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# Goodies



## The most important

# business



Imagine life without toilets. It would be even messier today!



**T**HE toilet, the lavatory, the washroom, the WC, or the loo. Whatever you call it, everybody has to use it, so it is easy to take it for granted. Because of our amazing toilets, our bodily waste gets washed away safely and cleanly, instead of leaving a big stink and causing serious diseases like cholera and diarrhoea.

So take some time to celebrate one of the most important inventions in human civilisation, and see how other countries answer the call of nature.

## Editor's Note

Hello everyone! Have you done the important business of the day yet? You need to drop a log in the pool every day or else it will stay inside your body and make you ill. I once heard of a girl who went abroad on holiday but did not download a brownload, because she thought the toilets were dirty. When she came back home she must have fired a big one in the toilet! At least she had access to toilets. When I was a kid, I stayed in a village in Sai Kung with no toilets, so I had to go to the forest with some toilet paper! Turn to G02 to read about toilets I would like to sit on to drop a brown bomb. Also in today's paper is a story about controlling drones with the mind. The mind is indeed powerful! Turn to G08 to read more.



Simon



## Historical toilet

PEOPLE as far back as BC2,800 saw the need for good **sanitation**. The brick and wood lavatories of the ancient Mohenjo-Darro civilisation were more advanced than some developing world toilets today, which can just be a hole in the ground. One of the most interesting ancient designs is a Chinese toilet from the Nan dynasty that let waste fall into a pigsty for feed.



## Weird and wonderful toilets

HERE are some of the most interesting toilets from around the world.



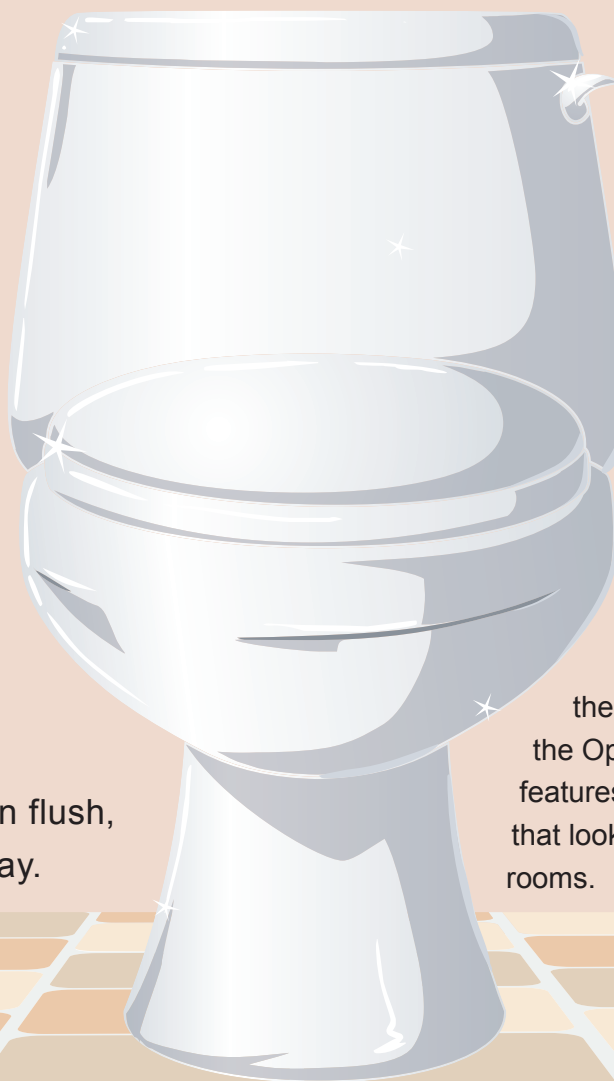
**The world's most expensive toilet** – Forged from solid 24-carat gold, this exclusive WC from Hong Kong's Hang Fung Gold Technology Group costs US\$5 million (HK\$39 million).



## Royal flush

THE most important innovation in the last 500 years is the flushable toilet, invented by the English writer Sir John Harrington. It replaced the **chamber pots** that needed regular emptying. The first one he installed was in the palace of his **godmother**, Queen Elizabeth I. Many people wrongly assume that Sir Thomas Crapper

invented the flushing toilet, but he actually popularised the siphon flush, which is still used today.



**Open air toilets** – Why not enjoy some fresh air while relieving yourself? These urinals can be found in Europe and help stop men from **urinating** against the walls of buildings.



**Doorless toilets** – If privacy is not important to you, why not try these doorless toilets in China and have a chat with your neighbour while doing your business?



**Fabulous toilets** – Perhaps the most glamorous toilet is the Opera Toilet in Vienna, which features classical music and stalls that look like backstage dressing rooms.



## G TIPS

### Toilet slang

A euphemism is a phrase that people use to make something sound less **blunt**. Here are some famous toilet-related ones. See which phrases refer to urination, and which means having a **bowel movement**

#### Urination:

- Spend a penny
- Taking a leak
- Powder one's nose
- Pass water

#### Bowel movement:

- Going to number two
- Pinching a loaf
- Laying a brick
- Curling one off

