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HDA SUPPORTS CALL TO REDUCE BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 4 (Bernama) -- The Housing Developers Association (HDA) Malaysia has supported Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call to the public service to speed up the processing of applications and reduce bureaucratic delays.

HDA president Eddy Chen said today the move was a vital step towards the revival of the economy.

Red tape and cumbersome bureaucratic procedures added to unnecessary costs, he said in a statement, here.

"Currently, the building industry is faced with 30 to 40 approval processes which can take two to six years," he said.

He said the association was also glad that the government recognised that the construction sector was crucial to economic growth.

"The RM5 billion Infrastructure Development Fund would indeed act as a catalyst to rejuvenate the construction sector," he said of the fund announced by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim on Wednesday. --

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