

Ajiya wants to expand partnership with SPNB

IBS solution to be adopted for two Felda housing projects

SHAH ALAM: Ajiya Bhd hopes that its partnership with the National Housing Company (SPNB) to use its industrialised building system (IBS) solution can be expanded in the future.

SPNB, which is owned by the Government, will adopt Ajiya Bhd's IBS for a start for two Felda housing projects in Terengganu - Felda West Chalok at Setiu and Felda Kerteh 6, Kemaman.

"We will build 60 units in Felda West Chalok while another 90 units will be built at Felda Kerteh 6. We can adopt more of this system if we see fit in the future as well," SPNB Mesra Sdn Bhd's chairman Datuk Mohamed Hasnan Che Hussin said at a press conference yesterday.

"Can this partnership be expanded? I would say that this is just the first stage," special officer of Ajiya Green Integrated Building Solutions (Agibs), Lee Chong Jin said.

The IBS solution that will be employed is called Agibs and Ajiya will get about RM20,000 to RM30,000 per unit into its revenue.

SPNB conducted a training workshop yesterday that is focused on the adoption of Agibs

which will include training on the assembly, fabrication, and installation of Agibs.

"Other than this training, we are exploring the expansion of training scopes, to include other IBS systems that the company is currently developing.

"We hope that this will address the hurdle of fragmented supply of components in Malaysia and in turn, support the government's move to make IBS construction mandatory by 2020," Ajiya managing director Datuk Chan Wah Kiang said.

Agibs will help reduce construction and delivery time of a housing project from the average conventional housing projects which usually has a construction period of up to 24 months.

Construction with Agibs will require only eight months for completion.

The construction system will also help alleviate several issues faced by the local construction industry, namely, manpower shortage as components can be mass-produced in a factory rather than on-site, and can be assembled by lighter equipment instead of heavy machinery.



Homes for settlers: Mohamed Hasnan says 150 units will be built in two Felda housing projects.