

# New house, sweet home

## Ex-Seri Labuan residents move into larger accommodation

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Rohani Hussin's eyes welled up with joyful tears after she received the key to her new home at the Residensi Razak-Mas2 apartment in Bandar Tun Razak here from Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The cook and single mother to six grown-up children was one of 395 former residents of the Seri Labuan public housing scheme who moved to their new accommodation.

"I never expected to get such a nice home after I bought my flat in the Seri Labuan public housing area in 1984," she said.

Rohani said her new 805sq ft unit with two bathrooms was much better than her old single-room flat, where she raised her six children, three of whom are now married and live with their own families.

She remembers how her only son found it awkward to share a sleeping area with his five sisters and preferred to spend his time outside.

"I think the tight and confined space at home is one of the reasons why some children raised in small flats prefer to 'lepak'," she added.

Rohani said she could not find the words to express how happy she was to have a home for herself and her three other children.

She hopes the government would keep building more affordable housing for the B40 group and that



**Good facilities:** Muhyiddin assessing the amenities at Residensi RazakMas2 in Bandar Tun Razak. With him are Annuar (right) and Asset Kayamas Sdn Bhd managing director Tan Sri Chai Kin Kong (left).  
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ex-Seri Labuan residents would continue to enjoy affordable maintenance rates at their new place.

"We used to pay RM45 for maintenance fees. I hope there is a lower rate for former residents of the Seri Labuan flats," she added.

Residents at Residensi RazakMas2 will not only get a larger space but other amenities they lacked at Seri Labuan such as a covered car park, recreational areas and lifts.

The units were given to former Seri Labuan residents for free in exchange for their flats.

Meanwhile, 245 tenants who rented units at Seri Labuan will be given the option to purchase units at RazakMas2, developed by Aset Kayamas Sdn Bhd, at RM198,000, which is

below the current market rate.

In his speech at the ceremony to hand over keys to residents yesterday, Muhyiddin said the residents had waited for 10 years for their new quarters to be ready as the government continues to provide affordable housing to B40 communities in urban areas.

He also said the recently launched implementation of the Kuala Lumpur Urban Renewal programme would be a blueprint for the redevelopment of dilapidated areas.

He added that it would take areas like Seri Labuan and make them more vibrant, which would also improve the landscape and property prices within the area.

Federal Territories Minister Tan

Sri Annuar Musa said the Kuala Lumpur Urban Renewal programme would continue with the redevelopment of other areas in Kuala Lumpur such as Seri Melaka, Seri Johor, Seri Pulau Pinang and Ikan Emas.

"We will continue to focus on improving the welfare of city dwellers as we transform Kuala Lumpur into a city for all by 2040," he added.

Annuar said the government planned to develop council homes after Hari Raya Aidilfitri, with the first project identified at Sungai Udang, Segambut.