

A boon for house hunters

Exhibitor showcases RM4.68bil worth of properties at expo

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GEORGE TOWN: Mah Sing Group Bhd, the largest exhibitor at the four-day StarProperty.my Fair 2019, is showcasing RM4.68bil worth of properties at Gurney Plaza from now until Sunday.

Besides the Ferringhi Residence 2 project (RM614mil GDV) at Batu Ferringhi, Mah Sing is also promoting properties in Kuala Lumpur.

M Vertica (RM2bil GDV), M Centura (RM570mil GDV) and Lakeville Residence (RM1.5bil GDV) are the group's Kuala Lumpur projects featured at the fair.

Mah Sing chief executive officer Daruk Ho Hon Sang said house buyers can have a grasp of the unique project propositions offered by Mah Sing at the fair.

"We hope they will grab the opportunity to take advantage of the stamp duty exemptions and incentives provided under the Home Ownership Campaign (HOC) to secure their ideal homes.

"The HOC has been extended until December 2019.

"We have seen continuous interest and positive responses from potential home buyers since the commencement of the HOC early this year.

"Mah Sing's focus is in affordably priced projects with good product specifications in strategic locations that meet the mass market demands and this is reflected in the strong



Property galore: Tourists checking out Mah Sing's Ferringhi Residence 2 project during the StarProperty.my Fair at Gurney Plaza.

take-up rates in our projects."

Organised by Star Media Group, the event also features projects from Asia Green Group, Ideal Property Group, Berjaya Land Bhd, Ewein Zenith Sdn Bhd and Devote-shens Sdn Bhd.

The projects from Asia Green, Ideal Property, Mah Sing and Ewein Zenith should appeal to investors looking to live near the sea and shopping areas.

Ideal Property is displaying RM1.3bil worth of projects comprising the first and second phases of the Queens Residences (RM1.54bil GDV) in Bayan Indah near Queens-

bay Mall and The Amarene (RM272mil GDV) in Bayan Lepas.

The Queens Residences - which forms part of the larger Queens Waterfront development - will have an alfresco commercial area, marina bay, international sports centre and international school.

Ideal Property sales and marketing general manager Nancy Teo said more than 60% of the Queens Residences have been sold.

"The first phase is scheduled for completion in 2021, while the second phase is targeted for completion in 2022.

"On the other hand, The Amarene

is 40% sold and it is scheduled for completion in 2022," she said.

"The savings on stamp duty provided under the HOC has created a lot of interest for our properties."

Asia Green is showcasing its sea-facing QuayWest Residences located in Bayan Indah near Queensbay Mall.

For those looking for landed properties, Berjaya Land Bhd's Kensington Gardens - which is near the affluent neighbourhoods of Jesselton Heights - should be of interest to them.

Berjaya Land is also showing The Tropika @ Bukit Jalil, a mixed development in the Klang Valley, at the fair.

Devote-shens Sdn Bhd's My Sakura 28 in Permatang Damar Laut should attract those looking for landed properties on the southern tip of the island.

The fair also sees the return of the Beli & Menang contest where one lucky homebuyer stands to walk away with a brand new Proton X70.

To be fully eligible, buyers have to submit booking forms before the contest closing date on Nov 30, as well as the Sale and Purchase Agreement before Dec 31, to marketing@starproperty.my.

But first, buyers should register online at fair.starproperty.my/beli-menang, answer a simple question and submit a slogan.

The finalists in the running to win the vehicle will be announced next January.

Factories found with high traces of toxic gases

JOHOR BARU: Authorities have identified three chemical factories within the Pasir Gudang area which have been found with high traces of toxic gases.

Environment Department director-general Norlin Jaafar yesterday said the factories, which have since been sealed, were found to emit gases such as methyl mercaptan, acrolein and acrylonitrile.

"These factories have been found to have the highest methyl mercaptan readings and are within a 3km-radius of the Taman Mawar religious school and SK Pasir Gudang 4.

"Initially, the readings were 130 parts per million (ppm) while the permissible level is about 40ppm," she said at a press conference.

Norlin, who refused to divulge the identities of the three factories or the nature of their business, said the DoE was in the midst of completing its investigation papers.

On the various illegal factories in the area, she said DoE has carried out enforcement efforts on at least three such premises. It is learnt that there are at least 18 illegal factories in the area.

Norlin also urged the public to give relevant information as DoE was offering RM5,000 for genuine tip-offs.

"We will also keep their identities a secret," she said, adding that DoE will continue to come down hard on polluters.

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