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Transport Minister Anthony Loke said that such projects, apart from being a practical solution for lower-income commuters, would also encourage and promote the usage of public transportation in the long run.

"Accessibility and connectivity are a lifeline to the growth and success of any township development."

"The government and the private sector need to work together to ensure that proper integration of public transportation services and conveniences are met," he said in a statement released in conjunction with the Home Ownership Campaign — Malaysia Property Expo (HOC-Mapex) 2019.

The strategy is also part of the



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newly introduced National Transport Policy that includes the development of an integrated transportation network by strengthening the country's transportation system through various transformation programmes and initiatives.

Loke said the transportation and property sectors have a significant

role in the nation's socio-economic development, as well as the wellbeing of communities.

"Proper housing with access to good public transportation network will promote a vibrant, sustainable and conducive living environment for the people," he said.

With that in mind, he lauded the

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) concept in many new township developments in recent years.

The TOD is a positive effort that gives accessibility and travelling convenience within and to various public amenities for the benefit of the residents.

Loke added that people should

take advantage of the public transportation and utilise it as the main mode of travel, especially with all the major transportation infrastructure projects being put in place.

The (Mapex) is recognised as the largest and longest-running property exposition in the country and has successfully provided homes to many Malaysians for the past 20 years.

Following the success of the HOC expo in March at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre and the HOC-Mapex in April at Mid Valley, this is the expo's final instalment at national level for 2019.

The event brought in 48 property developers and four financial institutions including AmBank (M) Bhd, Malayan Banking Bhd, Public Bank Bhd and United Overseas Bank (M) Bhd.

The expo allows visitors, who have yet to purchase a house, the chance to browse around for the best housing loan packages.

The three-day expo offers residential and commercial housing projects in Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, Perak, Johor, Kelantan and Penang.

Buyers will have enough time to decide and secure good deals before the campaign ends on Dec 31 this year.



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### SUMMARIES

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