

# The price of ethics: 10 cents

Letter from Lionel De Souza

THE other day, as I was trying to fish out a 10-cent coin from my pocket so I could use the toilet at Maxwell Road Hawker Centre, I was rudely surprised when a man darted in front of me in his rush to enter the toilet.

I was even more surprised to see him leaning over the automated barrier and pressing a button behind the machine which caused the barrier to be raised, allowing him to access the toilet without having to pay the entry fee.

Shortly thereafter, two other men went in using the same method.

When I entered the toilet, I saw the toilet attendant cleaning the floor inside. The trio had taken advantage of the elderly man's absence from his post outside the door to save the paltry sum of 30 cents.

What has happened to integrity in Singapore?