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`Don't rest on your laurels'

KUANTAN, Thurs. - The councillors and staff of Kuantan Municipal Council were today reminded not to let the string of national and international awards received by the local authority over the years go to their heads.

Council president Datuk Mohamad Saib said they should, instead, continue striving to raise the quality of service.

"We should not rest on our laurels," he said when chairing the full council meeting today.

Mohamad said the council had received a commendation letter from the National Landscaping Department for its beautification efforts.

"The letter, signed by department director-general Datuk Ismail Ngah, states that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who was in Kuantan last month was impressed with the landscaping and cleanliness of public toilets in the municipality.

"Ismail congratulated the council for a job well done," said Mohamad, who had returned from a study tour of local authorities in Germany on Tuesday.

The tour was part of the silver medal award which the council won in the inaugural Konrad Adenauer Local Government Awards competition in April.

Local authorities from South Korea, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam took part in the competition organised by Konrad Adenauer Foundation of Germany.

The Kuantan Municipal Council is the first local authority in the country to achieve the ISO 9000 quality management standard.

Mohamad said the commendation from the National Landscaping Department was something to be proud of.

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