

'High-rise' schools proposed to optimise limited land

PLANS are afoot to introduce a new school concept featuring "high rise" schools in the city centre to optimise limited land and accommodate a growing population, says Dr Zaliha Mustafa (*pic*).

The Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) said the concept by Kuala Lumpur City Hall would not compromise essential educational elements, including facilities available in existing schools.

The proposal would be discussed with the Education Ministry for future implementation, she added.

"This concept is widely used in Australia, creating schools with two blocks that are 10 to 17 storeys high while maintaining vital elements such as education, sports and recreation, as well as making use of rooftop space," she said in



response to a supplementary question by Onn Abu Bakar (PH-Batu Pahat) on developing basic facilities like halls and schools in Kuala Lumpur, given the limited land area.

She also said 139 land parcels, covering a total of 1,228.95ha, have been identified for potential redevelopment as part of efforts to provide affordable housing in Kuala Lumpur.

This development will be aligned with the Kuala Lumpur Structure Plan 2040 (PSKL2040) and the Draft Kuala Lumpur Local Plan 2040 (DPTKL2040).

Dr Zaliha also said affordable housing is being planned in high-density residential zones, commercial and mixed-use development zones, covering an additional 253.39ha.

She said the potential area is for all types of affordable housing,

not just for JWP-Residensi Madani and the Federal Territory Housing Project (RUMAWIP).

Dr Zaliha said the government had planned for the construction of 80,000 units under the Residensi Madani and RUMAWIP programmes between 2018 and 2028.

For now, 91% of the target has been met, with 72,864 units completed across 101 projects in Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Labuan.