

Prefabricated bathrooms, units for all Singapore new flats by 2019

SINGAPORE: Singapore's Housing Development Board (HDB) says it will improve construction productivity through a greater use of prefabricated units that are assembled off-site but that can be installed on-site.

According to a report by *The Business Times*, this would drive HDB's construction productivity on a larger scale, setting it on track to achieve a productivity improvement of 25% by 2020, compared with 2010.

One of the initiatives is to expand the use of prefabricated bathroom units (PBUs).

The HDB yesterday said that it would implement PBUs in 60% of the flats launched in 2017, before extending this to all projects launched by 2019.

It first piloted the concrete PBU in Fernvale Lea, a build-to-order (BTO) project in Sengkang, which completed in January 2016.

So far, the HDB has implemented the PBU in 15 BTO projects involving some 14,000 units.