



# MB to people: Clean up your act

**KUALA TERENGGANU:** Apathy about cleanliness and high food prices could damage the tourism industry, which is one of Terengganu's main sources of income.

Menteri Besar Datuk Ahmad Said said cleanliness in the state capital was "unsatisfactory" and placed the blame squarely on residents and hawkers.

The local council cleaned up

the streets in the daytime, and by evening the streets were again strewn with rubbish, he said.

On top of that, hawkers charged premium prices for their food and did not maintain hygiene.

"People come here expecting clean and inexpensive food.

"They will feel cheated if our food prices remain high and

our food is not covered properly," he said after welcoming 42 passengers on board Firefly's inaugural direct flight from Singapore on Tuesday evening at the Sultan Mahmud Airport.

Firefly managing director Eddie Leong said the response to the new route had been encouraging and, if interest continued to grow, the airline might increase the frequency

of flights.

At present there are three flights a week to and from Singapore.

He said Firefly was looking to promote other tourist destinations in the state such as Tasik Kenyir.

Most Singaporeans visit the islands off Terengganu.

Ahmad said half of the foreign tourists who visited the state were from Singapore.