



SPOTLESS: National Environment Agency officers Delcine See and Shaun Yeo scoring a toilet in the South West District. (PHOTO: THE STRAITS TIMES)

Loo and behold, we have a winner

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YUHUA Village Market and Food Centre snagged its fourth consecutive title for having the cleanest **hawker-centre toilet** in the South West District this year.

The results of the Sixth South West Public Health Awards were announced yesterday. The South West District covers neighbourhoods in Jurong, Hong Kah, West Coast and Chua Chu Kang.

Over the past two days, judges armed with clipboards descended upon public toilets and estates in the district, scrutinising floors for **stains** and keeping a keen eye out for litter.

This year's competition saw seven estates and 22 public loos vying for the "Most Litter-Free Estate" and the "Clean, Dry and Sparkling Toilets" awards - covering shopping malls, coffee shops and hawker centres - respectively.

The cleanest estate went to Yuhua Zone 7 Residents' Committee, which covers Housing Board blocks 101 to 116 in Jurong East Street 13.

The other winners of the cleanest-toilets awards are Lot 1 Shoppers Mall and the coffee shop at Block 134, Bukit Batok West Avenue 6.

The awards were organised by the South West Community Development Council and the National Environment Agency South West Regional Office.

On Yuhua Village Market and Food Centre's win, Mr Neo Swee Eng, chairman of the hawker centre, told *my paper* that it was "all thanks to the **combined** effort of the cleaners, stall owners and customers". Said Mr Neo, 52: "We maintain the cleanliness standards of our toilets all year round, not only during the competition."

To reward the cleaners for their hard work, the Jurong East (Block 254) Hawkers' Association, which runs the Yuhua Village Market and Food Centre, will be giving them a Chinese New Year food **hamper** each.

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Hawker-centre toilet:

小贩中心厕所

xiǎo fàn zhōng xīn cè suǒ

Stains: 污迹 wū jì

Combined: 联合的 lián hé de

Hamper: 礼篮 lǐ lán
