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Incentives for early birds

TAIPING, Tues. - The Taiping Municipal Council will introduce a lucky draw next year as an added incentive for residents to pay their assessment rates early.

Local councils were recently taken to task by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for being lazy in collecting taxes.

Council president Datuk Jamalludin Al Amini Ahmad said 600 prizes worth RM40,000 await those who settle their full payments within the first two months.

"The attractive prizes include a motorcycle, three television sets, 40 bicycles and 250 hampers," he said at the council's Hari Raya gathering today.

"Councillors must also play a more effective role in helping the council increase assessment collection," he said.

Jamalludin said the council would become the first in Perak to use the barcode system in collecting taxes.