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RM150,000 boost for conference

SHAH ALAM, Tues. - To keep up with the initiative taken by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to landscape the nation, three corporations presented a total of RM150,000 to help finance the first National Landscape Conference.

At a cheque presentation ceremony yesterday, Kemayan Horticulture Sdn Bhd executive chairman Datuk Shahrom Majid, IM Bina Sdn Bhd chairman Datuk Anuar Mohamad and Linkedua (M) Bhd managing director Suhaimi Halim handed a mock cheque for RM50,000 each to the Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia's life chairman Datuk Dr Mohamed Ishak Mohamed Ariff.

Also present were National Landscape director-general Ismail Ngah. The two-day conference, which started today, is jointly organised by ILAM, and the Department and Faculty of Design and Architecture of Universiti Putra Malaysia.

It aims to evaluate and promote the development and role of landscape architecture.

Besides representatives from the private sector, qualified landscapers and architects, and forest experts are attending the conference. The New Straits Times is the official newspaper for the meeting.

Mohamed Ishak said the conference was a step in the right direction to realise the National Landscape Policy and the contribution reflected the companies' commitment to its success.

The conference, he said would help create awareness among the people on the need to continue landscaping and greening efforts to boost the image of the country.

He said it would also provide for the advancement of landscape architecture education while assisting institutes of higher learning develop and improve their curriculum.

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