

**Free Garbage Bins Not Political Gimmick, Says Chor
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 13 (Bernama) -- The distribution of three million free garbage bins on wheels for households that have settled their assessments started recently, said Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Chor Chee Heung.

Dismissing a suggestion that the distribution of the garbage bins was a political gimmick in the run-up to the next general election, he said it was a well-thought-out plan whether the election was around the corner or not.

"Hence, the distribution of the garbage bins has nothing to do with the election," he told reporters at the handing over ceremony of the bins to residents of Taman Desa here today.

Chor said the garbage bins in Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Pahang would be managed by Alam Flora Sdn Bhd while in Johor, Melaka and Negeri Sembilan by SWM Environment Sdn Bhd, and Perlis and Kedah by Environment Idaman Sdn Bhd.

He said the distribution of the bins in Kelantan and Perak was still at the planning stage.

The free garbage bins are distributed in line with the enforcement of the Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Act 2007 (Act 672).

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