

Image problem hinders Malaysia My Second Home, says Ng
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 14 — Foreigners are shunning the Malaysia My Second Home (MM2H) programme because they do not perceive the country to be peaceful and stable, Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen said today.

Bernama reported the tourism minister (picture) as blaming recent street demonstrations for hindering promotional efforts undertaken by the ministry.

Her comments came in the form of a written reply to DAP's Teresa Kok who asked for a breakdown of MM2H participants as well as the problems faced by the ministry in implementing the programme.

Dr Ng said 17,203 foreigners from 119 countries joined the MM2H programme from 2002-2011, the majority of whom are China nationals with 2,857 applications recorded so far.

They are followed by citizens of Bangladesh (2,082), United Kingdom (1,789) and Japan (1,629), she was quoted by the national news agency as saying.

The minister also said that 90.6 per cent of the 8,479 participants registered since 2007 are male.

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