



Blind man's rundown house all fixed up

Developer foots RM50,000 bill to improve family's quality of life

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VISUALLY impaired Pang Wai Keong, who makes ends meet by selling drinks at his home in Kampung Baru Rahang, Seremban, was the beneficiary of IJM Land's annual Home Rehabilitation Programme (myHome) this year.

Pang, who has been living in a dilapidated house which once belonged to his father for the past 36 years with his 44-year-old wife and two daughters aged 13 and 15, received some RM50,000 in kind when the developer carried out renovations at his home.

IJM Land Bhd senior general manager (central region) Datuk Hoo Kim See said Pang's family was selected as they truly deserved the aid.

"We were told of the family's plight and after further deliberation and visits to their homes, we made the decision to help this family.

"We sincerely hope they can now live in a more conducive environment," he said at a ceremony to hand over the renovated house to the family.

Pang had been unable to carry out repairs to his home due to his meagre income.

His wife, S. Vijayaletchumy, supplements the family's income by working as a dishwasher at a nearby restaurant.

This is the ninth consecutive year IJM Land is carrying out its

myHome programme.

Under the project, IJM Land carried out extensive repair works on the house, including repairing and replacing timber plank walls and ceiling boards, painting the external walls and installing high-chain link fencing for the family's safety.

The front drain was also rebuilt and a new relay wiring for lighting, fans and switches was put in place.

The total cost of repairs and refurbishment work came up to around RM50,000.

Hoo said the programme was also in support for the Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government's "House Build" programme held in conjunction with World Habitat Day.

"As a property developer, this is one way we can reach out to the less fortunate.

"It is our hope that by doing so, we can help them take that first step to rebuild their lives," he said.

Hoo also commended IJM Land's contractors and suppliers for helping to make the programme a success.

"Each year, we receive massive support from our contractors and suppliers for this programme.

"This year has been a great success for IJM Land and it brings us such joy to be able to present this home as we trust this would not only improve the living conditions of the family," he added.



Pang (third from left) and Vijayaletchumy receiving a work completion certificate from Hoo (second from left).



Pang's house just before the renovation work was completed.



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