

Some 26,000 KL homeowners to enjoy assessment discount

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KUALA LUMPUR: Some 26,000 homeowners in Kuala Lumpur will enjoy 25% off on assessment tax from their second term onwards.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the initiative covers homes in the affordable housing category completed after 2014 until today.

"The discount will benefit 25,677 affordable homeowners under the Malaysia Civil Servants Housing Programme (PPAM), Rumawip, PRIMA and Residensi Wilayah in Kuala Lumpur.

"After listening to the people's grouses, the government decided to reduce the assessment tax for all affordable homeowners in Kuala Lumpur," he said during the launch of the Taman Tasik Metropolitan multi-storey car-park at PPAM Metropolitan Kepong here yesterday.

The discount will start from July until the reassessment evaluation is completed.

Anwar said the discounts will involve a reduction of Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) revenue by RM2.067mil.

In December last year, Anwar

announced 30% off for assessment tax for homes under RM300,000 in Putrajaya.

On lower income groups who could not afford to purchase a house, Anwar said they will be able to rent houses under the government's Madani housing initiative.

Anwar said the rental scheme, namely Rumah Majlis Madani (Madani council homes) and Pembangunan Rumah Ihsan Madani, will target M40 and B40 groups who would be able to rent homes for a period of five years.

"The rent (for the council homes) will be RM600 per month for the 700 sq ft three-bedroom house.

"The Pembangunan Rumah Ihsan Madani is for the B40 and hardcore poor groups, where they will pay rent of RM300 per month for a 700 sq ft three-bedroom home.

"The limitation to rent for five years is to allow others from the same groups to rent the units as well," he said.

These two home rental schemes were introduced under the new affordable housing initiative known as Kejiranan Madani.

Anwar said the Kejiranan Madani refers to a group of people from the M40, B40 and



Here to help: Anwar bidding farewell to residents in Metropolitan Kepong. - AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star

extreme poor who are living within the same area that are complete with basic necessities.

"The Kejiranan Madani will soon involve several components of affordable housing development for target groups," he said.

There are three development projects in Kuala Lumpur under the Madani concept which is

expected to start within this year.

Anwar said M40 groups with monthly household income of RM7,000 and below will be able to purchase a 800 sq ft unit priced at RM200,000 under the Prihatin Madani project.

"For the B40 groups with household earnings of RM5,000 and less, a 750 sq ft unit at RM180,000

will be offered to them under the Residensi Madani development.

"The Residensi Sejahtera Madani is for youths and newly-married couples aged between 21 and 30, with monthly household income of RM4,000 and below, where they can purchase a 700 sq ft home at RM150,000 per unit," he said: