

## Focus on eco-friendly buildings

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Rahim (centre), Chan (left) and Property Queen chief executive officer Kenny Ng (right) signing a board during the launching ceremony of the Go Green property fair.

**JOHOR BARU:** With a focus on the concept of “going green”, many property developers here are looking towards building sustainable and environmentally-friendly buildings.

Many of the new properties here feature environmentally-friendly measures such as the use of solar panels, wind turbines, rain harvests as well as segregation dustbins to build the practice of reusing, reducing and recycling.

Johor Baru mayor A. Rahim Nin said that the concept of green buildings would not only be beneficial to the public and government but also in building the nation.

“The increasing number of green buildings, and the focus on the Green Building Index (GBI) is an ideal initiative to battle the issue of global warming,” he said during the launching ceremony of the Go Green property fair on March 3.

He commended Kenlink Group and Property Queen for holding the property fair, as it would raise awareness among the public on sustainable and green properties as well as on the GBI.

The GBI is the country’s industry recognised green rating tool for buildings to advocate sustainability and promote consciousness on environmental matters among developers, engineers, as well as the community.

Rahim said the economic development of the state was progressing rapidly, adding that the property market was a huge contributor to the state’s economic success.

He said that under the state government’s Johor Affordable Homes (RMMJ) programme, some 60,000 affordable housing would be built by the year 2020.

“This is in line with our effort to guard the welfare of our rakyat and provide a harmonious environment for homeowners,” he added.

The Go Green property fair will showcase properties from 18 property developers and a total of 36 types of products such as flats, bungalows and condominiums.

Kenlink Group Sdn Bhd director Albert Chan, who co-organised the property fair, said visitors would not only be introduced to environmentally friendly properties, but also learn more about going green.

“There will also be a booth by Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) sharing their best environmentally-friendly practices,” said Chan.

Chan said that the go green concept of buildings have been the selling point of up-and-coming properties, as more and more people were becoming aware of global warming.

The Go Green property fair was held at City Square from March 3 to March 5.