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TING REMINDS LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON NEED FOR SPOT CHECKS

SITIAWAN, Nov 7 (Bernama) -- Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh has told local authorities that staff shortage is no excuse for not conducting spot checks in their areas.

Although most local governments were short of manpower, spot checks still had to be done to ensure development projects and renovation activities were implemented according to regulations, he said.

"These activities need to be monitored to ensure they do not endanger lives," he told reporters after launching the Manjung Ku Tian Association's 42nd anniversary celebration in Air Tawar, near here, last night.

With constant monitoring, local authorities can issue stop-work order where necessary, he said.

However, he urged the people to abide by the regulations when undertaking any projects or renovations to their premises.

He was commenting on cases of cracks developing in buildings due to development projects in adjacent areas and illegal renovations to buildings.

On the lighted garden nation project, he wanted local authorities to help identify companies to participate in the programme.

Under the programme, expected to be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad next year, the private sector is to help finance the installation of more lamp posts and partly foot the electricity bills for street lighting.

Many foreign visitors had complimented Kuala Lumpur for its beauty and it was the government's hope that all local authorities would keep their areas clean and beautiful, he said. -- BERNAMA

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