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Ting: Set up landscaping units

THE Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh yesterday encouraged local councils to set up landscaping divisions to coordinate beautification projects in their area.

"Currently, not all local councils have such a division. The name of the division is not important but its responsibility in coordinating landscaping work is important to the country," Ting told reporters in Kuala Lumpur after inspecting the landscape at the International Park and Games Village in Bukit Jalil.

Ting, who was accompanied by City Hall Mayor Tan Sri Kamaruzzaman Shariff, praised City Hall's landscaping division for a good job, saying that the division had shown an effort to clean and beautify areas under its vicinity.

City Hall, he said, was allocated RM13 million by the Federal Government for the Commonwealth Games including RM7 million for landscaping activities.

"City Hall is responsible for the administration and maintenance of the Games Village at Bukit Jalil and is working closely with the event's organisers, Sukom Ninety Eight Bhd to provide all facilities," he said adding that the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad views the landscaping activities in the country seriously.

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