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## The best among local authorities, says Ting

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CITY HALL takes the lead among local authorities in implementing beautification, landscaping and cleanliness programmes, Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh said.

Dr Ting said he had visited many local authorities including Petaling Jaya Municipal Council and the Shah Alam Municipal Council but City Hall was number one in programmes to beautify and landscape the federal capital.

He said this after visiting City Hall's beautification and landscaping projects in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Among the places he visited were the RM1.4mil pitcher plant or *Periuk Kera* project in Jalan Tun Perak, *Labu Sayong* in Jalan Parliament and the International Garden in Bukit Jalil.

Also present were Datuk Bandar Tan Sri Kamaruzzaman Shariff, City Hall deputy director general I Lau Lee Ching, deputy director-general II Datuk Abdul Ghani Haji Abdul Rais and Urban Transport Department director Mahfix Omar.

Dr Ting said many foreign visitors including ministers had told him that the city was very beautiful.

"They praised Kuala Lumpur for having such

beautiful landscapes with a lot of greenery," he said.

He said City Hall took great efforts to upgrade facilities to prepare for the Commonwealth Games.

The Federal Government has allocated RM13mil to City Hall to beautify Kuala Lumpur.

"City Hall has also set aside a big allocation from its budget to carry out beautification and landscaping projects.

"Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is Minister of Federal Territory Affairs, tours the city often to ensure it is in good condition," Dr Ting said.

He said the Prime Minister was concerned over the cleanliness and beautification of the city and had always raised the matter during Cabinet meetings.

Dr Ting said only one thing that he was not quite happy was vandalism.

He said some city residents had vandalised public properties like plants and decorative lightings.

"We hope the public can co-operate with City Hall and the police to nab the vandals," he added.

Kamaruzzaman said the success in keeping the city clean and beautiful was through the co-operation of all parties including developers, contractors, building owners and hawkers.