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386 ABANDONED HOUSING PROJECTS REVIVED, SAYS KAYVEAS

MENTAKAB, Oct 20 (Bernama) -- The Government has revived 386 of the 514 abandoned housing projects in the past three years despite the economic slowdown, Deputy Minister of Housing and Local Government Datuk M. Kayveas said.

He said 112 projects are being revived while the remaining 16 projects are unable to be revived.

The projects could be revived with the cooperation of landowners, developers and banks, he told Bernama after opening the Mentakab Tamil School Cultural Night.

He said the government was serious in reviving abandoned housing projects in the country and solving problems faced by housebuyers whose housing schemes have been abandoned.

The amended Housing Developers' Act had ample provisions to tackle housebuyers' problems and errant developers.

Kayveas also said a Special Committee headed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had been set up to realise the government's vision of achieving zero squatter status in 2005.

He said the move showed the government's seriousness in providing adequate housing for the people.

Asked on the possibility of reviving the Taman Chengal project in Tanjung Lalang, Temerloh, Kayveas said he would look into the matter immediately.

He said he would not hesitate to take action against the parties involved as the project had been abandoned for over 20 years.

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