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Ting-Vandalism

REPORT VANDALISM TO THE POLICE, SAYS LING

KUALA LUMPUR, July 9 (Bernama) -- Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh has urged members of the public to report vandalism to the police which has damaged public property worth hundreds of thousands of ringgit.

"What is important is public cooperation and civic-mindedness... educate our children not to be involved in such acts when they are still young," he told a news conference after visiting landscaping works carried out by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) in the city and Bukit Jalil today.

He said that although the problem was still under controlled, alot of money was spent to replace public property which was damaged or stolen.

DBKL Datuk Bandar Tan Sri Kamaruzzaman Shariff said vandalism was jeopardising efforts to beautify the city as damaged items had to be replaced with new ones.

"One item frequently damaged and stolen is decorative lights with estimated losses so far of RM150,000," he said.

Dr Ting also praised DBKL for its continous efforts to beautify the city.

He said the federal government had allocated RM13 million to DBKL of which RM7 million was for landscaping works while the balance for other facilities in preparation for the Commonwealth Games in September.

The issue of cleanliness and beautification was frequently brought up by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during the cabinet's meeting, he said.

Dr Ting said the ministry encouraged local authorities to set up a unit to handle and coordinate landscaping works in their respective areas.

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