

## More Toilet Auditors Needed In Singapore

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Singapore - Housewives looking to re-enter the workforce as "toilet auditors" can benefit from the flexible work hours of the job, says Tan Puay Hoon, president of the Restroom Association (RAS) and recipient of the Ecofriend Award 2009.

Formed in 2008 by RAS, the Certified Eco-Assessors (CEA) programme creates flexi-job opportunities for unemployed housewives by training them to conduct toilet audits. Reports are submitted after each audit to the RAS.

Tan explains that housewives have "a keen sense of what's clean and what's not", drawing similarities with their duties at home to ensure a greater sense of cleanliness and hygiene. Also, women are generally more particular and meticulous than their male counterparts, hence being perfect for the job.

Housewives have to undergo a two-day training course consisting of a classroom session where they will pick up essential restroom knowledge and a practical segment to familiarise themselves with the toilet auditing process. Trainees will then sit for both a written and oral assessment. Upon successfully completing the training, they will serve as Probationary CEAs under the care of a mentor prior to being a full-fledged CEA.

With currently 26 housewives under the CEA programme, Tan says the response is well-received during recruitment and training. However, "toilet issues still remains a taboo subject to most people and this mindset has led to fewer people joining the toilet-related industry".

That said, Tan also hopes to recruit retirees as CEAs in the near future.

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