

# Moonlight Bay ahead of schedule

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**GEORGE TOWN:** The Moonlight Bay hill slope development project in Batu Ferringhi, which residents in Tanjung Bungah have objected to, will be completed in August, about two months ahead of schedule.

The RM190 million project is situated on 5.6ha of hill slopes cleared of trees and leveled for the construction of four-storey villas and two blocks of low-rise condominiums.

Although the villas and condominiums are perched precariously on the slope to offer breathtaking views of the sea, Moonlight Bay project director Murly Manokharan insisted the construction was based on international security standards.

"The construction of this project complied with local and Hongkong hill slope standards," he said.

The retaining walls, too, were built based on safety criteria used in Hongkong, the United States and Europe.

"We will be conducting hill

slope maintenance annually to prevent soil erosion," he said.

Murly said measures will to protect the environment and trees will be planted after the project is completed.

He claimed the buildings could withstand an earthquake of up to five on the Richter scale.

"This is because the foundation of each villa is reinforced with caisson piles which are strong enough to support a 10-storey building," he said.

He pointed out that each stage of construction was monitored and certified by three teams of independent engineers.

The project by Ivory Properties Group is about 250 feet above sea level and consists of 70 luxurious villas and 20 low-rise condominium units.

The villas, priced between RM2.7 million and RM4.5 million each, are sold out except for eight bumiputra lots.

The condominium units, priced between RM1.23 million and RM1.38 million each, are also sold out except for the bumiputra lots.