

■ MALAYSIAN PUBLIC TOILETS FLUNK CLEANLINESS TESTS

Malaysia's public toilets are still flunking the government's cleanliness tests despite public awareness campaigns, an official said on condition of anonymity yesterday.

The official with the Housing and Local Government Ministry said the authorities found that half of more than 5,700 toilets in schools, restaurants, shopping malls and other places were not clean and hygienic.

He said only 7 per cent of the toilets inspected earlier this year got the maximum five stars. More than 51 per cent of the toilets received only one or two stars.

He said it was "disappointing" as the image of the country and the health of the people were at stake. AP