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**GERIK:** The Emkay Group is expected to launch the third phase of the Belum Rainforest Resort, known as Belum Rainforest Villas, comprising 45 exclusive villas in September this year.

Its chief executive officer Ahmad Khalif Mustapha Kamal said the villas, with built-ups ranging from 4,000 to 5,000 sq ft on 0.1 to two hectares land size, would be built using eco-friendly materials and techniques.

"The villas will be built between trees and we would like to sell and managed it for companies and high-profile individuals to have a place in Pulau Banding as part of Belum forest legacy," he told a news conference after the launch of the Belum Rainfor-

est Resort second phase by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak here yesterday.

Ahmad Khalif said the gross development value (GDV) for the third phase amounted to RM120 million and the villas were priced from RM9 million to RM12 million each.

"The concept is sell and build, we will not commence until we have the buyers," he said adding that the group is promoting the project to companies and high-profile individuals.

Meanwhile, Pulau Banding development marketing and sales Director Norhayati Hamzah said the construction would have very minimal impact on the environment and the forest

itself as the design was inspired from nature.

"For a start, we will build about 18 villas at the southern part of Banding Island and it is estimated to complete in one-and-a-half years," she said.

She said the development approach for the villas consisted of three key elements -- man, earth and materials.

"We use skilled local craftsmanship, our design mimics nature with open space, integration of walls into the landscape such as cliff and terra morphing rooftops.

We also sourced for indigenous materials as much as possible such as bamboo," she said. — Bernama



Najib signs the plaque to officiate the launch of the Belum Rainforest Resort second phase yesterday. Also present is his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor (third left), Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambri Abdul Kadir (left) and Ahmad Khalif (fourth left). — Bernama photo