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IT IS good that the Singapore Management University and the Society for the Physically Disabled have plans to support students with disabilities ("SMU to make life easier for disabled students"; Feb 8).

It is taking the initiative to be creative in making the learning experience a positive one for them.

The Asian Women's Welfare Association's (Awwa) Therapy and Educational Assistance for Children in Mainstream Education (Teach Me) services knows of three young people with physical disabilities who have been able to benefit from SMU without encountering physical barriers since 2003.

In 2000, a young man with physical disabilities obtained a place in the National University of Singapore. The business school took the initiative to build a ramp for him to access the faculty.

However, subsequent students did not find other faculties to be as imaginative. Awwa Teach Me met the relevant NUS staff in 2012 after hearing about the accessibility problems faced, and matters have improved since.

It is good that administrative staff from institutions of higher learning are now more aware that people with disabilities are capable and willing to support themselves and contribute to society.

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