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Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association Malaysia vice-president Datuk N.K. Tong (sixth from right) at a press conference for the upcoming World Class Sustainable Cities (WCSC) 2019 conference in Petaling Jaya yesterday. With him is WCSC 2019 organising chairman R.A. Adrina Muztaza (fifth from right). PIC BY MAHZIR MAT ISA

10-YEAR GOAL

'1m affordable homes target viable'

PETALING JAYA: The government's aim to build a million units of affordable houses within 10 years is achievable.

Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association Malaysia (Rehda) vice-president Datuk N.K. Tong said the public should give the government some time to make it happen.

"Building a million (affordable) homes within 10 years is an achievable target if there is enough resolve. I believe this government has that.

"However, I wouldn't expect the first 100,000 homes to be de-

livered within the first year, because from a practical point of view, the gestation period for the development can take up to four years," he told a press conference for the upcoming World Class Sustainable Cities (WCSC) 2019 conference here yesterday.

He said the government had been engaging with stakeholders, including developers, house buyers associations and government bodies.

"If it is well coordinated, it will be achievable," said Tong.

Themed "NEXT: KL2040", the WCSC 2019 will explore how

Kuala Lumpur and other cities can prepare for the challenges in becoming world-class, livable and sustainable cities.

The one-day international conference will be held on Sept 19 in Kuala Lumpur.

WCSC 2019 aims to provide a constructive, inclusive and aspirational platform, as well as a strategic networking arena for city managers, planners, architects, engineers and other stakeholders.

It is jointly organised by Rehda KL, the Malaysian Institute of Planners and the Institute of Architects Malaysia. **Bernama**