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MORE BALANCED PLANNING ACTIVITIES FROM NEXT YEAR

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- There would be more balanced town and country planning activities with the formation of a national physical planning council next year, said Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting.

He said the council to be chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would enable adequate consultation between the federal and state governments and the local authorities.

"The Town and Country Planning Act had been amended to create a national physical planning council," he told reporters after opening the World of the Chinese Book exhibition at the Malaysian International Exhibition and Convention Centre (MIECC) at Mines Resort City, Seri Kembangan near here today.

He said other members of the council would include Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as deputy chairman while Town and Country Planning Director-General as council's secretary.

"I regard the amendments which had been gazetted will provide a more effective town and country planning activities," he said.

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