

## World Toilet Day aims to improve sanitation for 2.5 billion

- 1) (CNN) -- As many of the devastating stories and photos of typhoon-wrecked Philippines show, one of the most pressing problems of the Philippines crisis is the lack of toilets and the collapse of water systems.
- 2) Tacloban is currently facing a desperate lack of sustainable sanitation. UNICEF, among other organizations, has delivered portable toilets and hygiene supplies to Tacloban and is appealing for \$34 million to help the four million children affected by Typhoon Haiyan, the estimated amount for six months of assistance.
- 3) The lack of sustainable sanitation that the Tacloban region is suddenly facing is part of daily life for an astonishingly high percentage of the world's population.
- 4) To throw a spotlight on the issue, the United Nations General Assembly declared this year would kick off the **inaugural** World Toilet Day on November 19.
- 5) "We must break the taboos and make sanitation for all a global development priority," said UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon in an official statement in Singapore last July. Some **sobering** facts about the world's lack of toilets, according to the United Nations:
  - 2.5 billion people -- one in three people in the world -- do not have a toilet or access to sustainable sanitation
  - Diarrheal diseases are the second most common cause of death in young children in developing countries
  - They kill more than HIV/AIDS, malaria and measles combined
  - In many countries girls stay home during **menstruation** days because of the absence of a safe place to change and clean themselves, and many drop out altogether
- 6) UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon declared November 19 World Toilet Day. Due to the **unglamorous** nature of the subject matter, toilets tend to **take the back seat** when it comes to awareness and fundraising.
- 7) "We aim to make these hugely important issues relevant and sexy," says Garvey Chui, the Asia representative for Toilet Hackers, a nonprofit organization trying to give access to "dignified sanitation" to those without.
- 8) "For many Westernized travelers -- particularly for many women travelers, no matter how well-seasoned -- sanitation and access to clean toilets becomes a serious consideration when traveling," says Chui.
- 9) "But for those without access to safe, clean and private toilets and sanitation, it is more than an inconvenience, it can be life or death," says the Toilet Hackers rep.
- 10) "One very dangerous time for a woman in a developing country, and one of the main times she may get sexually assaulted, is when she is going to the washroom. When there is no toilet to go to, she is vulnerable and exposed when she is going outdoors or in a public space, often late at night and away from people."



↑ The public toilet in Ichihara, Japan, was built by architect Sou Fujimoto to claim the title of the "world's largest toilet." On 200 square meters of open garden, this toilet sits inside a glass box and is surrounded by a two-meter fence to shelter it from prying eyes. The city commissioned it with the hope of attracting tourists.

11) From the two-story toilet-shaped toilet museum (the former home of a toilet-obsessed congressman and mayor in South Korea) to weird and **wacky** toilet-themed restaurants (yes, *restaurants*) from London to Beijing, check out our gallery for where to celebrate World Toilet Day. 【11/19/2013/CNN】

In Australia, the outhouse is called a "dunny," and the few that survive to day have evolved into tourist attractions. The Leaning Dunny (pictured) comes with its own art gallery and is located in a former gold-mining town which is often featured in commercials and movies for its rugged landscape.→



inaugural:第一回目の sobering:まじめにする、反省させる menstruation:月経 unglamorous:刺激魅力のない take the back seat:二の次になる、卑下する wacky:風変わりな

### ☆Ice breaker for active discussion☆

1. The discussion about toilets has been considered as taboo. Can you explain why it is so?
2. What types of toilets have you ever seen?
3. How do you keep your bathroom / toilet sanitized? Do you care about sanitation in public toilets?
4. How important is it to keep the toilets sanitized? What would be the likely consequences of unsanitized toilets / unhygienic use of toilets?
5. Have you ever seen the toilet mentioned on the pictures? What do you think about them?
6. If you could propose UN to create any new day to celebrate something, what would it be? And Why?
7. Make sentences using the following words : hygiene, astonishingly, inaugural, sobering, unglamorous, take the back seat, well-seasoned, assault and wacky.

53%の人が携帯電話を持っているインドで、トイレ付の家に居住しているのは 47%(WHO 調べ)で、毎年 3800 万人が水を介する伝染病にかかり、延べ 7300 万日の労働日数の損失があるそうです。水洗化率 90%越えの日本では、実感のわからない問題かも知れませんが、今一度衛生という基本問題について考えてみましょう。