

M'sian companies urged to invest in Pakistan

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GAPURNA Builders Sdn Bhd, a property developer, will develop a RM24.6 million new Petaling Land District Office complex in Sg Buloh, Selangor.

Its group chairman and chief executive, Datuk Mohd Salim Fateh Din, said earthworks on the project will commence by the middle of November and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2008.

He said Gapurna submitted the proposal to develop the project to the Selangor State Government in 2004, and it was only approved recently.

"The new Petaling District Land Office complex will be three times bigger than the existing office in Subang.

"Its development will also help increase the value of property development in the Sg Buloh area," he said when met in Petaling Jaya recently.

Mohd Salim said that the complex will be developed on a build- and-transfer concept, with the development cost borne by Gapurna using its internal funds.

He said upon completion of the construction, the office complex will be handed over to the Selangor State Government. In return, Gapurna will be given the site of the old office for the company to develop its own project there.

"The build-and-transfer concept was also used during the construction of the existing office by Sime UEP Sdn Bhd," he said.

He said the new complex, which has been designed for public convenience, will house three blocks.

The complex will have a bigger area of about 4.5ha and a floor size of 29,000 sq ft, compared with the existing office which sits on a 1.2ha land and has a floor size of 9,300sq m.

Mohd Salim said the complex will be equipped with the latest information and communications technology and facilities to facilitate quit rent payment through online, or e-billing.

It will also be equipped with a centralised payment system in addition to closed-circuit television (CCTV) for better security.

The new complex will also have a bigger strongroom to keep the increasing volume of land grants and other documents.

"For the public's convenience, the complex will provide 215 parking spaces.

"There will also be planned landscape on a man-made lake with a surau built next to it," Mohd Salim said.

He added that there will be more land available at the complex for other developments in future, such as the proposed hall, staff quarters and daycare centre.