

Cabinet Approves Utility Installation Guidelines
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ALOR SETAR, April 21 (Bernama) -- The Cabinet yesterday approved a utility installation guideline system which was expected to be enforced next year, said Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Wira Chor Chee Heung.

According to the guidelines, underground tunnels would be wider and more comprehensive to accommodate cables and pipes to be installed systematically for easier maintenance, he said.

Chor said the system would be applied for all development areas or new towns to standardise installation and maintenance of utilities and to do away with the practice of 'cut and cover.'

"The system has been used in the development of Putrajaya but it was not comprehensive enough," he told reporters after presenting annual grants and 'Assessment Assistance Contributions' to 11 local authorities in Kedah here Saturday.

According to him, the system, however, needed to be tabled at the Local Government National Council involving Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers and the National Physical Planning Council, which only meets twice a year, before it could be implemented.

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