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Call to build affordable houses

PETALING JAYA, Sun. - Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Khir Toyo today called on the private sector to complement the Government's efforts in building affordable homes for the lower income group.

He said apart from meeting the State Government's target to provide each family with a house, it would also help solve squatter problems in the State by 2005.

"The private and public sectors must work together to realise this.

"This way, we can help the people, especially those from the lower income group, to own houses," he said at the symbolic handing-over of keys to 6,112 owners of affordable houses in Damansara Damai by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Mohd Khir also told developers to emulate MK Land Holdings Bhd which was building affordable houses for the lower income group. He said it was better for developers to build affordable houses as there was a great demand for them.

Such projects are also more viable compared to those in the higher category which had a greater possibility of being abandoned.

MK Land executive chairman Tan Sri Mustapha Kamal Abu Bakar earlier said the company would build 83,333 units of affordable houses in the State, 35 per cent of which would be in Damansara Damai and Taman Bunga Raya in Bukit Beruntung.

MK Land's subsidiary, Medan Prestasi Sdn Bhd, is developing the Damansara Damai project.

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