

Designing with everyone in mind

The Building and Construction Authority's annual Universal Design Mark awards recognise projects with inclusive, user-friendly design, whether it is a case of making it easy for wheelchair users to get around, or creating a community atmosphere. Here are some winning features from Platinum winner SkyVille@Dawson and Gold Plus winner Bedok Mall and Bedok Residences.



Community corners

Multiple "sky villages" in each block provide areas for SkyVille@Dawson residents to relax, creating a sense of community within that cluster of homes.



No steps

For ease of entry, the flats at SkyVille@Dawson have a gentle ramp at the door instead of a step.



Ramps

Instead of being a separate afterthought, ramps are integrated into the design.



Facilities at friendly heights

Bedok Mall's interactive touchscreen directory is at a comfortable height for children and wheelchair users.



Accessible jacuzzi

The pool deck at Bedok Residences has raised jacuzzis which allow wheelchair users to manoeuvre themselves easily out of the chair and into the pool.