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COMPETITION TO DESIGN HOUSES FOR HILLY TERRAIN, HILLSLOPES

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 6 (Bernama) -- The government will organise a competition to come up with the best design of houses to be built in hilly areas and on hillslopes in efforts to preserve the environment.

Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh said the decision to organise the competition was made at today's weekly Cabinet meeting.

He said the ministry was working on the competition rules.

Designs which give emphasis to avoid cutting of hills and felling of trees would be selected, he told reporters.

Through the competition, the government hoped new housing designs and models would emerge to enable hilly terrain and hillslopes to be developed for housing projects without damaging the environment.

He also said the Town and Country Planning Act 1976 had been amended to ensure developers did not level hills and cut trees at their whims.

Dr Ting said the idea to organise the competition was mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who always stressed for a balance between development environmental conservation.

He said winners of the competition would be offered to carry out the projects based on their designs in areas proposed by them.

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