


COFFEE-SHOP LOOS SHOULD HAVE SOAP

 THE recent Indian rojak food-poisoning incident and the Influenza A (H1N1) scare have drawn much attention to the need for good hygiene practices.

Proper handwashing is considered a first line of defence against such episodes.

Soap is essential to remove viruses and germs from the hands.

Unfortunately, toilets in many coffee shops I have visited do not provide this basic item.

Soap dispensers are usually left empty.

The people who use these toilets daily are not only coffee-shop patrons, but also cooks and stallholders who prepare and serve food.

The National Environment Agency should ensure that soap is available in coffee-shop toilets at all times.

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