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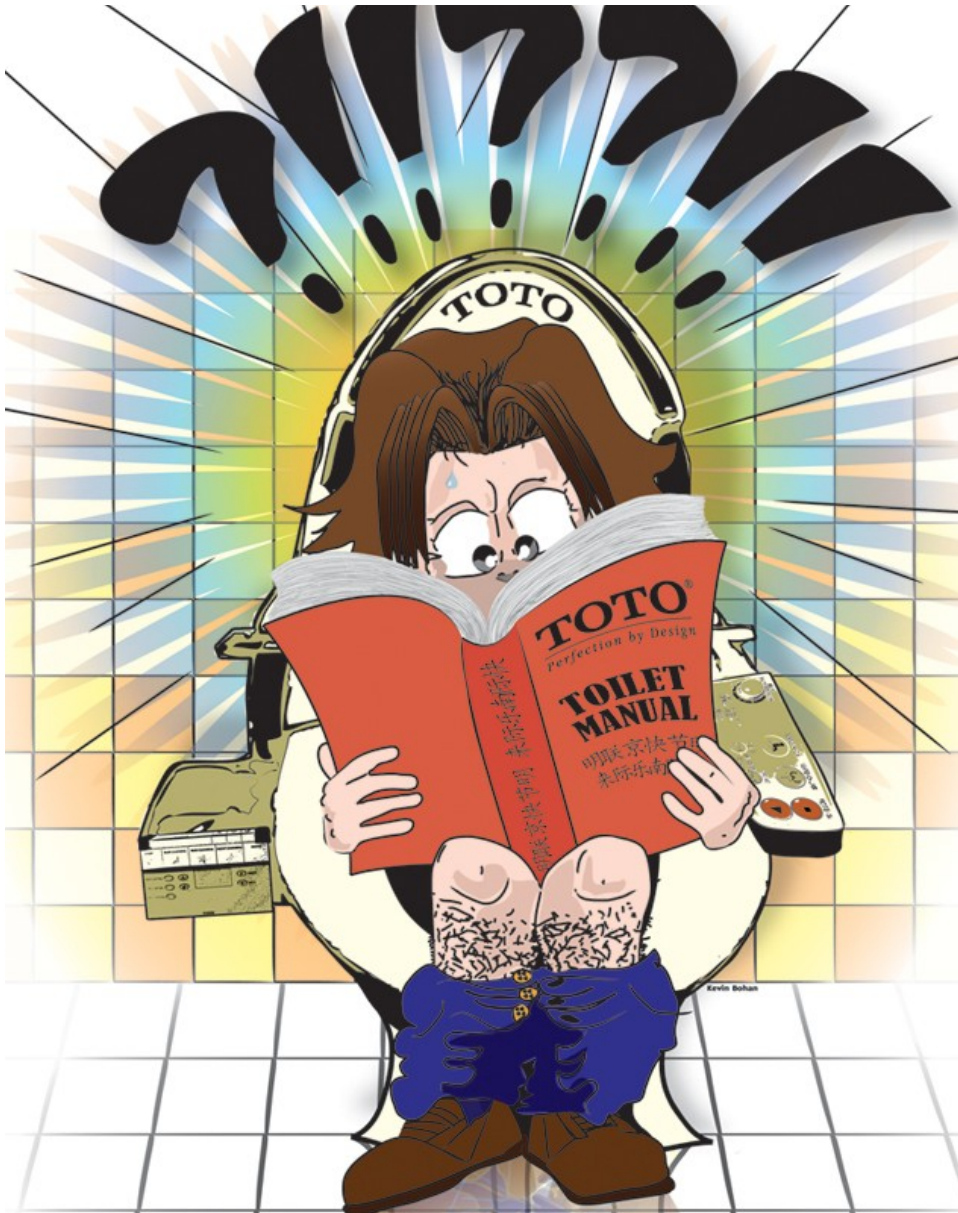
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I am currently sitting in the Narita/ Tokyo Airport awaiting my flight to Nicaragua via Bangkok. It is your typical, bland international terminal – long grey corridors, high ceilings with giant duty free perfume posters hanging and endless automatic walkways that make you feel like a minimal-effort superman. Narita Airport is your standard Asian stopover, except... they have the best toilets.

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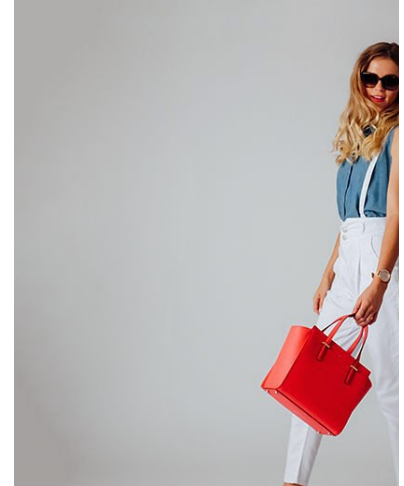
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In Japan you have full choice of sit toilet, high chairs for kids, bum fountains and even the classic squatter toilet since after all, you *are* still in Asia.

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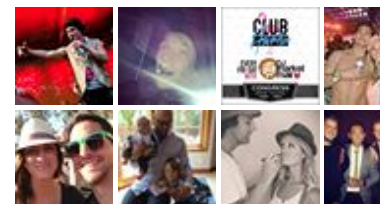
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Since I had done enough squatting living in Thailand for almost a year, I decided to go with the simple sit toilet – except this thing was far from simple and thank Buddha it came with instructions.

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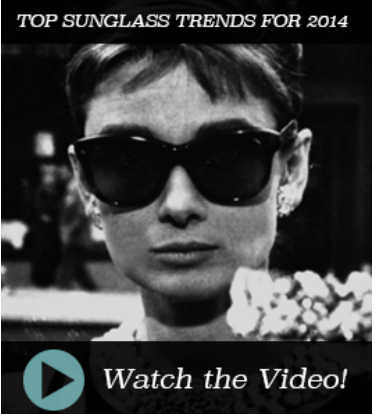
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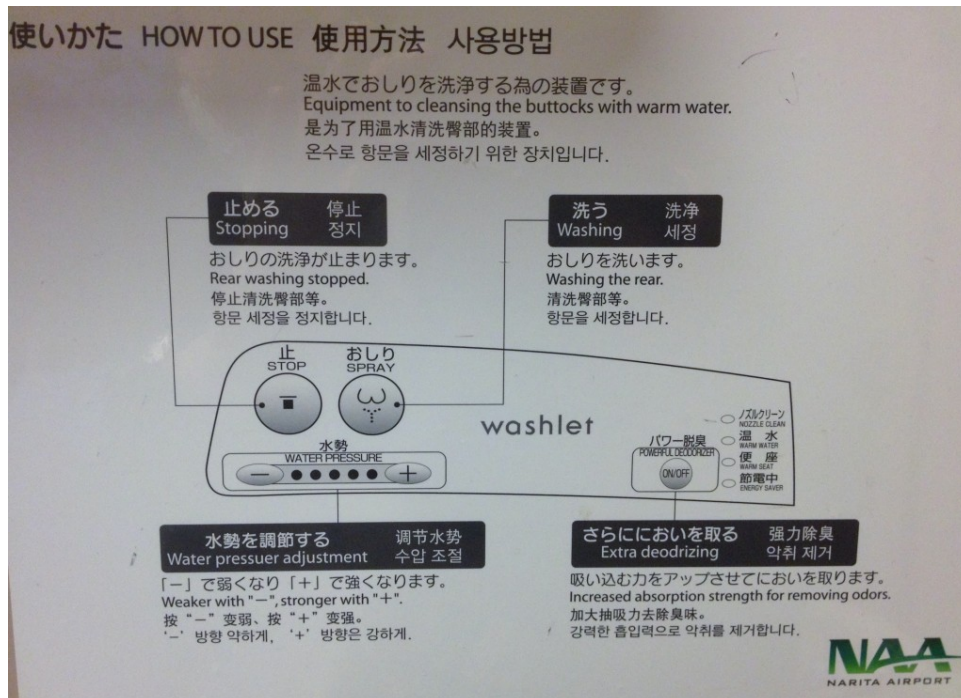
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Upon sitting down I pleasantly noticed that the seat warmer was already turned on, the 'powerful deodorizer' was in full force from the last patron and the armchair toilet remote was telling me that the nozzle was cleaned and ready. What a considerate crapper!



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When the time had come for the 'cleansing of the buttocks' I made sure the warm water option was on and hit the bum fountain button. I was not fully aware about what was to happen or from where, but I quickly learnt the lesson of needing to check the water pressure gauge whilst getting the sneaky Japanese public enema number two. With the water pressure set on full 'cleanse', a ten year old might as well have snuck up from underneath me with a Super Soaker 2000 and let loose. I jumped up from the seat with the bum gun still cleansing my underwear, pants and carry on bags. *Look what cha did ya little jerk!**

*Tis the season for Home Alone quotes

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With my pants soaked around my ankles, I danced around my personal Japanese water show until I found the 'rear washing stop' button to halt the production. The only thing more pathetic than the spectacle going on inside the stall was the fact there was a lineup of people waiting to use the toilet outside. They could not only hear and see my entire foot boogie soundtrack of my experience but they now need to re shine their shoes as they dodged the water fight.

Japan must be the only country where you can retain the slightest bit of dignity while you leave a public toilet stall, soaked, sweating and kicking water around your ankles. They kept quiet politeness as I awkwardly straight faced bowed to the lineup for the bathroom before I quickly dashed out the door. (although I did anticipate a slow golf clap to break out in accordance of my bravery and survival...)



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Maybe this is reason to why North Americans should stick to the dark ages of toilets. I didn't think there would be much to make me miss a dingy, public Thai squatter toilet but at least hand flushing a squatter with a bucket won't check your prostate at the same time.

Kampai from Narita!

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