would be able to interact with the Klang Valley through the highway built by Projek Lebuhraya Utara Selatan, as well as the Komuter Grid Nasional Keretapi Tanah Melayu service, which would connect Rawang with the Klang Valley, Seremban and the southern peninsular through Kuala Lumpur.

With this facilities, there is a possibility that the new town could be turned into a satellite development centre for Kuala Lumpur.

Muhammad said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed had plans to introduce new developments in town administration in the country, especially through the Multi Media Corridor which covers PutraJaya, the Kuala Lumpur International Airport and Kuala Lumpur. -- BERNAMA

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