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Moms cry out for baby-care upgrade

Breast-feeding, diaper-changing facilities need to be better equipped

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Experts and the public have called for improved baby-care rooms, sparked by a celebrity's online account of her recent embarrassing experience.

Actress Ma Yili, who has 40 million fans on Sina Weibo, recorded her experience at an airport last week when using an ill-equipped room normally reserved for mothers to breast-feed their babies or change diapers.

More than 13,000 netizens echoed Ma's awful experience. Others shared their accounts of using better-equipped rooms in countries such as Australia, saying they hoped to see an improvement in China.

Ma said that her baby girl had diarrhea before boarding the plane, but it was difficult to change her diaper because the mother-and-baby room was under equipped. As a result, the baby's pants and her hands were soiled and she had to throw away the pants.

"Every time I take my baby out it is very tiring," said a netizen. "I have to think of all sorts of methods not to expose myself when breast-feeding my baby."

"Mother-and-baby rooms in Australia are as good as a home," said another netizen, Wu Ziyu. "There are even free showers right

next to the rooms." In Japan, many public places, such as airports, shopping malls and entertainment venues, are required by law to be equipped with mother-and-baby rooms, and the rooms are usually equipped with small beds with safety belts, diaper vending machines, tissues, sofas, diaper changing pads and microwaves to heat milk and food, according to a report by China National Radio.

In Australia, such rooms have special tables for diaper changing and many also have televisions that broadcast children's programs, the report said.

Ma said in the post that these rooms are lacking or poorly equipped in China, and many only have a table and a chair, causing great inconvenience.

Wang Sumei, a gynecolo-



gist at Beijing Chaoyang Hospital, described the rooms as essential public facilities that should be improved.

"Babies keep crying when they are hungry and need breast-feeding, which they cannot control. This will also cause a disturbance in public places," she said. "Mothers who take their babies out need such facilities to breast-feed their babies in private."

Rooms for mothers and babies are available in many public facilities in Beijing, but many of them are not adequately equipped, Chang Hongyan, vice-president of the Beijing Women's Federation, said during a meeting in January.

A unified standard should be adopted when establishing such facilities so they will include all basic equipment, she said.



A three-year-old boy peers curiously inside a mother-and-baby room at Guangzhou Railway Station in February 2015. The temporary room was prepared for the annual Spring Festival holiday travel rush. BAI SHI / FOR CHINA DAILY



Of mice and men

A shehuo performance telling the story of a mouse who gets married takes place in Gu village, Shanxi province, on Wednesday. Villagers here usually put on this performance on the 10th day of the Lunar New Year as part of a tradition that is believed to encourage a good harvest. Shehuo is a form of folk art that can feature various acrobatic performances, from dragon dances to stilt-walking and waist drumming.

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TECHNOLOGY

Resort island turns to remote sensing

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Sanya, one of the most famous holiday paradises in South China's Hainan province, is poised to evolve into a hub for the remote sensing industry.

"In the past, remote sensing technologies were applied mainly in monitoring resources, environmental changes and natural disasters. Now, it is time to commercialize remote sensing information to serve more people," said Guo Huadong, a remote sensing expert and a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

"Remote sensing, as an important aspect of information technology, should offer services to the general public," Guo said.

The academy's Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth has agreed to construct a remote-sensing industrial park in Sanya in cooperation

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with the Hainan provincial government. If everything goes smoothly, construction will start in March.

Remote sensing — the use of airborne and spaceborne technologies to detect objects on the land, in the atmosphere or in the oceans — can

be put to many uses.

"We can expand the use of remote sensing to the mobile Internet, say, mobile mapping with remote sensing information. But all of this requires the participation of the business sector," said Liu Yongwei, director of the Sanya Institute of Remote Sensing.

When complete, the 20-hectare industrial park will provide space for 30 remote sensing companies.

"A number of companies affiliated to the Chinese Academy of Sciences have shown interest in coming here," Liu said. "If each company generates 100 million yuan (\$15.2 million) in production value every year, the output of the whole industry park will be close to 10 percent of Sanya's GDP."

One of the advantages of the remote sensing industrial park is the broad coverage of satellite signals it could receive as part of a nationwide

ground station network.

Since the 1980s, the Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth has built three satellite ground stations — in Beijing, the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region and Sanya — which coordinate with each other to oversee 70 percent of the land and sea area in Asia.

In 2017, a ground station under construction in the Arctic is also expected to be completed, which will be linked to the network.

"We have to ensure that we get hold of enough space information to the furthest extent of our national interests," said Guo. All the information is shared for professional and general use.

"The Chinese Academy of Sciences has produced more than 80 percent of the satellite sensors in China. In the future, I also hope the Sanya industrial park will become a production base for commercial satellites," he said.

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