

Flush with success

Call it toilet humour, but every time someone mentions the three-day summit being held in Macau at the moment, it never fails to draw a schoolboy snigger.

The World Toilet Summit and Expo 2008 was opened by His Royal Highness, Prince Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands, chairman of the United Nations Secretary-General's advisory board on water and sanitation, who delivered the keynote address yesterday at the Venetian resort.

The annual summit of experts to promote discussions on clean toilets, sanitation and hygiene issues has been held since 2001 under the auspices of the World Trade Organisation, while this is the fourth World Expo - the first was in Shanghai in 2005, then in Bangkok in 2006 and Singapore last year.