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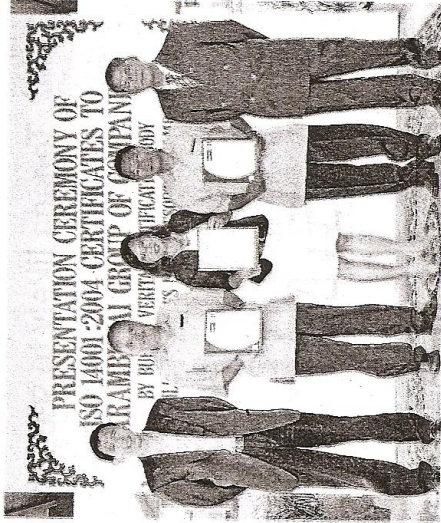
By Ripin Mintow

KOTA KINABALU: The Karambunai Corps Bhd's group of companies (KCB) have received the ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management System (EMS) certification from Bureau Veritas yesterday.

The KCB group of companies are its flagship Nexus Resort Karambunai "NRK", the Villas & Suites at Nexus Resort Karambunai VSNRK and Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai NGRK. The Bureau Veritas BV is the world's leading Certification Service Provider that is recognized by more than 30 national and international accreditation bodies and serves more than 280,000 customers worldwide.

The presentation was made by Mr. Guah Beng Chuang, the Certification Manager from Bureau Veritas Certification Sdn Bhd and witnessed by KCB Chief Executive Officer: Datuk Robin Loh.

The certification is part of KCB's social responsibility effort whereby the Group had identified



RECEIPTS... Peter Sprenger, Group GM of Nexus Resort & Spa Karambunai (second left), Vivien Quek, Acting Club Manager, Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai (third left) and Arif Billah, Resident Manager of Villas & Suites Nexus Resort Karambunai (second right). At extreme left is Quah, and (right) Robin.

environmental protection as one of its key themes. As an established resort and 'environmental-friendly'

approach for its hotel operations including minimizing wastage.

It also maximizes the use of energy-saving device, proper disposal of waste materials, recycling of used materials and adopting environmental best practices wherever possible.

Robin said by becoming ISO 14001:2004 certified, KCB are making a strong commitment to their various stakeholders that the Group business operations focus on environmental protection, sustainability, quality in its services and facilities, health and safety, and social responsibility.

With over a year of preparation, the Group had formed a special ISO team (comprising of Steering Committee, Environment Management Representative, Document Controller, Chemical Control Team, Waste Management Team, Safety & Health Committee, Training & Communication and Legal Team) to lead the Group's organization towards the certification.

The entire process includes reviewing the impact of its operations on the environment,

detailed inspections, cross audits amongst its group of companies, documentation updates and compliance with the ISO standards, information collation and analysis, new working systems and practices.

Robin said the Group is expected to garner better market opportunities as the certification is an indication that its hotel and golf course conforms to internationally set environmental standards in every aspect of its operations.

With an increasing awareness of environmental concerns amongst the public, guests for its hotel and golf course would be pleased to know that Nexus hotel and golf course facilities are truly environmentally-friendly.

The Group has already set a blueprint for its environmental efforts including the maintenance of the ISO 14001:2004 standards by setting up of a wildlife fund, turtle sanctuary in Karambunai peninsula and a series of other activities to support the Group's social responsibility theme for environmental protection.