From rural outskirts to urban centre

By Churchill Edward

WITH depleting land for middle class housing areas in Kuching, academic hub Kota Samarahan is fast becoming the preferred residential area for Kuching and Samarahan shoppers as well as for affordable housing in the city. This can be seen by the mushrooming of residential estate projects and mega shopping malls such as Bandar Raya and The Summer to attract house buyers.

Kampung Asajaya Tuai Rumah David Jiku Nader said: “Kota Samarahan is set to become a residential hub as suitable land for housing estates in Kuching is getting less or scarce. I have come across many middle income earners hunting for houses in Kota Samarahan and most of them said the houses here are cheaper than those in Kuching city.”

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Agriculture Research Station in Tanjung Tuang, said to be a place of worship in the years to come, “said the community leader.

He attributed the success of the government towards the objectives and sacrifices of past and present community leaders including the elected representatives.

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