

Kampung Chempaka residents to get land titles



Azmin (second from left) handing out red packets to the people of Kampung Chempaka while Mohd Azizi (left) looks on.

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IT WAS a happy day for 32 villagers of Kampung Chempaka when Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azmin Ali handed them A5 notice forms on Friday, enabling them to finally get titles for their lands.

The Chinese new village located in Petaling Jaya was established around 50 years ago as a re-settlement location.

However, the people have been living in the area for generations without a title for their land.

The A5 notice form enables the villagers to pay quit rent to the Petaling Land Office, upon which their land would be made legal with land titles.

"It is unavoidable that Kampung Chempaka is affected by rapid development, in part due to its strategic location," said Azmin.

"It is the state government's hope that the people here can benefit by making development in the area more structured and well organised," said Azmin after presenting the A5 forms to successful applicants during a Chinese New Year celebration in the village.

They were the third batch of residents in Kampung Chempaka to receive the forms.

Some 50 villagers had received their forms earlier, and there are 10 more applicants to go.

"The state government is helping to facilitate the land title application process by creating a new policy in which the applicants only need to pay RM1,000 for a 99-year lease on the land that they are occupying," said Azmin.

Damansara Utama assemblyman Yeo Bee Yin said the policy established in 2008 made it easier for Selangor folk to get a title for their land.

"This policy helps the locals to own their land by leasing the land at a premium of RM1,000 or by making it into a freehold land by only paying 70% of the current market price," she said.

"The application will help the residents secure the land for their home, for themselves, as well as for their future generations."

Yeo said those who take the leasehold option can only pass on the property within the family, while those who opt for freehold titles would be able to sell their property if they wished to do so.

Also present at the event were Petaling Jaya mayor Datuk Mohd Azizi Mohd Zain and Kampung Chempaka village head Theresa Lim.