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DEVELOPERS TO PLACE DEPOSIT FOR LANDSCAPING

KUALA LUMPUR, March 12 (Bernama) -- Developers will have to put up a deposit for landscaping work in their respective housing projects, Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh said today.

He said the deposit would be used by the respective local authorities to complete the landscaping work if developers failed to do so.

If the landscaping did not conform with the required specifications, the developers would still be issued with temporary certificate of fitness (CF) but would be asked to carry out the necessary corrective work.

Speaking to reporters after his ministry's post-cabinet meeting, he said the deposit would be refunded if the developers carried out a satisfactory landscaping work.

Dr Ting said the permanent CF would only be issued if developers fulfilled all the conditions including providing a landscape area.

At present, not all local authorities enforced the regulation and that it was up to them to decide on the quantum of deposit, he said.

On the tree planting campaign launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad recently, he said all state governments had send in their reports and the ministry was confident the target for each state would be achieved.

Dr Ting said states with a higher population such as Perak would plant 90,000 trees a year with Johor and Selangor 80,000 each.

He also said the National Housing Price Index would enable the government and consumers to monitor the house prices besides aiding housebuyers in decision-making.

The index would also facilitate the ministry to control sharp rise in house prices, he added. -- BERNAMA

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