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2,000 hi-tech houses ready

BEDB hands over to Housing Dev Dept

By Azlan Othman

THE handing over of Brunei Economic Development Board (BEDB)'s pilot scheme of 2,000 national housing scheme houses in Kg Panaga, Belait to the Housing Development Department was held yesterday at the Ministry of Development.

The chief guest was the Minister of Development, Pehin Orang Kaya Indera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awg Hj Suyoi bin Hj Osman. Also present was the Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, Dato Paduka Awg Hj Ali bin Hj Apong, who is also the Chairman of BEDB.

BEDB was directed to undertake the pilot scheme for 2,000 houses in April 2008. In February 2009, an approval was received to award the contract to Bina Puri Holdings to handle and develop the housing project for \$288.7 million (lowest tender price).

Out of the 2,000 houses, 800 (40 per cent) are semi-detached and the remaining 1,200 (60 per cent) are terrace houses. The project duration was 24 months.

The project was the first housing scheme to be developed in a large scale, used steel tunnel formwork, vacuum sewerage system in lieu of conventional sewerage system and has also used fibre optic cables for houses, the first housing scheme in the country to have such a facility.

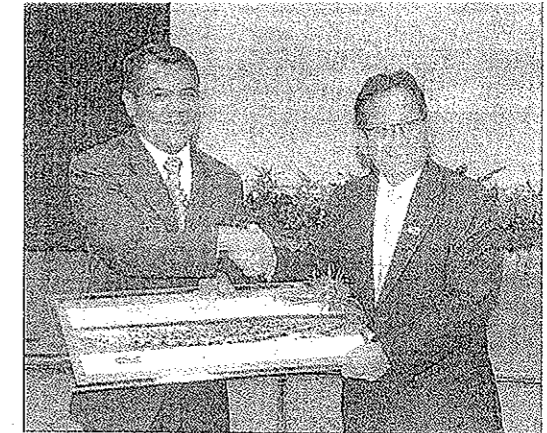
The floor area for semi-detached houses is 131 sq metres while the terrace houses come in 127 sq metres. The project began in April 2009 and was completed this April.

The mock key was presented yesterday by Chairman of Bina Puri (Brunei) Holdings Bhd, Dato Ali bin Abdullah and received by CEO of BEDB, Vincent Cheong.

Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Development, Awg Eddie bin Dato Paduka Hj Sunny later received the key on behalf of the Ministry of Development from BEDB.

It was later presented to the Director of Housing Development Department (HDD), Awg Marzuke bin Hj Mohsin.

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Pehin Dato Awg Hj Suyoi (right) receives a memento from Dato Ali bin Abdullah, Chairman of Bina Puri Holdings Bhd



Awg Eddie bin Dato Paduka Hj Sunny (right) receives the mock key from Vincent Cheong

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HDD is the agency of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam that is responsible in handling and developing as well as administering the housing scheme in the country.

It was also highlighted yesterday that as part of Bina Puri Corporate Social Responsibility, it has built the Sg Liang bridge which was handed over to PWD in May 2010, Gerai Tamuneka (handed over to Belait District Office) in August 2010 and fourth arm junction at SPARK, which is ongoing.

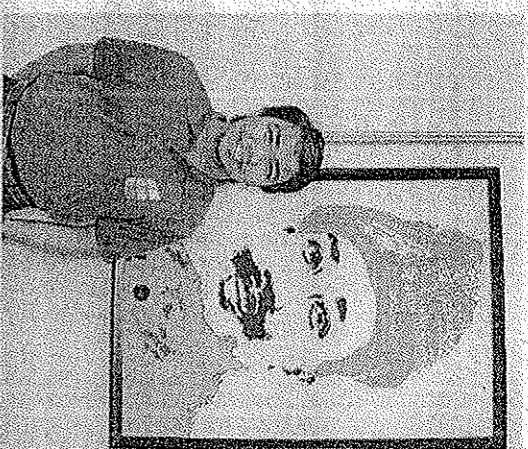


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2,000 RUMAH RPN SIAP



Datuk Ali (kiri) menyampaikan cenderahati kepada Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Lendera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Haji Suyoi Haji Osman (kanan).

Oleh **Sin Y. H.**

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 30 Jun – Jabatan Kemajuan Perumahan, Kementerian Pembangunan khususnya Rancangan Perumahan Negara, melakar satu lagi mercu tanda penting dengan penyerahan rumah-rumah di bawah Skim Pilot Pembinaan 2,000 unit rumah Rancangan Perumahan Negara, Kampung Penaga, Daerah Belait.

Majlis penyerahan rumah-rumah berkenaan diadakan di Dewan Bertabur Kementerian Pembangunan, hari ini. Hadir untuk menyaksikan penyerahan rumah-rumah berkenaan ialah Menteri Pembangunan, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Lendera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Haji Suyoi Haji Osman dan Timbalan Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri dan juga selaku Pengerusi Lembaga Kemajuan Ekonomi Brunei, Dato Paduka Haji Ali Haji Apong.

Turut hadir Setiausaha Tetap Kementerian Pembangunan, Setiausaha Tetap Kementerian Kewangan, Setiausaha Tetap Jabatan Perdana Menteri, Timbalan Setiausaha Tetap Kementerian Pembangunan, pegawai-pegawai kanan Kementerian Pembangunan, Lembaga Kemajuan Ekonomi Brunei, Bina Puri Holdings Berhad dan Jabatan Kemajuan Perumahan.

Majlis berkenaan, penyerahan kunci dimulakan dengan penyerahan dari pihak Binapuri (Brunei) Holdings Sdn Bhd yang diwakili oleh Pengerusi syarikat, Datuk Ali Abdullah kepada Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Lembaga Kemajuan Ekonomi Brunei, Vincent Cheong selaku wakil BEED.

Majlis diteruskan dengan penyerahan kunci berkenaan dari Vincent kepada Kementerian Pembangunan yang diwakili oleh Timbalan Setiausaha Tetap Kementerian Pembangunan, Awang Eddie Dato Paduka Haji Sunny yang seterusnya menyerahkan kepada Jabatan Kemajuan Perumahan yang diwakili Pengarah Kemajuan Perumahan, Awang Marzuke Haji Mohsin.

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2,000 rumah RPN siap

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Jabatan Kemajuan Perumahan merupakan agensi kerajaan yang bertanggungjawab dalam mengendalikan, membangunkan dan mentadbir Skim Perumahan Negara di mana Skim Pilot Pembinaan 2000 unit Rumah Rancangan Perumahan Negara Kampung Penaga itu telah diamanahkan kepada BEED untuk dibangunkan di mana BEED telah melantik Syarikat Binapuri Holdings Berhad untuk membangunkan projek perumahan di kawasan berkenaan.

Di bawah skim pilot perumahan itu sebanyak 2,000 unit rumah laju 800 buah adalah jenis rumah kembar dan 1,200 unit pula adalah rumah jenis teres telah dibina dalam masa selama 24 bulan bermula dari April 2009 hingga April 2011.

Rumah jenis berkembar mempunyai keluasan lantai sebanyak 131.1 meter persegi manakala rumah jenis teres pula mempunyai keluasan 127.5 meter persegi. Projek perumahan yang merupakan projek skim perumahan berskala besar pertama yang dilaksanakan mempunyai beberapa ciri-ciri unik termasuk penggunaan sistem pembetulan vakum dan penyediaan kabel gentian optik bagi rumah-rumah berkenaan.



2,000 houses turned over to gov't



Marzuke Hj Mohsin (L), director of HDD, receives a mock key from Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Development Ministry Eddie Dato Paduka Hj Sunny to signal the completion of the 2,000 houses project. Picture: BT/Fitri Shahminian

Fitri Shahminian
BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN

THE handing over of keys to 2,000 newly built houses in Belait district to the Housing Development Department (HDD) yesterday signalled the government's effort and commitment to reduce the long waiting list for houses under the National Housing Scheme.

The construction on the houses in Kg Panaga began in April 2009 and was completed last month, according to a statement from the Brunei Economic Development Board (BEDB).

It added that out of the 2,000 units, 800 were semi-detached types while 1,200 are terrace-type houses. The two-year project, awarded to developers Bina Puri Holdings Bhd, included earthwork to provide land space for future community and commercial facilities. Bina Puri Group Managing Director Senator Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng was quoted in an earlier report as saying that the 2,000-unit housing project was worth RM\$5693 million (\$291 million).

The houses use a vacuum sewerage system and fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) connectivity.

Semi-detached units have floor areas of 131.1 square metres and the terrace houses are 127.5 square metres. The new houses in Belait are grouped into six different "precincts", each having its own colour scheme.

A mock key was handed over to HDD Director Marzuke Hj Mohsin in a ceremony held at the ministry yesterday.

Witnessing the ceremony was Minister of Development Pehin Orang Kaya Indera Pahiawan Dato Seri Setia Hj Suyol Hj Osman. Also in attendance were senior officers from the ministry and officers from BEDB as well as Bina Puri Holdings Bhd.

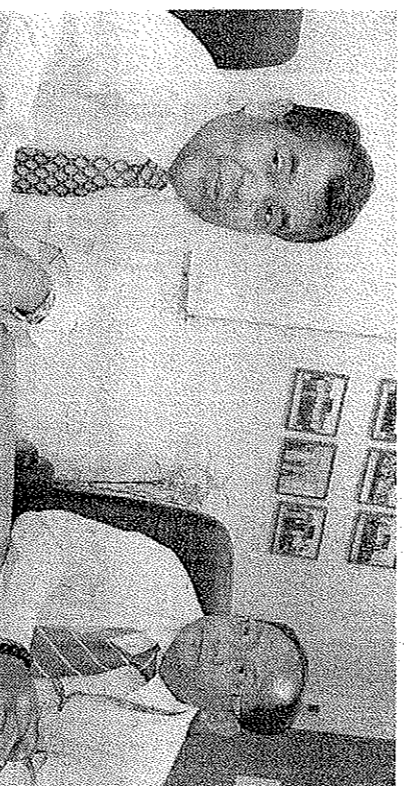
According to the Housing Development Board last year, nearly 4,000 applicants in Belait district were waiting for their homes. Of this, 1,800 applied from 1993 to 2003, while the rest were "new" applicants who lodged their requests between 2004 and 2010.

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Kg Panaga project a worthy challenge

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BELAIT

THE 2,000 houses at Kg Panaga, Belait, was a "challenging site and job", running over 24 months, said Bina Puri (B) Sdn Bhd Chairman, adding that it was "a good achievement" for the company.



(Above) Datuk Ali Abdullah (L), Chairman of Bina Puri (B) Sdn Bhd and Khor Hong Seng, senior general manager of Contracts, speaking at their Kg Panaga site office in Belait yesterday. (Right) Dining room in the showhouse at BEDB's Kg Panaga project. Pictures: BT/Goh De No

Datuk Ali believes that with the completion of this project, they have proved their skeptics wrong. "We are able to do the project within the time frame of 24 months and we are amongst the first company to do a project of this magnitude in record time, in Brunei," the chairman said.

Khor Seng Hock, the company's senior general manager of Contracts, said that following the completion, Bina Puri's responsibility is to maintain the houses. "We have a 26-month defect liability period and it was agreed that there would be a committee set up, which meets almost every month to hear of complaints. We will then try to rectify the complaints as soon as possible," said Khor.

Assistant General Manager of Operations, Guyarrn Pangau, said

“We are able to do the project within the time frame of 24 months and we are amongst the first company to do a project of this magnitude in record time, in Brunei.”

Datuk Ali Abdullah, Chairman, Bina Puri (B) Sdn Bhd

that the defect liability period commenced on April 15, 2011 and will expire on June 14, 2013.

"So far, we have yet to hear anything," he said, adding that

complaints have not been recorded as the customers have yet to receive their keys and take ownership of the houses. He explained

that the committee for complaints proposed by the board comprises members from Bina Puri, the Housing Development Department and the BEDB itself.

As for the empty, undeveloped land adjacent to the housing area, Bina Puri said that the area is not under their scope. However, Khor

said that the area is slated for development, adding, "But, it is entirely up to the government to plan for the future."

Datuk Ali said that they will be leaving the development plans for the area entirely up to the BEDB and the government. "It may be a school, secondary or primary, a community centre, mosque or commercial area. If there is a proposal for the area, we are going to study it," he added.

Bina Puri credited their clients, BEDB and government agencies, for their support and cooperation, which, Datuk Ali said, led to the

success of the project.

"It is them that enable us to do this job as well as our subcontractors," the chairman stated.

Six of 10 units are terrace houses, while the rest are semi-detached units, following the National Housing Scheme's requirements, and is estimated that there would be 10,000 occupants residing at Kg Panaga.

Bina Puri Group Managing Director Senator Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng said the 2,000-unit housing project was worth RM\$5693 million or \$291 million.

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BELAIT'S 2,000 NEW HOUSES



Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Development Ministry Eddie Dato Paduka Hj Sunny (R) receiving a mock key from BEDB CEO Vincent Cheong to symbolise the completion of 2,000 houses built under the pilot scheme project. The project's completion signals the government's effort and commitment to reduce the long waiting list for housing.
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