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PR1MA a roaring success

Scheme attracts one million applicants

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PUTRAJAYA: The Perumahan Rakyat 1Malaysia (PR1MA) affordable home scheme has attracted one million applicants, with the first batch of 560 PR1MA units ready for buyers.

Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said although the demand was seven-fold higher than the delivery capacity, the Government was committed to building as many affordable homes as possible.

"In this year's budget we allocated RM1.3bil to build 80,000 more PR1MA units nationwide in keeping with our promise to deliver," the Prime Minister said at a ceremony to present keys to pioneer PR1MA housebuyers at Precinct 11 yesterday.

Najib lauded Putrajaya Holdings

for being the first in the country to deliver completed PR1MA units to buyers, seven months ahead of schedule.

"Putrajaya Holding has also exceeded our expectation as they are selling the units at 30% cheaper than market value.

The PR1MA apartment units were sold at RM120,000 (75.7 sq m) and RM150,000 (93 sq m) at a 2.8ha housing complex that comes complete with a surau, multi-purpose hall, kindergarten, nursery, children's playground and a badminton court.

"I could not wait to deliver the keys to the first housebuyers," Najib said.

He noted that the affordable homes built under various

schemes in Putrajaya were 50% cheaper than those in Cyberjaya.

He said Putrajaya would soon have 67,186 affordable units to meet the growing demand.

"The buyers are picked via balloting, and the process is audited by KPMG," he said.

PR1MA Corporation chairman Tan Sri Dr Jamaludin Jarjis said the company was now looking into buying Malay reserve land to build the-affordable units as 70% of the applicants were Malays.

Federal Territories and Urban Welfare Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said Perbadanan Putrajaya had six more parcels of land that could be used for affordable home schemes.



Key to a brand new home: Najib presenting the keys to pioneer PR1MA housebuyers at Precinct 11 in Putrajaya as Tengku Adnan (fourth from right) looks on. — Bernama