

'Building maintenance taken lightly'

ALOR STAR: The general attitude towards building maintenance in the country is still wanting, a building expert said yesterday.

Malaysian Institute of Architects deputy president Ezumi Harzani Ismail said a lot of work needed to be done in this regard, as a poor attitude towards building maintenance could jeopardise the safety of its occupants.



Ezumi Harzani Ismail

"It is about maintenance... inspection of the building's structure, stability and safety.

"It is the responsibility of building owners to inspect and ensure the building is in good condition and safe. More focus needs to be given towards maintenance. More needs to be done for building maintenance, regardless of whether it is a new or old building," he said, adding that budget for maintenance was also an important factor.