



**Neat and tidy:** Empty stalls were clean and spotless at the wet market located at 4 1/2 mile, Old Klang Road.

## Efforts made to clean market area

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KUALA LUMPUR City Hall (DBKL) officers visited to the infamous wet market at 4 1/2 mile, Old Klang Road recently.

Together with *StarMetro*, the officials toured the area after they were told that very morning of the market's dirty conditions.

"We have gotong-royong sessions once every six months but it still gets dirty because of the nature of the business," said one official, who declined to be named.

The recent gotong-royong session was held on July 1. A week later, the market looked remarkably clean and workers were seen cleaning the chicken slaughter stalls vigorously.

"It is difficult for the stall owners to clean up the mess they make during operational

hours but after 2pm, they will clean the place," the official added.

During the tour, we spotted Alam Flora contractors and DBKL workers scrubbing the place clean, oblivious of our presence in the area.

Those stalls which are found to be unhygienic, DBKL will issue compound notices. The maximum fine imposed is RM300.

The chicken carcass and entrails we spotted on our first visit were being hoisted on to trucks to be carried to the garbage bins located next to the market.

*StarMetro* also visited Pudu Plaza to check on the eateries that were dirty and roach infested in the past.

We were pleasantly surprised to find the place clean and the plates being cleared immediately after each meal.

Looks like our Hygiene campaign is making a difference.