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MB: One-stop centres to help reduce red tape

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SERENDAH, Sun. - The Selangor Government will step up efforts to trim bureaucracy and red tape to the minimum with the introduction of one-stop centres in all its agencies.

Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar said the one-stop centres would help address matters pertaining to the issue of Certificate of Fitness, building and structure plans, Temporary Occupation Licence, change in land status and licences.

This, he said, would ensure a speedier approval of plans so that costly delays could be reduced.

"We have weekly meetings to identify problems and ways to overcome any problems in the State, especially those faced in the property development and the small-and medium-scale industries.

"If the State Government cannot provide adequate assistance, we will refer the matter to the Federal Government," he said.

Speaking to reporters after launching a campaign on "Love Malaysia-Buy Malaysia Goods", Abu Hassan said he was satisfied with the performance of most agencies which had provided the necessary support to facilitate business activities in the State.

He said guidelines had been circulated to all Government agencies for them to further upgrade their performance to provide fast and accurate services to the public.

The move, he said, was a follow up on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call to cut red tape which could delay the approval of applications urgently needed to revive the economy.

In addition, he said the State Government will try to formulate methods to assist those having problems as a result of the current economic situation.

Earlier, Abu Hassan said since the start of the economic crisis, some measures have been taken to strengthen the economy including campaigns to buy local goods.

He said a lot more effort needs to be put into building the image of local products and the campaign should go hand-in-hand with the drive to improve quality.

Small- and medium-scale industries, in particular, which are supplying the bulk of Malaysian-made products in the local market, must upgrade and improve their quality.

"We should support our own products especially those that offer value for money, but consumer interest should not be sacrificed to support incompetent industries," Abu Hassan said.

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