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Ting: Review cleanliness programme

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IPOH, Sun. - Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh has directed all local councils to review their cleanliness and beautification programmes and determine if they have met the desired results.

He said it was about time the local authorities took stock of what they had done since the programme was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in 1990.

"If cleanliness is still lacking, then something must be wrong and a review of the programme should be made to rectify weaknesses or include new ideas," he said.

Ting was speaking to newsmen after flagging off a cross-country run held in conjunction with the Gopeng MCA division's 48th anniversary celebrations at the Gunung Rapat Rukun Tetangga base today.

Ting was responding to Dr Mahathir's statement that the lifestyle of Malaysians did not reflect the nation's middle-income status.

The Prime Minister has expressed his dissatisfaction over the lack of cleanliness especially in public places such as toilets, hawker centres and flats. He urged the authorities to improve the lifestyle of the people.

Ting said the reminder by Dr Mahathir was timely, adding that the people should strive for a better environment.

Although there was some noticeable improvement in some areas, there was still room for more changes and this should be looked into immediately, he added.

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