100 abandoned housing projects completed in three years

PUTRAJAYA: The Housing and Local Government Ministry has managed to complete 100 of the 167 abandoned housing projects nationwide involving 20,000 houses, in the past three years.

"The ministry's aggressive efforts to rehabilitate the abandoned housing projects produced great results but it must be continued to resolve the issue," said the ministry's secretary-general Datuk Seri Ahmad Kabit.

Ahmad was speaking during his handover to deputy secretary-general (Policy) Datuk Arpah Abd Razak who would be replacing him, upon his retirement today.

The ceremony was witnessed by Housing and Local Government minister Datuk Seri Chor Chee Heung.

The civil service veteran of 36 years, who served as secretary-general since 2009 under the administration of three ministers including Datuk Seri Ong Ka Chuan and Datuk Seri Kong Cho Ha, described his experiences as invaluable.

He also congratulated Arpah on being appointed as the first woman secretary-general of the ministry.

Arpah, 57, holds a Masters of Science in Town and Country Planning from the University of Southern California, United States, and a Bachelor's degree in Urban Studies from Universiti Sains Malaysia.

She joined the civil service as an administrative and diplomatic officer on Nov 26, 1979. - Bernama