

architects are used to using tiles for building wall finishing. When asked to design a rest area in National Park, they choose normal tiles for the building facade. It is inappropriate to do so. I think that the best ways to design a toilet in scenic area is to select woods, stones or other materials with natural character. Keeping the structure in harmony with the environment is the primary consideration for the toilet design in these areas.

(2) Hi-tech Type

Modern hi-technology building materials, such as steel and glass etc. are widely used for toiletecture building, particularly in urban streets or industrial parks. For example, the comfort station in the Tainan Industrial Park, Taiwan mainly uses a steel structure frame and metal roofing to demonstrate its modern image in the park.



Paris, France

5. Blending with surrounding environment

This type of toilet takes advantage of the beauty of the nature landscape. In addition to using the toilet, you can appreciate the beautiful scene. For this purposes, the architect usually tries to break up the conventional enclosed floor plan, and makes it as open as possible to nature.



Shiang-Shan Hiking Trail, Taipei, Taiwan

6. Artistic form-making

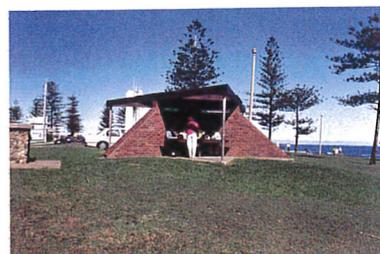
Another approach to toiletecture design is from an artistic viewpoint, to treat toilet building as a piece of sculpture. The famous red structures in Le Villette Park (Paris) by the architect Tsurumi, is a good example of this kind of artwork toilet. It looks like a piece of steel structure, but it also accommodates shops, storage, an overlook platform, and a restroom inside.



Le villette Park, Paris, France

7. Leisure Space Design Concept

To treat toilet space as part of a total rest area. It has multi-function to serve mainly tourists traveling on highway.



Golden Coast, Australia

8. Interior Space Beautification

If the toilet is not an independent building and it is within a big complex such as department stores, schools, or other institutions, toilets can be treated as interior space design. The space planning and materials used can be a challenging task for the architect.

An interesting, unique and homey toilecture can be created for the public users. The toilets in Chung-Yu Department Store (Taichung, Taiwan), proves a good example that toilet space design is full of diversified ideas.



Taii Ecological Farm, Taiwan

V. Case Studies

1. Toilecture in Parks and Scenic Areas
2. Toilets in Department Store
3. School Toilets

VI. Conclusion

“Toilet going” is a very important part of our daily life, and “toilet” is a symbol of civilization. We should abandon the traditional notion of dirty and unpleasant smell of the toilet. Architects should assume full responsibility in toilet design. I strongly believe that if designers have a good attitude toward toilets and devote more time to toilet design, toilet space, or “toilecture”, can be created.

Toilecture can be:

- * A clean and warm place
- * A humanized environment
- * An innovative space
- * A beautiful architecture
- * A memorable room and
- * A tourist spot

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