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## Acknowledgement

# FOREWORD

... the Datuk Bandar of Kuching City South was born on April 12, 1925, to Mr. & Mrs. ... Cheok.

... president of Kuching Municipal Council from December 28, 1965 to June 30, 1978. His grandfather was the late Song Kheng Hai a member of the Kuching Municipal Council.

This book brings us back to the late 1950s, at the time when the Local Government system here underwent a change that was to pave the way for the present day Local Government administration.

In this book, Mr. Ho Ah Chon has painstakingly re-produced, in a nutshell, the events leading to the first Kuching Municipal Council election, and the working of the elected Council thereafter.

In producing this book, Mr. Ho has in fact, done a great service to the citizens of Kuching. He has recaptured for them, through write-ups and photographs, events which could easily disappear from the memory of many through passage of time.

I congratulate Mr. Ho Ah Chon for his initiative and commend him for the quality of his "product". I am sure this work will be well appreciated by all those who have a keen interest in the development of local Government in Sarawak generally, and in Kuching in particular.

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Datuk Song Swee Guan, the Datuk Bandar of Kuching City South was born on April 12, 1942 to Mr. & Mrs. Song Thian Cheok.

Datuk Song father was president of Kuching Municipal Council from December 28 1965 to June 30 1978. His grandfather was the late Song Kheng Hai a member of the Kuching Municipal who donated a piece of land for recreational activities and sports.

The ground at Jalan Padungan was name after him.

Thus the family has three generation of association with the administration of Kuching.

In October 1981 he was appointed a councillor of Kuching Municipal Council.

He become its chairman in 1982 and continues to hold this post until his appointment as major of Kuching City South. He had rendered 15 years loyal service to the administration of Kuching.

May I have the opportunity to thank Datuk Song Swee Guan once again for his "Forward" in this issue.

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