

Expect growth boost

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Ong: Most 9MP projects being carried out this year

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia can expect further growth as most of the projects under the 9th Malaysia Plan (9MP) are being carried out this year, said Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting.

He said there were a lot of opportunities under the 9MP for every Malaysian to participate in, and hence bring development to the country.

"The Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will further reduce bureaucracy and continue to improve the public delivery system to speed up projects. This will help boost the country's economy," Ong said after opening MGW Fashion Square, which houses 20 fashion wholesale outlets, here yesterday.

Ong, who is MCA president, urged local fashion designers and whole-

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salers to be creative in marketing their products to face globalisation.

"We must do something creative that has yet to be done by others. Do not limit yourself to the same market, try to get exposure in other markets," he said.

He said local designers and

wholesalers should also introduce their products worldwide.

MGW Fashion Square chairman Datuk Ang Say Tee said he wanted to

give local designers a chance to open their outlets at a lower cost.

"We hope to introduce local fashions to other countries," he said.