

## **JURONG COMES OUT SQUEAKY CLEAN**

Hong Kah Town Council has some of the cleanest blocks in Singapore and evidence of this can be found at Blocks 383 to 395 along Bukit Batok West Avenue 5.

But it was Jurong Town Council which walked away with an award in all four categories – residential, town centre, food centre and toilet – when the results of the islandwide cleanest estate competition were announced yesterday. And general manager Ho Thian Poh attributed this to the “cooperation of people on the ground”.

The judges looked at how clean the areas were (physical component) and how the town councils, residents' committees and public worked together (social component).

Mr Ang Mong Seng, chairman of the competition's organising committee, said the social component weighed 60 per cent in the residential category as it was important to educate and involve the residents.

As for the minority of recalcitrant litterbugs, Mr Ang said that RCs and town councils had formed a watch group to do house visits: Residents would point out the “problem” units to volunteers, who would then educate and warn the offenders.

The cleanest town centre award went to Ghim Moh Neighbourhood Centre Blocks 7, 8 and 17 to 21, while 49 Sims Vista Market and Food Centre best in the food centre category. The cleanest toilets were at Block 511 Bedok North Street 3.

Winners of the residential, town centre and food centre categories took home \$1,000 and plaques, and each team of cleaners at the winning zones also won \$500. In the toilet category, winners won \$500 and a plaque. — **NEO CHAI CHIN**