

Melaka mulls higher quit rent for idle land

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OWNERS of idle land in Melaka may have to pay higher quit rent from 2022.

Chief Minister Adly Zahari said the state government was mulling the plan and if implemented, would involve all types of idle land including agricultural, residential and industrial.

“The state Land and Mines Office has been asked to study its implementation in the next three years.

“They will look at practices in other countries such as Singapore and Japan,” he said after a meeting with Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Salahuddin Ayub at Seri Complex in Ayer Keroh.

Also present were state Agriculture, Entrepreneur Development and Agro-based Committee chairman Norhizam

Hassan Baktee and state secretary Datuk Wira Roslan Ibrahim.

Adly said the higher quit rent would be enforced in 2022 at the earliest, but only after properly evaluating the study done by the Land and Mines Office.

He said the idle land problem was a complex issue and the state government was obtaining data of the total area in the state.

“We will require the cooperation of the owners to ensure their idle land would be developed to the optimum,” he said.

Adly said idle land did not bring any benefit to the owner or any revenue to the state government.

On another matter, Salahuddin said Melaka had the potential to become the leading producer of chicken eggs in the country.

According to the statistics by the state Agricultural Department, Melaka produced 2.86 billion chicken eggs annually.



(From left) Roslan, Adly, Salahuddin and Norhizam after a meeting at Seri Negeri Complex in Ayer Keroh, Melaka.