

Caltex petrol station has a Happy Toilet

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SINGAPORE'S crusaders for clean public toilets have moved their campaign to ensuring that loos in the transportation sector are clean, airy and devoid of odour.

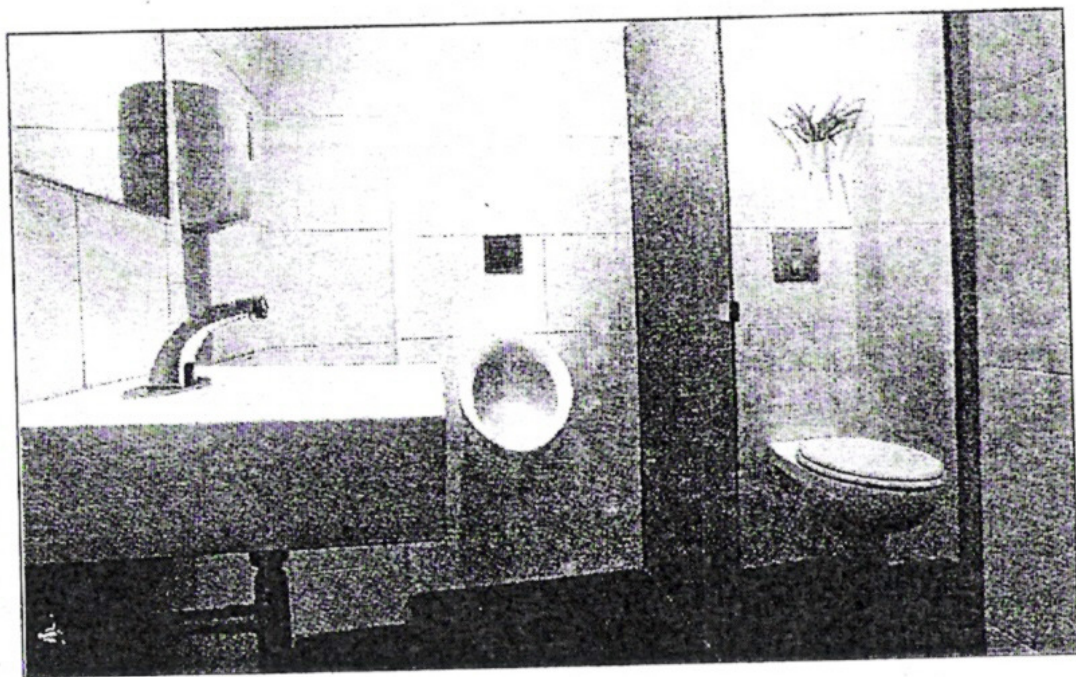
To give a filip to this drive, the Restroom Association of Singapore (RAS), a non-profit organisation, bestowed the Happy Toilet award to Caltex's petrol station in Dunearn Road yesterday for having spick and span loos.

The Caltex station, the first in this sector to receive such an award, recently refurbished its toilets, in addition to setting up a gourmet coffee corner.

The new toilets have been rebranded as "refreshrooms" and feature automatic activation of the flush, soap, sink and hand dryer.

The RAS was impressed enough with the improvements to award the maximum score of five stars to the station.

"It's not just about cleanliness, but about



ergonomics," RAS founder and president Jack Sim said during the award presentation.

"For example, a shorter distance from the sink to the dryer means less water splattered on the floor."

The toilets are accessed from within the station's airconditioned area, and the women's toilet is locked when not in use.

Ms Teri Khoo, Caltex's retail manager in Singapore, told reporters that the

company has a maintenance programme that involves inspection and cleaning of the toilets every hour.

A customer at the petrol station, chauffeur Jala Atam, said: "This is one of the best toilets. It has everything, and the floors are dry."

Ten out of 21 Caltex stations have had their toilets upgraded, costing the company between \$15,000 and \$20,000 each. The remaining 11 stations will be upgraded by January.