

Funds for Felda homes crucial
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KUALA LUMPUR: The RM1.5 billion allocation in the 2013 Budget for the construction of 20,000 units of houses for Felda's new generation is expected to solve the housing woes in almost every Felda settlement.

Federation of Felda Visionary Generation chairman Tan Sri Rozali Ismail said the project was crucial for the development of the community's socio-economic system.

"The announcement had been eagerly awaited, considering the fact that the new generation comprise those working in the plantations with a low income and have no homes of their own.

"It is a problem faced by almost every Felda settlement. That is why we need to expedite the construction and avoid too much bureaucracy after the proposals are made," he said yesterday.

The five-year project, covering about 2,000ha announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, was one of the government's corporate social responsibility activities.

Rozali, who is also Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya Water Association president, said the RM4.5 billion allocation for basic rural infrastructure development showed the government was committed towards improving basic utilities.

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