

ISO cert for Karambunai Corp

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KOTA KINABALU: Karambunai Corporation Bhd (KCB) consolidated its environmental protection theme when its flagship hotel, golf course and property received the ISO 14001:2004 certification here, Tuesday.

The certification for Environmental Management System was given by Bureau Veritas to Nexus Resort Karambunai, Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai and Villas & Suites at Nexus Resort Karambunai.

Bureau Veritas is the world's leading Certification Service Provider recognised by more than 30 national and international accreditation bodies and serves more than 280,000 customers worldwide.

At the presentation ceremony of the certification at Villas & Suites at Nexus Resort Karambunai, KCB's Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Robin Loh, said:

"By becoming ISO 14001:2004 certified, we are making a strong commitment to our various stakeholders that our business operations focus on environmental protection, sustainability, quality in its services and facilities, health & safety, and social responsibility."

The Group took a year of preparation to form a special ISO team for the certification.

The entire process included 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.

Loh said with the ISO 14001:2004 certification, 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.

He said with an increasing awareness of environmental concerns amongst the public, guests for its hotel and golf course would be



Sprenger (second left), Quek (third left) and Arif (second right) posing with the certificates together with Quah Beng Chuang (left) and Loh (right).

pleased to know that Nexus' hotel and golf course facilities are truly environmentally-friendly.

He added that as an established resort and golf course operator, the Group has always maintained an 'environmental-friendly' approach for its hotel operations including minimising wastage, maximising the use of energy-saving device, properly disposing waste materials, recycling used materials and adopting environmental best practices wherever possible.

The overall aim of the ISO 14001:2004 was to support environmental protection and prevention of pollution in balance with socio-economic needs.

The Group has already set a blueprint for its environmental efforts, including the maintenance of the ISO 14001:2004 standards (which goes through an annual re-certification audit to ensure strict conformance and full commitment to set standards), setting up of a wildlife fund, turtle sanctuary in the Karambunai peninsular and a series of other activities to support the Group's social responsibility theme for environmental protection.

Also on hand were Group General Manager of Nexus Resort and Spa, Peter Sprenger, Acting Club Manager of Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai, Vivien Quek, Resident Manager of Villas and Suites Nexus Resort Karambunai, Arif Billah who received the certificates from Certification Manager of Bureau Veritas Certification Sdn Bhd, Quah Beng Chuang.