



Mahadi (sixth from left) and DBKL executive director (management) Khairul Anuar Mhd Juri (on his left) with the successful applicants. — Photos: SHAARI CHEMAT/The Star



Residensi Sungai Udang units come with three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

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JOB seekers in the capital city can rent accommodation for less than RM900 with the completion of Kuala Lumpur City Hall's (DBKL) first council homes.

Residensi Sungai Udang with 1,251 units, located off Pintasan Segambut in Segambut, will serve as transit homes for tenants to rent before they are able to afford buying their own property.

The three blocks of council homes have two blocks with 32 floors and one block with 34 floors.

Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah said the council homes catered for the B40 and M40 groups.

"We opened applications to the public since February this year and have since received more than 800 applications.

"Now, there are about 600 units left and we are still processing some

DBKL's first council homes in Segambut completed

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800 have so far applied to rent transit units at Residensi Sungai Udang

of the applications," he said, adding that the tenants could live there for only three years.

"To date, there are 3,621 units being built in Bandar Tun Razak, Bandar Baru Sentul and Taman Desa Seputeh in Kuala Lumpur, including the completed Residensi Sungai Udang.

"The next council home project will be located in Bandar Tun Razak.

"It is set to be completed in two to

three years," he said in a press conference after presenting the letter of offer to successful applicants at Residensi Sungai Udang.

A total of 280 successful applicants and 224 DBKL staff received their letters during the ceremony.

Taking up 2.23ha, Residensi Sungai Udang cost RM345mil.

The units have a minimum built-up area of 750 sq ft and have three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a yard.

One of the three blocks will be the quarters for DBKL staff.

The homes were designed in a way that they do not face direct sunlight.

Among the facilities for tenants are a futsal court, playground, kindergarten, children and adult swimming pools as well as a mortuary for Muslim residents.

There are also 38 units of commercial shops within the building. Mahadi hoped that the council

homes initiative would benefit the target group.

"Block A and B, which are rented to the public, are priced at RM850 per month.

"This is significantly lower than the market price which can cost about RM1,500.

"It can serve as a transit home for young adults who start work in Kuala Lumpur. They can save up for a new house while renting these council homes," he said.