




## [Sibu Jaya's population to reach 60,000 by 2023](#)

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SIBU: Based on the revised master plan, the Sibu Jaya Township is expected to be fully completed by 2023 with a total population of 60,000.

It will see an additional 5,600 medium to high-end residential units, 476 commercial units, 83 industrial units and four other parcels identified for commercial buildings with a total Gross Development Value (GDV) of more than RM1 billion.

Currently, 460 acres have been completed with a GDV of RM470 million under the initial township development comprising 4,986 residential units, 174 commercial units and 96 industrial units serving a population of about 25,000 people.

Minister for Housing Datuk Amar Abang Haji Johar i Tun Abang Haji Openg officiated at the earth-breaking ceremony for the latest range of medium to high-end homes in Sibu Jaya yesterday.

The double-storey terraced houses at Pearl Avenue come with a starting price of RM248,880 and are modern in design.

With a build up area from 1,457 square feet, these homes are ideal for house buyers who are looking for value for their investments.

A total of 170 units have been planned and a sales promotion would be launched soon to bring these homes closer to the people.

According to Johari, new developments are sweeping across Sibu Jaya in a manner that has not been seen before and the Twin Town is now more vibrant.

The ever increasing population, which at last count stood at around 25,000, is set to grow even faster.

He announced that the developer, HDCam Sdn Bhd, in collaboration with MIMOS to complete Sibu Jaya with more sophisticated wireless facilities, will allow the township to be developed as a Smart City which is able to provide a network of advanced facilities.

“Sibu Jaya sits on high and undulating ground and is based on the concept of a self-contained township. It spans an overall gross area of approximately 1,400 acres.

“The development here comprises a mixed array of affordable to high-end residential homes, shop houses, commercial centre, high rise commercial buildings, industrial lots, schools, community facilities and public amenities,” he disclosed.

Sibu Jaya is a mere one kilometre from the airport and just 23km from Sibu's central business district, and is centrally located along the first trunk road between Kuching and Miri.

In addition, it is also located on the outskirts of Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE) and this shows that Sibu Jaya is located at a strategic place which will assist in the development of SCORE.

Johari revealed that a smart partnership between Housing Development Corporation and Amcorp Group has been formed and under a private fund initiative concept, it will further propel the transformation of Sibu Jaya.

Some of the transformation includes upgrading of the commercial area with a Main Boulevard stretching over 2km starting from the Main Entrance of Sibu Jaya right up to the Central 'Green Lung Park'.

Johari said in the future, there will be more public amenities in Sibu Jaya such as Polyclinic, Fire and Rescue Department and perhaps, a local university.

Also present at the ceremony were Assistant Minister for Youth Development Abdul Karim Hamzah, MOMOS President Datuk Abdul Wahab Abdullah, HDCam Director Azmi Hashim, Sibu Municipal Council Deputy Chairman Daniel Ngieng, and Sibu Deputy Resident Dr Zufar Yadi.

The Sibu Jaya Township is also the proud recipient of the prestigious Planning Excellence Award (under community development) at the national level competition organised by the Malaysian Institute of Planners.