



#### **ILGM AWARD TO THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER OF UMDONI MUNICIPALITY, MR DD NAIDOO**

At the ILGM National Conference held on 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> November 2008, the Institute for Local Government Management, with an Excellent Award under the category of Leadership. Essentially, the Award was to acknowledge Mr DD Naidoo for continued support and commitment to the growth and development of ILGM more especially the ILGM KZN Chapter, which has been identified as the leading Chapter (Provinces) of the ILGM. The Award is also in lieu of individual selfless dedication to the success of this Chapter.

“Today, KwaZulu-Natal is the most successful chapter because of your support, consistency and decisive leadership. You have been exemplary to members of the Institute over the years and participated rigorously in debates intended to provide policy direction and leadership”, said Mr. Vusi Mavuso (ILGM Gauteng Provincial Chapter) who was the Programme Director, at the Dinner.

Mr Naidoo was amongst other leading Local Government practitioners in South Africa, who were presented with the Excellence Awards at the Gala Dinner held on 5 November 2008, at Emnothweni Arena, in Mpumalanga.

Receiving the Award, Mr Naidoo in his acceptance speech said he was humbled by the nomination but attributed the award to collectivism rather than individualism and accepted the Award on behalf of Umdoni Municipality. Mr Naidoo thanked the Council for allowing him to participate and for their guidance and Umdoni staff for their commitment.

The Award was presented by the Minister of Provincial and Local Government Affairs, Mr Sicelo Shiceka. The Minister in his address raised an issue of concern with local government and outlined his vision for local government. He was very critical of under performing municipalities, more especially those who had not achieved “clean” audit reports. His vision, if implemented augurs well for local government as a sector.

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