

## Sims Place market & food centre gets first "Singapore's OK" label

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SINGAPORE: A market and food centre at Block 49 Sims Place is the first to achieve the "Singapore's OK" standard since the programme was re-launched, following the Influenza A (H1N1) crisis.

Visiting the food centre - which is located in the Jalan Besar constituency - on Tuesday, Environment and Water Resources Minister Yaacob Ibrahim said hawker centres are keen to improve their cleaning regime so that they, too, can achieve the "Singapore's OK" standard.

The Sims Place market and food centre has 66 cooked food stalls and 48 market stalls. As of April 30 this year, 27 food stalls have been graded A, while the rest have been graded B. There are no stalls with C or D grading.

Even though the flu pandemic alert level has been lowered to yellow, Dr Yaacob warned Singaporeans against being complacent.

The National Environment Agency (NEA), together with various hawker associations and constituency advisers, will continue to maintain the momentum of enhancing hygiene and cleanliness over the next three to six months.

Dr Yaacob said: "We always say customers have a role to play to put pressure on those hawkers who are having lapses on hygiene to tell them that this is not the right thing to do. So, as long as there is this pressure and effort, we will be able to maintain this.

"This is a good outcome as the hawkers want to be part of the campaign and want to earn that label and restore confidence in the public that their places are clean, hygienic."

Besides hawker centres, NEA will also be reaching out to more places with high human traffic such as preschools, construction sites and workers' dormitories.

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Dr Yaacob Ibrahim (file pic)

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