

Sheda to state govt: Defer implementation of new housing law

KUCHING: Sarawak Housing and Real Estate Developers' Association (Sheda) has appealed to the Ministry of Housing to defer implementing the new Housing Development Ordinance.

In making the appeal during Sheda's annual dinner cum excellence awards here on Saturday, its president Zaidi Ahmad also hoped the state government would forgo imposing the low cost house and low cost house plus policy.



Yaw shows his award after receiving it from Abang Johari (fourth left). Also seen are (from second right) Abdul Karim, Zaidi, Su and Sim. — Photos by Muhammad Rais Sanusi

He suggested looking for a 'middle ground' for the government and Sheda to achieve a win-win outcome.

On another matter, Zaidi opined that demand for houses would continue to rise across the state in view of inward and rural-urban migration. For instance, he said, more people was expected to move to Bintulu for better jobs due to the Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE).

“When more people move to Bintulu for jobs, are there enough houses in Bintulu? SCORE will keep Bintulu booming for a decade.”

Housing Minister Datuk Amar Abang Johari Tun

Abang Openg, in his response, said he would look into Sheda's requests.

But Abang Johari, who represented Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Adenan Satem, did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, the Sheda Property Man of the Year award went to Troy Yaw Chee Weng of Sarawak Land



Abang Johari (third right), Abdul Karim (right) and Zaidi (second right) with (from left) Toh, Wong and Tan.

(Kemena Park) Sdn Bhd, Outstanding Commercial Shop Offices award (Pantai Bayu Indah Sdn Bhd), Outstanding Transportation Hub award (Inner City Development Sdn Bhd), Merit Award for Low Rise Residential (Midas Residence Sdn Bhd) and Commendation for Medium Rise Residential (Silverdrum Corporation Sdn Bhd).

Sheda also presented certificates to three honorary members: Datuk Toh Chiew Hock, who is Hock Peng Organisation managing director, Datuk Hasmi Hasnan (Naim Holdings Bhd managing director), and Tan Guek Kee (Lee Onn Construction Co managing director). Hasmi was represented by Christina Wong, the deputy managing director of Naim Holdings Bhd.

Assistant Minister for Housing Datuk Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah, Sheda secretary-general Sim Kiang Chiok, and organising chairman Tony Su were among those present.