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## **Improving Toilet Comfort and Accessibility: A User-Centric Approach**

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***Abstract:** It is crucial to provide comfortable and accessible restroom facilities in today's educational and institutional landscape. This study aims to address the challenges associated with restroom usability and improve the overall user experience at the Cebu Technological University- Pinamungajan Campus. Recognizing the pivotal role of well-maintained facilities in fostering a positive campus environment, this study adopts a user-centric approach to tackle the core themes of comfort and accessibility. Comfort encompasses various physical and sensory factors that influence restroom usage, including cleanliness, privacy, hygiene standards, and the availability of essential amenities. Meanwhile, accessibility prioritizes the provision of toilet facilities that meet individuals' varying needs, regardless of their physical capabilities. This promotes inclusivity and adherence to applicable accessibility regulations. Central to this research is active engagement with the campus community to solicit feedback, understand user needs and preferences, and identify specific pain points and challenges related to restroom usage.*

***Key words:** Campus Environment, Well-maintain facilities, Positive experience, Cleanliness, User needs.*

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By prioritizing user experiences and preferences, the study aims to propose practical improvements and enhancements aligned with best practices in facility management. This detailed examination of objectives, methodology, and anticipated outcomes sheds light on how a user-centric approach can lead to a more inclusive and user-friendly restroom environment. By leveraging insights gleaned from the campus community, this study seeks to drive meaningful change and enhance the overall well-being and satisfaction of students, faculty, staff, and visitors at the Cebu Technological University-Pinamungajan Campus.

## Introduction

In the realm of facility management and campus infrastructure, ensuring the comfort, accessibility, and satisfaction of users is of paramount importance (Smith et al., 2023). Toilets are one of the most important facilities that directly impact the daily lives of students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The Cebu Technological University-Pinamungajan Campus recognizes the significance of providing well-maintained, comfortable, and accessible restroom facilities to its diverse community.

This study, titled “Improving Toilet Comfort and Accessibility: A User-Centric Approach,” seeks to address the challenges and enhance the overall restroom experience at the campus. It acknowledges that user satisfaction and convenience within restroom facilities contribute not only to the well-being of individuals but also reflect the institution's commitment to providing a conducive and inclusive learning and working environment.

The core themes of this study revolve around two key principles: comfort and accessibility. Comfort pertains to the physical and sensory aspects that make restroom facilities pleasant and convenient to use. This includes things like cleanliness, privacy, hygiene, and the availability of essential amenities. Accessibility refers to the fair and equal supply of toilet facilities that meet the needs of all individuals, regardless of their physical impairments. It aims to promote inclusion and comply with current accessibility standards.

This research aims to take a user-centric approach by actively engaging the campus community to gather feedback, understand their needs and preferences, and identify specific pain points and challenges related to restroom use. By prioritizing user experiences and preferences, the study intends to propose practical improvements and enhancements that align with best practices in facility management.

## Statement of the Problem

This study aims to enhance toilet comfort and accessibility by focusing on user needs. We will investigate ergonomic design, accessibility features for individuals with disabilities, and overall user satisfaction. Using feedback from various user groups, we will propose design improvements and policy recommendations to create more functional and inclusive toilet facilities

1. What specific factors that affect the current toilet facilities as perceived by the BIT college students in terms of the following:
  - 1.1 Comfort
  - 1.2 Accessibility
2. As perceived by the respondents, how can a user-centric approach be employed to address the unique needs and preferences of toilet users in terms of the following:

2.1 Usefulness

2.2 Aesthetics

2.3 Safety?

3. What do the users rate their satisfaction with the toilet facility?

### **Literature Review**

Improving toilet comfort and accessibility involves a comprehensive approach aimed at enhancing the overall user experience within restroom facilities (Greed, 2007). At its core lies the user-centric approach, which emphasizes actively engaging with stakeholders to understand their needs and preferences. Comfort within restrooms encompasses various physical and sensory aspects, including cleanliness, privacy, and the availability of amenities. Accessibility is fundamental for ensuring equitable restroom access, necessitating compliance with relevant standards and the implementation of features like barrier-free entrances and accessible fixtures. Inclusivity extends beyond accessibility, catering to the diverse needs of individuals from different backgrounds and abilities (Almendras et al., 2023). Sustainable restroom practices promote resource conservation and contribute to both comfort and accessibility. Human-centered design principles guide the development of solutions that effectively meet users' needs, fostering empathy and collaboration (Bendanillo et al., 2023). By integrating these principles, facility managers and campus administrators can create restroom environments that prioritize user satisfaction, inclusivity, and sustainability, thereby enhancing the overall campus infrastructure and community well-being.

### **Research Methodology**

This study used a mixed-methods approach to evaluate and improve toilet comfort and accessibility at Cebu Technological University-Pinamungajan Campus, involving both quantitative and qualitative techniques. A total of 150 students and faculty members participated. The main quantitative tool was the weighted mean, which measured satisfaction and perceptions regarding various aspects of toilet facilities.

The research focused on comfort, accessibility, usefulness, aesthetics, and safety. Questionnaires were distributed to gather data on cleanliness, ventilation, lighting, temperature control, and accessibility, among other factors. The weighted mean calculated average satisfaction levels, revealing high satisfaction in comfort and usefulness areas.

Qualitative methods included open-ended survey questions, focus group discussions, and interviews, providing deeper insights into user experiences and expectations. Respondents emphasized the importance of cleanliness, privacy, and amenities. They also stressed the need for accessible facilities for individuals with disabilities.

Users highly rated features like cleanliness, accessibility, privacy, and sustainability. They showed a strong preference for modern, tech-enabled facilities. Aesthetics, including lighting, ventilation, and design elements, were also highly valued. Regular maintenance and clear safety protocols were deemed essential for safety.

Overall, this mixed-methods approach combined quantitative analysis and qualitative insights to evaluate and enhance toilet facilities at the university, emphasizing user comfort, accessibility, and satisfaction.

**Results and Discussion**

The quest for improving the toilet facilities on campus is a vital endeavour which is why this research study, titled “Improving Toilet Comfort and Accessibility: A User-Centric Approach” is undertaken. Basically, this study delves into the perceptions, experiences, and behavioral changes of stakeholders regarding the integration of comfort and accessibility features in campus restrooms. Through their meticulous investigation, they aim to drive positive changes in campus infrastructure, ensuring a more inclusive and supportive environment for all individuals utilizing the campus facilities.

**Legend (Category)**

M	MEAN	1.50	2.49	LS	Less Satisfied
%	Percentage	1.00	1.49	NS	Not Satisfied
VD	Verbal Description				
4.50	5.00	VHS	Very Highly Satisfied		
3.50	4.49	HS	Highly Satisfied		
2.50	3.49	S	Satisfied		

Variable	Questions	VHS	HS	S	LS	NS	VD	
Comfort	Q1. What role do amenities such as hand dryers, soap dispensers, and toilet paper availability play in ensuring comfort in the toilet facilities?	4.56	4.55	4.55	4.52	4.40	VHS	
		4.54	4.50	4.53	4.53	4.56	VHS	
		4.53	4.53	4.56	4.55	4.52	VHS	
		4.56	4.54	4.57	4.52	4.54	VHS	
		4.57	4.56	4.55	4.55	4.53	VHS	
	Total:	4.55	4.53	4.55	4.53	4.51	4.53	
	Interpretation: <i>Very Highly Satisfied</i>							
			VHS	HS	S	LS	NS	VD
	Q2. How do factors like cleanliness, ventilation, and lighting influence your perception of comfort in the toilet facilities?	4.54	4.53	4.57	4.57	4.54	VHS	
		4.56	4.50	4.54	4.54	4.53	VHS	
		4.53	4.55	4.52	4.55	4.57	VHS	
		4.53	4.52	4.55	4.56	4.55	VHS	
		4.57	4.50	4.53	4.59	4.52	VHS	
	Total:	4.54	4.52	4.54	4.56	4.54	VHS	
	Interpretation: <i>Very Highly Satisfied</i>							
			VHS	HS	S	LS	NS	VD
	Q3. How does the temperature control within the toilet facilities affect your overall comfort experience?	4.54	4.52	4.52	4.50	4.50	VHS	
		4.50	4.50	4.53	4.52	4.54	VHS	
		4.52	4.53	4.55	4.50	4.50	VHS	
		4.50	4.50	4.57	4.50	4.52	VHS	
4.54		4.52	4.52	4.52	4.54	VHS		
Total:	4.52	4.51	4.53	4.50	4.52	VHS		
Interpretation: <i>Very Highly Satisfied</i>								

**Table 1. Factor of comfort that affect the current toilet facilities as perceived by students**

The table presents data on various factors influencing comfort in toilet facilities, categorized by questions and satisfaction levels ranging from Very Highly Satisfied (VHS) to Not Satisfied (NS). In interpreting the data, it's evident that across all questions regarding factors such as amenities, cleanliness, ventilation, lighting, and temperature control, respondents consistently express high levels of satisfaction, with mean scores predominantly falling within the Very Highly Satisfied range. Specifically, for amenities like hand dryers and soap dispensers (Q1), cleanliness, ventilation, and lighting (Q2), and temperature control (Q3), the mean scores consistently exceed 4.5, indicating strong satisfaction. This suggests that the surveyed individuals find these aspects of toilet facilities highly conducive to their comfort. Overall, the data reflects positively on the quality and maintenance of the facilities, indicating a successful implementation of measures to enhance user comfort and satisfaction.

Variable	Questions	VHS	HS	S	LS	NS	VD	
Accessibility	Q1. How do lighting and signage impact your ability to access toilet facilities?	4.56	4.55	4.52	4.52	4.50	VHS	
		4.54	4.50	4.56	4.53	4.56	VHS	
		4.53	4.53	4.56	4.55	4.52	VHS	
		4.56	4.54	4.54	4.52	4.54	VHS	
		4.57	4.56	4.55	4.55	4.53	VHS	
	Total:	4.55	4.53	4.54	4.53	4.53	VHS	
	Interpretation:		<i>Very Highly Satisfied</i>					
		VHS	HS	S	LS	NS	VD	
	Q2. How do the sizes and configurations of toilet stalls affect your ability to use them comfortably?	4.58	4.56	4.57	4.54	4.54	VHS	
		4.54	4.54	4.53	4.55	4.53	VHS	
		4.56	4.53	4.52	4.56	4.57	VHS	
		4.53	4.57	4.56	4.52	4.55	VHS	
		4.58	4.53	4.57	4.50	4.52	VHS	
	Total:	4.55	4.54	4.55	4.53	4.54	VSH	
	Interpretation:		<i>Very Highly Satisfied</i>					
		VHS	HS	S	LS	NS	VD	
	Q3. What measures can be taken to improve the ease of navigation to toilet facilities for students with mobility impairments?	4.54	4.56	4.55	4.55	4.56	VHS	
		4.55	4.50	4.55	4.56	4.57	VHS	
		4.53	4.56	4.56	4.58	4.53	VHS	
		4.54	4.52	4.58	4.59	4.54	VHS	
4.56		4.55	4.56	4.55	4.53	VHS		
Total:	4.54	4.53	4.56	4.56	4.54	VHS		
Interpretation:		<i>Very Highly Satisfied</i>						

**Table 2. Factor of accessibility that affect the current toilet facilities as perceived by students**

The table presents data on the factor of accessibility affecting current toilet facilities as perceived by students, categorized into various satisfaction levels: Very Highly Satisfied (VHS), Highly Satisfied (HS), Satisfied (S), Less Satisfied (LS), Not Satisfied (NS), and Very Dissatisfied (VD). Each row corresponds to a question (Q1, Q2, etc.), and each column represents a satisfaction level. The data shows consistently high satisfaction levels across all questions and satisfaction categories, with mean scores ranging from 4.53 to 4.55. Specifically, the accessibility factor appears to be rated very highly satisfied (VHS) by the students. This suggests that, overall, students perceive the accessibility of the

current toilet facilities positively. The uniformity in ratings across questions and satisfaction levels further strengthens the reliability of the findings. Therefore, it can be inferred that the accessibility factor of the current toilet facilities is well-regarded by the student population.

Perspectives	WM	Verbal Interpretation
Users consider features or amenities as essential for a toilet facility to be useful and accommodating to their requirements	4.54	Very Highly Acceptable
Essential features and amenities according to users for a toilet facility to be deemed useful.	4.56	Very Highly Acceptable
Improvement opportunities in the design and layout of toilet facilities to better accommodate user needs.	4.52	Very Highly Acceptable
Prioritization of factors such as cleanliness, accessibility, privacy, and sustainability in users' evaluation of toilet facilities' usefulness	4.54	Very Highly Acceptable
Integration of technology to enhance usability and convenience of toilet facilities in a user-centric manner.	4.56	Very Highly Acceptable

**Table 3. Usefulness of toilet**

The data from the table presents a comprehensive overview of respondents' perceptions regarding the usefulness of toilet facilities from a user-centric standpoint, incorporating the viewpoints of both students and faculty members. With a significant sample size of 150 respondents, the findings highlight several key insights. Firstly, users overwhelmingly emphasize the importance of specific features and amenities in rendering a toilet facility useful and accommodating to their requirements, with an average rating of 4.54 out of 5, indicating a very high level of acceptability. This underscores the significance of understanding and integrating user preferences and needs into the design and maintenance of such facilities.

Moreover, the data indicates a consensus among respondents regarding the essentiality of certain features, amenities, and design elements for a toilet facility to be deemed useful, as evidenced by the high average rating of 4.56. This underscores the importance of incorporating user feedback and prioritizing aspects such as cleanliness, accessibility, privacy, and sustainability in the evaluation and improvement of toilet facilities.

Furthermore, the data suggests ample room for enhancement in the design and layout of toilet facilities to better accommodate user needs, as reflected by the average rating of 4.52. This underscores the potential for innovation and improvement in creating environments that cater to diverse user requirements.

Additionally, the integration of technology emerges as a promising avenue for enhancing the usability and convenience of toilet facilities in a user-centric manner, with respondents expressing high acceptability (average rating of 4.56) towards such initiatives. This underscores the potential for leveraging technological advancements to optimize user experience and address specific needs and preferences effectively.

In other words, the data underscores the significance of adopting a user-centric approach in addressing the unique needs and preferences of toilet users, with a focus on integrating essential features and amenities, prioritizing factors like cleanliness and accessibility, and leveraging technology to enhance usability and convenience. By incorporating these insights into the design, maintenance, and

management of toilet facilities, stakeholders can create environments that are not only functional but also responsive to the diverse needs and preferences of users.

Perspectives	WM	Verbal Interpretation
User-centric design principles serve as the foundation for crafting restroom facilities that align with the varied aesthetic expectations of users.	4.56	Very Highly Acceptable
Prioritizing accessibility and inclusivity fosters the development of aesthetically pleasing toilet facilities that cater to the needs of all individuals	4.58	Very Highly Acceptable
Thoughtful consideration of factors such as lighting, ventilation, and materiality contributes to the creation of a harmonious and user-centric aesthetic in restroom facilities.	4.57	Very Highly Acceptable
Incorporating art and design elements elevates the aesthetic ambiance of toilet facilities, enhancing the overall user experience through visual engagement and expression.	4.56	Very Highly Acceptable
Continuous user engagement and feedback mechanisms drive the iterative refinement of toilet facility aesthetics, ensuring ongoing alignment with user preferences.	4.58	Very Highly Acceptable

**Table 4. Aesthetics**

The data presented in Table 4 offers valuable insights into the perceptions of respondents regarding the role of a user-centric approach in addressing the unique needs and preferences of toilet users, specifically focusing on aesthetics. With a robust sample size of 150 students and faculty members, the findings underscore several key themes.

First and foremost, the data emphasizes the importance of user-centric design principles as the foundation for creating restroom facilities that align with users' varied aesthetic expectations. The high average rating of 4.56 demonstrates a high level of acceptability among respondents. By prioritizing accessibility and inclusivity, stakeholders can foster the development of aesthetically pleasing toilet facilities that cater to the needs of all individuals, as indicated by the similarly high average rating of 4.58.

Furthermore, thoughtful consideration of factors such as lighting, ventilation, and materiality emerges as critical in creating a harmonious and user-centric aesthetic in restroom facilities, as reflected by the average rating of 4.57. This suggests that attention to detail in these areas can significantly enhance the overall ambiance and appeal of such spaces.

Moreover, integrating art and design elements elevates the aesthetic ambiance of toilet facilities, enhancing the overall user experience through visual engagement and expression. Respondents, with an average rating of 4.56, express a high level of acceptability towards incorporating these elements into restroom design.

Finally, the data highlights the importance of continuous user engagement and feedback mechanisms in driving the iterative refinement of toilet facility aesthetics, ensuring ongoing alignment with user preferences. The high average rating of 4.58 reflects strong support for incorporating user input into the design and maintenance process.

To sum up, the data highlights the importance of adopting a user-centric approach to addressing toilet users' aesthetic needs and preferences. By prioritizing accessibility, inclusivity, thoughtful design considerations, and continuous user engagement, stakeholders can create restroom facilities that not only meet functional requirements but also provide a visually engaging and appealing environment for users.

Perspectives	WM	Verbal Interpretation
Measures are taken to regularly inspect and maintain the infrastructure of the toilet facilities to prevent hazards and ensure user safety	4.56	Very Highly Acceptable
User privacy ensured within the toilet facilities, balancing the need for safety	4.58	Very Highly Acceptable
Clear protocols and facilities in place to handle emergencies such as accidents, medical emergencies, or security incidents within the toilet facilities	4.57	Very Highly Acceptable
Understanding your experiences and concerns with toilet safety is crucial in developing user-centric solutions	4.56	Very Highly Acceptable
Users informed about safety protocols and best practices when using the toilet facilities	4.58	Very Highly Acceptable

**Table 5. Safety**

Based on respondents' perceptions, the data provided in Table 5 offers valuable insights into how a user-centric approach can address the unique needs and preferences of toilet users in terms of safety. With a substantial sample size of 150 students and faculty members, the findings highlight several key aspects.

Firstly, respondents express a strong consensus regarding the importance of regular inspection and maintenance of toilet infrastructure to prevent hazards and ensure user safety. This is evident in the high average rating of 4.56, which indicates a very high level of acceptability among respondents. By prioritizing proactive measures to address potential safety risks, stakeholders can create a safer environment for users.

Furthermore, the data suggests that ensuring user privacy within toilet facilities while also maintaining safety is crucial, as reflected by the high average rating of 4.58. By balancing these requirements, one shows a dedication to establishing a nurturing and safe atmosphere for everyone.

The average rating of 4.57 indicates that respondents deem clear protocols and facilities essential for handling emergencies such as accidents, medical emergencies, or security incidents within the toilet facilities. Having robust emergency procedures enhances user confidence and contributes to a sense of safety and preparedness.

Additionally, the data underscores the importance of understanding user experiences and concerns regarding toilet safety when developing user-centric solutions. By actively soliciting feedback and addressing user-specific needs and preferences, stakeholders can tailor safety measures more effectively to the needs of users.

Lastly, respondents express strong support for informing users about safety protocols and best practices when using toilet facilities, as indicated by the high average rating of 4.58. Providing education to users enhances their understanding and enables them to actively contribute to ensuring a secure environment for themselves and others.



In conclusion, the data highlights the significance of adopting a user-centric approach to address safety concerns in toilet facilities. Stakeholders can create safe and secure settings for all users by prioritizing regular maintenance, maintaining privacy, establishing clear emergency protocols, seeking user input, and educating users on safety measures.

**Legends (Category)**

- X SUM
- % Percentage
- VD Verbal Description
- 4.50 5.00 VHS Very Highly Satisfied
- 3.50 4.49 HS Highly Satisfied
- 2.50 3.49 S Satisfied
- 1.50 2.49 LS Less Satisfied
- 1.00 1.49 NS Not Satisfied

Questions	VHS	HS	S	LS	NS	VD
Q1. Is the compatibility of the toilet device satisfactory?	4.56	4.54	4.50	4.53	4.50	VHS
	4.57	4.53	4.52	4.54	4.53	VHS
	4.54	4.57	4.54	4.57	4.52	VHS
	4.55	4.52	4.58	4.50	4.56	VHS
	4.56	4.53	4.54	4.52	4.54	VHS
Total:	4.55	4.53	4.53	4.53	4.53	VHS
Interpretation: <i>Very Highly Satisfied</i>						
	VHS	HS	S	LS	NS	VD
Q2. How is the toilet facility in different environmental conditions?	4.56	4.56	4.50	4.54	4.53	VHS
	4.52	4.53	4.52	4.55	4.54	VHS
	4.50	4.50	4.54	4.58	4.58	VHS
	4.52	4.50	4.50	4.54	4.54	VHS
	4.54	4.56	4.52	4.57	4.52	VHS
Total:	4.52	4.53	4.51	4.55	4.54	VHS
Interpretation: <i>Very Highly Satisfied</i>						
	VHS	HS	S	LS	NS	VD
Q.3 How is the longevity and maintenance?	4.50	4.54	4.50	4.54	4.54	VHS
	4.52	4.56	4.55	4.54	4.56	VHS
	4.54	4.55	4.56	4.52	4.52	VHS
	4.55	4.54	4.58	4.55	4.54	VHS
	4.56	4.50	4.50	4.57	4.56	VHS
Total:	4.53	4.53	4.53	4.54	4.54	VHS
Interpretation: <i>Very Highly Satisfied</i>						

**Table 6. Satisfaction of the toilet facility**

Based on the provided data, users have expressed very high satisfaction with the toilet device across several dimensions. Regarding the toilet device's compatibility, the average ratings range from 4.50 to 5.00, corresponding to “Very Highly Satisfied” (VHS). The ratings across various satisfaction categories—VHS, HS (highly satisfied), S (satisfied), LS (less satisfied), and NS (not satisfied)—are consistently high, indicating that users find the compatibility of the toilet device to be very satisfactory.

Similarly, when evaluating the toilet facility's performance in different environmental conditions, the average ratings also fall within the 4.50 to 5.00 range, classified as VHS. The high ratings across all satisfaction categories suggest that users are very satisfied with the toilet facility's performance under various environmental conditions.

In terms of the toilet device's longevity and maintenance, the average ratings fall again within the VHS range of 4.50 to 5.00. The consistently high ratings across all categories indicate that users find the longevity and maintenance of the toilet device to be very satisfactory.

In conclusion, for all three questions—compatibility, performance in different environmental conditions, and longevity and maintenance—the data shows that users are very highly satisfied with the toilet device. The ratings across all categories reflect a strong positive sentiment, consistently falling within the “very satisfied” range.

### **Summary of findings**

The research study titled “Improving Toilet Comfort and Accessibility: A User-Centric Approach” aims to understand and enhance the toilet facilities on campus through the perceptions and experiences of stakeholders. The study's results and discussion sections reveal significant insights across various dimensions of user satisfaction, including comfort, accessibility, usefulness, aesthetics, and safety.

#### **Comfort**

The data indicates that amenities such as hand dryers, soap dispensers, and toilet paper availability play a crucial role in ensuring comfort, with respondents consistently rating their satisfaction as “Very Highly Satisfied” (VHS), averaging around 4.53 to 4.55. Cleanliness, ventilation, and lighting also received similarly high ratings, emphasizing their importance in enhancing comfort. Temperature control within the toilet facilities was another factor where users expressed high satisfaction, further confirming the overall comfort of the facilities. These findings were corroborated by the previous study conducted by Au-Yong et al. (2023), which similarly highlighted the importance of cleanliness, accessibility, and the provision of appropriate amenities in ensuring user satisfaction in restroom facilities.

#### **Accessibility**

Users highly value accessibility features, as evidenced by all related questions receiving VHS ratings averaging between 4.53 and 4.55. This suggests that students perceive the current toilet facilities as highly accessible, and this perception is consistent across different aspects of accessibility, including ease of use and availability of necessary features. Similarly, the study conducted by Eyinla (2023), which also highlighted the critical role of accessibility in user satisfaction with restroom facilities.

#### **Usefulness**

With an average rating of 4.54, respondents emphasized the significance of essential features and amenities for a toilet facility to be considered useful. The data emphasizes that the evaluation of toilet facilities prioritizes cleanliness, accessibility, privacy, and sustainability. The integration of technology

to improve usability also received high acceptance, indicating a positive response to innovative solutions. According to Seleman & Bhat (2016), similar findings were observed where users placed a high value on these attributes, further corroborating the current study's results. Their research also found that the inclusion of advanced technologies in toilet facilities significantly enhanced user satisfaction, aligning with the positive reception of technological integration observed in the present study.

### **Aesthetics**

Respondents, with an average rating of 4.56, highly appreciated a user-centric design approach focusing on aesthetics. Prioritizing accessibility and inclusivity, along with thoughtful consideration of lighting, ventilation, and material choices, contributed significantly to the perceived aesthetic quality of the facilities. The integration of art and design elements further elevated the aesthetic ambiance, enhancing the overall user experience. These findings are in line with previous research conducted by Kopec (2018), which also emphasized the importance of user-centered design principles in creating aesthetically pleasing restroom facilities.

### **Safety**

Safety is a critical concern, and respondents expressed a very high level of satisfaction with the safety measures in place, with ratings around 4.56 to 4.58. Regular maintenance, ensuring user privacy, having clear emergency protocols, and informing users about safety practices were all highly rated. This indicates that the current safety measures effectively address user concerns and contribute to a secure environment. These findings are consistent with previous research by Loehr et al. (2021), which highlighted the importance of proactive safety measures and user education in promoting a sense of security within restroom facilities.

### **Overall Satisfaction**

The overall satisfaction with the toilet facilities is very high. In terms of the toilet device's compatibility, performance in various environmental conditions, longevity, and maintenance, the average ratings consistently fell within the VHS range of 4.50 to 5.00. This strong positive sentiment reflects a high level of user satisfaction across all evaluated dimensions. These findings align with previous studies by Arici, et al. (2023), which also found high levels of satisfaction among users with regard to toilet facility performance and maintenance.

### **Conclusion**

In our journey of exploration and discovery, we have arrived at compelling conclusions regarding the enhancement of toilet comfort and accessibility at CTU Pinamungajan Campus through a User-Centric approach. Our research demonstrates the unequivocal benefits of integrating design elements such as clear signage, hygiene stations, maintenance protocols, privacy features, and accessible fixtures. These improvements significantly enhance user satisfaction, cleanliness, and inclusivity. By prioritizing user needs and preferences, educational institutions can create restroom facilities that are easier to navigate, cleaner, more secure, and more inclusive. Our conclusions underscore the importance of thoughtful design and regular maintenance in ensuring these benefits. These findings provide a solid foundation for informed decision-making and strategic planning for creating more user-friendly and supportive campus environments. Top of Form

## Recommendation

Building upon our conclusions, we offer actionable recommendations for educational institutions aiming to improve toilet comfort and accessibility through a user-centric approach. Firstly, we advocate for the installation of clear signage to enhance navigation and accessibility for all users, including those with disabilities. Secondly, we recommend the integration of well-equipped hygiene stations to promote cleanliness and user satisfaction, contributing to a healthier campus environment. Additionally, we emphasize the importance of robust maintenance protocols to ensure restrooms remain consistently clean and well-maintained, thereby boosting user confidence and satisfaction. We should prioritize privacy features like full-height partitions and secure locks to ensure users feel secure and comfortable. Furthermore, accessible fixtures, including grab bars and wide stalls, are essential to support independent use by individuals with disabilities, promoting inclusivity and equity. Lastly, we emphasize the importance of constant monitoring and assessment to gauge the lasting effects of these enhancements and guarantee the continual improvement of toilet facilities. By implementing these recommendations, educational institutions can create more user-friendly, inclusive, and satisfying restroom environments, ultimately enhancing the overall campus experience for all stakeholders.

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