

Ready access to loos for disabled

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We write in response to the letter by the Disabled People's Association (DPA) president Leo Chen Ian (May 18). We agree that public education on good toilet etiquette is the key to ensuring that public toilets built for people with disabilities should remain accessible at all times. Not only at MRT stations but also places such as hawker centres, parks, shopping centres, and so forth.

The Restroom Association (Singapore) (RAS) not only promotes cleaner toilets but has also been advocating correct behaviour. For example, RAS does this by visiting and educating the public toilet caretakers, conducting good toilet etiquette programmes for schoolchildren from ages five to 18, working with the community, and engaging the public about such issues should it arise.

RAS will be working with DPA to further identify problem areas, and also with the toilet owners. It is also good corporate social responsibility for toilet owners to promote inclusive attitudes. RAS can facilitate by giving talks on good toilet etiquette to buildings' tenants, companies' employees and cleaning staff.

Those interested in these public education activities can call us at 6297 9824 or email MySay@toilet.org.sg