

Let's hear it for toilet cleaners' awards

WE REFER to the letter, "A spur to do better" (June 15), by Mr Yeo Feng.

We agree with the writer that recognition should be shown to cleaners who have helped Singapore achieve a world recognised standard of cleanliness, especially with respect to restrooms.

On Nov 19, 2007, in conjunction with World Toilet Day, we collaborated with a group of undergraduates from the Singapore Management University to celebrate World Toilet Day by paying tribute to the toilet cleaners, our unsung heroes.

On March 19 this year, we also collaborated with another group of undergraduates from the same university, to initiate a Toilet Cleanliness Week campaign to recruit and train volunteers to clean toilets, so as to better appreciate the toilet cleaners.

Recently, we launched the inaugural LOO Awards 2009 - visit our website at www.toilet.org.sg for more nomination details - to recognise organisations or individuals who have helped Singapore achieve a world recognised standard of restroom cleanliness. One of the categories is the "Cleaning Industry", and toilet cleaners would fall under this category.

We urge the public to start nominating dedicated and committed cleaners now before nominations close on Sept 30. Results will be announced on Nov 19 in conjunction with World Toilet Day. Three awarded holders will be invited to our LOO Awards Ceremony on Dec 2 during the networking dinner at the World Toilet Summit & Expo.

We thank the above-mentioned writer for his feedback. The public can share their views online or download our feedback form from our website. They can also e-mail to mysay@toilet.org.sg or SMS to 9770-LOOS (9770-5667).

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