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The Forum Editor
My Paper (Chinese)

Dear Sir

POULTRY FARM IN SUNGEI TENGAH

We refer to the feedback from your reader on the smell of chicken dung in My Paper(Chinese) on 12 September 2008.

2 There is currently only one remaining poultry farm in Sungei Tengah. Although this farm has put in place smell control measures, it has unfortunately not been able to eliminate the smell nuisance completely. The farm has accepted the government's offer to relocate to a new site further away in Lim Chu Kang to continue its operations.

3 However, it is important that the farm continues its egg production in Sungei Tengah while phasing into the new site. The farm currently accounts for a substantial amount of our local egg production. With bird flu endemic in the region, it is especially important to maintain Singapore's egg supply resilience, in case of any disruption to our egg supply due to bird flu.

4 The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) will work closely with the farm to expedite the development of the new farm and prevent any unnecessary delays in the relocation, which is expected to be completed in about two and a half years. In the meantime, AVA and the National Environment Agency (NEA) will ensure that the farm carries out proper housekeeping and operates its smell control measures properly.

Yours faithfully

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