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## Could this lead to spread of HFMD?

I REFER to the current outbreak of hand, foot and mouth disease. I may have stumbled onto one of the contributory factors. Last week, at around noon, I was at the washroom at Turf City and I found the toilet was full of kindergarden children.

While waiting for my turn, I saw several of them standing on tip-toe to turn on the taps. They could not because the vanity top is too high and the taps are too far back. Two of them asked me for help and, with my left hand, I pressed the tap for them. I also saw many of them leaving without washing their hands probably because they knew that they could not reach the taps.

If this scene is repeated five times a week, and in the ladies toilet too, you can imagine the number of young children leaving the washroom without washing their hands, and not for want of trying.

Do something before calamity strikes. If washrooms can have small urinals for children, small wash basins should also be installed for them.

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You need just to provide two things for kids to wash their hands in public washrooms/toilets - a simple stand constructed of welded angle-iron or mild-steel and cross-grille just strong enough to take the weight of childrens and light enough for an adult to shift with his/her feet and a tap with a lever-type on-off control or a auto faucet.

Posted by: [commentator\\_sc](#) at Wed Apr 23 11:52:22 SGT 2008

potential business for plumbers liao: to install children wash basins in toilets.

when there is threat, there is opportunity.

Posted by: [the\\_ultimate](#) at Wed Apr 23 09:08:17 SGT 2008

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