

## Geylang Serai market gets Singapore OK! Award

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SINGAPORE: The Geylang Serai market has received the Singapore OK! Award - a voluntary programme where recipients maintain high standards of hygiene.

Earlier this year, a massive food poisoning case broke out at its temporary location which left two people dead.

Stallholders have moved into their permanent home for three months now and no efforts have been spared to maintain hygiene standards.

The market's cleaning contractor has increased the number of cleaners - from the National Environment Agency's (NEA) requirement of 17 cleaners - to 25 cleaners, and the efforts are paying off.

"Because of the hygiene, the place is very nice and people come back... During the weekend, the customers have to wait for the tables before they can sit," said Oli Addul Latiff, chairman, Merchants Association, Geylang Serai Market.

Out of the 62 cooked food stalls at the market, 23 have attained an A rating and the rest have attained a B rating.

The bustling market is a sharp contrast to its temporary home in April, when customers shunned the market after two died and more than a hundred people fell ill from eating tainted food at an Indian rojak stall.

NEA said the licence for operating the Indian rojak stall remains suspended, and that it is awaiting the outcome of the Coroner's inquiry before prosecuting the licensee in court.

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