

**Federal Govt has clear guidelines on hillslope projects, says DPM**  
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GEORGE TOWN: Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng must take responsibility for hillslope developments in Penang, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

"The Federal Government has clear guidelines on hillslope development and the previous state government had also pledged to adhere to the guidelines.

"But in Penang, Lim does whatever he feels like doing," he said yesterday after witnessing the exchange of documents of a memorandum of agreement between the Northern Corridor Implementation Authority and Advanced Micro Devices Export Sdn Bhd and Fabtronic Sdn Bhd here yesterday.

Muhyiddin said hillslope development in Penang had affected the living environment of the people.

He also said 250 low medium-cost houses would be built in Kampung Permatang Tok Suboh in Central Seberang Perai to address the issue of the lack of affordable homes in the state.

He added that he had received reports about housing issues faced by Penangites, including the problem of costly houses and a lack of low-cost housing.

"We will start (by providing affordable houses) in Bukit Minyak as we have land there," he said in his speech to about 6,000 people from 60 Malay NGOs at Universiti Sains Malaysia.

Muhyiddin said he would instruct the Implementation Coordination Unit to identify more land for affordable homes for the low-income groups.

He said discussions would be held with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on reviving the Yayasan Bumiputera Pulau Pinang, an organisation that looks after the welfare of the Penang bumiputras.

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