

27 govt housing schemes rewarded for cleanliness

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TWENTY-SEVEN government low-cost housing schemes in Kuala Lumpur, which scored high marks in the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for cleanliness last year, received incentives in the form of RM20,000 each.

The top two housing schemes which scored more than 80% received an additional RM30,000 and RM10,000, respectively.

Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin, who presented the prizes to the representatives of residents associations on Thursday, said Perumahan Awam Seri Perak and PPR Seri Alam Phase 1 were chosen as the top two winners because of their excellent track record for cleanliness and their ability to work with the residents on community projects.

These housing schemes also had the least vandalised facilities.

"Officers from the ministry, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and Universiti Putra Malaysia went incognito a few times to the respective housing schemes to inspect the premises,"



said Nong Chik.

"The incentives are meant to encourage residents in low-cost housing schemes to work together to keep their premises clean and community happy," he said.

A total of 69 housing schemes in the city were part of the KPI exercise carried out by the ministry. Each housing scheme also received RM2,000 to help them in their cleaning activities.

The minister also announced other incentives for those living in government schemes in conjunction with FT Day celebrations held

recently.

Nong Chik said those who regularly paid their rent on time stand to win lucky draw prizes.

"We are giving out 75 prizes comprising motorcycles, bicycles, hand-phones and television sets.

"We will shortlist tenants who paid their rent on time from January to December last year and invite them to participate in the lucky draw," he said, adding that those who paid the rent this year in one payment would also be entitled to a 10% discount.

The offer is valid only if the pay-

Role models:

Raja Nong Chik with some of the residents of the 27 low-cost housing schemes that achieved high marks in their KPI for cleanliness at the event on Thursday.

ment is made between March 1 and April 30.

He said of the 51,212 units in 95 housing schemes, those occupying about 31,000 or 62% were good paymasters.

The balance 38% or 19,458 tenants owe DBKL RM54.9mil in rental.

"We hope these incentives will help make people more responsible and pay their rent promptly," he said.

He added that under the e-Kasih programme, DBKL would write off rent owed by the hardcore poor to help ease their burden.