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TNB's housing proposal for employees

PENANG, Fri. - Tenaga Nasional Bhd will launch a 'one employee, one house' scheme for its 25,000-employees in June.

Chairman Datuk Dr Jamaludin Mohd Jarjis, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would launch the nationwide 'Taman TNB' housing plan.

He said an initial 3,500 units being built in several States would be ready soon.

Jamaludin said the scheme was to ensure all TNB employees would be guaranteed a home when they retired.

"Many of our employees are staying in TNB quarters, while a number of them who have bought houses are renting properties which are closer to their workplace.

"We want them to work closer to their homes," he said.

Citing an example, he said many TNB employees in Penang had bought homes in Sungai Petani and Kulim, Kedah, due to the lower prices there compared to property prices in Penang.

He was speaking after launching the RM36 million 'Pangsapuri TNB' in Sungai Ara here.

The TNB quarters comprised two blocks of apartments for 222 non-executive employees and a four-storey apartment for 20 executives.

Jamaludin said TNB had applied for assistance from State Governments over the proposed scheme.

"We are asking them to provide State land or land belonging to government agencies.

"We are only building homes for our staff. We will not be competing with housing developers," he said.

Asked on how much the company had set aside for the scheme, he said: "We just want to provide affordable housing for all our staff."

On human resources development, Jamaludin said TNB management staff would soon be required to obtain a second degree, either in Engineering or Business Administration, to boost their skills levels.

"Non-executive employees will also be required to undergo additional training every five years.

"We need to do this to boost staff commitment and productivity," he said.

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