

# City Council rewards ratepayers

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**JOHOR BARU:** It pays to settle your dues on time as proven by a pensioner who walked away with a RM60,000 car for paying his assessment diligently to the Johor Baru City Council (MBJB).

Tengku Mahmood Tengku Suleiman, 59, described the winning prize as a gift from God as he did not expect to win anything for settling his taxes.

"The assessment is for a house occupied by a group of students doing their practical training.

"As they are my son's friends I charge them a reasonable rent," he said.

He added the Proton Preve car bearing the registration number JQN 444 would be used by his wife while he would stick to his Toyota Vios.

Another ratepayer who won

a prize in the lucky draw organised by MBJB was a businessman Rahimah Yahya, 55, from Kampung Melayu Majidi who took home a 40 inch LED television.

"I never expected to win any prize for paying my tax," she said.

Businessman Cheng Chee Tong, 46, who won a Lenovo laptop, commended MBJB for rewarding those who pay on time.

Mayor Datuk Abdul Rahman Mohamed Dewam said that MBJB had collected about RM119mil in revenue from 75,563 taxpayers this year and was confident that the figure would increase.

He said 84% or RM99mil from the RM119mil collected had been utilised as at October to upgrade and improve facilities and infrastructures.



**First time lucky:** Pensioner Tengku Mahmood (right) and Abdul Rahman (second from left) at the prize-giving ceremony for the lucky ratepayers.