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FOREWORD

The reports by the departments show that the year 1954 was one in which every attempt was made no less to tackle the problems which confront the Council than to improve and extend the services for which the Council is responsible in the Town of Kuala Lumpur. The results of the re-organisation which took place in 1953, of the additional staff that was appointed and the mechanisation of the departments wherever possible in that year bore fruit. The revenue was decidedly increased. The annually recurrent expenditure, however, was maintained at about the same level as 1953. There was not only a considerably larger volume of constructional works on hand than ever before but greater efficiency in the carrying out of these works by contract and directly by the departments concerned.

2. Another result was the increased efficiency of the services to the public in that persons paying taxes and licence fees were dealt with with the minimum of delay, the handling of planning applications and building plans was considerably speeded up and the sanitary services of the Town were made more efficient. The key note of the year was one of considerable endeavour. The administration had begun to gear itself to cope with the pressing problems of a great town and, at the same time, to ensure that it would be capable of dealing with, in a satisfactory and efficient manner, the rapid expansion of both the Town and the population that can be expected in the years to come.

3. I would like to pay a tribute to all the departments and to the staff at all levels in all departments for having achieved so much in 1954. I have no doubt that they will be proud of seeing the results of their endeavours in the progress which is being visibly made in improving the Town and I am sure that they will be looking forward to the future which can be expected to show equally the results of their efforts and determination.

4. Finally, I would like to express appreciation of the services of Councillors who devoted unstintingly much of their valuable time and energies to the business of the Council and under whose guidance and advice, the administration succeeded in achieving as much as it did.

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Municipal Council.

