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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Government construction projects under the Public Works Department will be required to comply with the quality assessment system in construction (Qlassic) by 2018, according to Works Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

Fadillah said compliance with Qlassic would not only guarantee the quality of projects, but also reduce the possibility of non-compliance with standards and specifications, which in turn will reduce the cost for rectification.

"Internally, we are encouraging the Public Works Department to lead the way in adopting Qlassic for all government projects," he told the media, after launching Qlassic Day yesterday.

Fadillah added that the advantage of Qlassic, compared to other measurement method, is that it involves the co-operation of the Construction Industry Development Board, developers, and contractors of a project.

"End-users will benefit tremendously and at the end of the day, it would be good for the nation as a whole, as well as for the construction industry specifically. It will also help save public funds," he said.

Qlassic is an assessment system that evaluates workmanship quality, based on construction industry standard.

Fadillah further noted that complying with Qlassic will also allow industry players to compete globally, and "one of our goals is the internationalisation of our industry players".

Earlier in his speech, Fadillah noted that up to September 2015, the value of the construction sector reached RM70 billion, of which 42% or RM30 billion was from residential projects, while 36% or RM25 billion was from non-residential.