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# KMT wins 'best landscape' award

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**PETALING JAYA:** Klang Multi Terminal Sdn Bhd (KMT), the operators of Westport, received a "best landscape" award recently from the Selangor government for its innovative "Garden Port" concept that has dressed the port with a picturesque environment.

All over the world, ports have always been regarded as dull, dirty and uninteresting, dotted with huge warehouses and large machinery.

Westport, in its efforts to be the country's premier port, has also taken pains to be the prettiest port in the country.

It managed to "glamorise" the

port industry by decorating the grounds with multi-tiered gardens, with flowers that are perpetually in season.

The state-level competition organised in conjunction with the Merdeka Day 2000 celebrations invited entries under four categories.

The first category covered state/district government offices, public services and schools, the second was for private offices, hotels and resorts, the third for traditional homes and the fourth for parks and city centres.

A seven-member panel comprising representatives from the Selangor Town and Regional Planning Department, State secretariat for local development, Selangor state development authority, and Selangor department of

health services did the judging.

The panel was impressed by Westport's environment-conscious attitude and its efforts to incorporate landscaping as a holistic part of its infrastructural development.

In its endeavour to become "best employer," Westport took a holistic approach in its infrastructural developments.

The concept of adorning the port with cascading waterfalls, bubbling brooks, well-manicured gardens, hybrid plants, clay art and flora ikebana was aimed at creating a refreshing environment for employees.

Westport's landscaping even earned a compliment from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who described it as "a port in a garden" when he officially opened it in 1996.