

SHARED A supports development of green buildings

KOTA KINABALU: Sabah Housing And Real Estate Developers Association (SHARED A) supports the Malaysian Institute of Architects' (PAM) effort to promote, encourage and incentivize the development of green buildings in Sabah.

Its president, Datuk Susan Wong Siew Guen, said the developers are giving their support to the development of green buildings in Sabah as they save energy and cost in the long run.

She was responding to PAM president Ar Boon Chee Wee's call to property industry players in Sabah to support the promotion of green buildings



Susan Wong

development during the opening ceremony of the IPEX 2011 at Sabah Trade Centre here recently.

Boon had also remarked that green buildings are the architecture of hope.

"The green buildings involve all sorts of technology and with the orientation of the building avoiding facing the sun and with large windows, the heat gained could be reduced considerably," said Susan.

She clarified that she was misguided on the Green Building Index (GBI) certification fee. The GBI

certification fee of RM5,000 and above is only for bungalow buildings. However, the fee for a typical 1,650 sq ft double-storey terrace houses is as low as a hundred ringgit.

"For a development of 1,000 units of double-storey terrace houses, the fee is as low as RM65 per unit," she added.

For a 50-unit or 100-unit of double-storey terrace houses development, the GBI certification fee is RM200 per unit while for a 500-unit housing development, the GBI certification fee is RM90 per unit.

The GBI registration fee for 50 to 100 units is RM200 per unit, 500 units - RM90 per unit and 1,000 units - RM65 per unit.

Susan said many developers in Sabah are keen to have their projects to be certified as green buildings due to the growing demand.