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PUTRAJAYA IS POISED TO BECOME A CITY OF WORLD STANDARD

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 8 (Bernama) -- Putrajaya, the federal administrative centre launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight, is capable of becoming a city of world standard, said its developer.

Putrajaya Holdings Sdn Bhd said the city, located 25 km from here, would be have the latest technology and modern transport and town planning, apart from beautiful garden and environment.

Its chairman, Tan Sri Abdul Rashid Hussein, said Putrajaya was developed according to a high standard of planning, with a master plan that was Malaysian in character.

Apart from serving as the federal administrative centre for 76,000 government employees, the city located between Kuala Lumpur and the new Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang, would be home to 300,000 people, he said at the launching of the city, at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

A total of 67,000 houses will be built in Putrajaya, 10,000 of which will be low-cost ones, he said.

Rashid said Putrajaya would be developed in two phases with phase one comprising the Prime Minister's Department and his official residence and which was expected to be ready by the year 2000.

He said the development of roads, landmarks such as the Puta Mosque, Putra Bridge, putra Square, fields, garden, lake and wetlands were also progressing smoothly.

Rashid said the second phase was currently in the planning stage and its development would be determined by the market situation following the recent government decision to defer all major projects in a move to improve the country's current account position.

Apart from government-owned Putrajaya Holdings, the development of Putrajaya is also undertaken jointly by Malaysian Resources Corporation Bhd, Peremba, SP Setia, Hong Leong Properties and Malaysian Plantations. --
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