

Chapter 6

1) INTERACTIONS IN A DIVERSE SOCIETY :

-COMMON SPACES:

- physical area or social spaces for different people to interact, cooperate or collaborate on projects or activities
- forge ties and establish mutual understanding between different races, ethnicities, religions and SES.
- void decks provide birds enthusiast from all over the island in common space to gather
- build harmonious relationships with common hobby despite diverse backgrounds
- social and cultural events organised by the government ('People's Association') takes place there → people can engage and develop relationship with one another

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-AN ATTITUDE OF OPENNESS:

- being open-minded by being more willing to actively listen, respectfully engage and appreciate the differences between one another
- 'Just An Extra Choir' is an initiative organised by the 'Singapore Kindness Movement'.
- Singaporeans who are willing → host guests during festive celebration
→ foreigners working or studying in SG → spend festive season alone

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2) POSITIVE & NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES DIVERSE SOCIETY :

-CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND APPRECIATION

- cultural exchange refers to the sharing of ideas, customs and traditions among people from different backgrounds
- fusion of cultures create new products → Ms Oniatta is a Singaporean fashion entrepreneur who owns the batik clothing line, Baju by Oniatta. → fuses classically Javanese motifs with Japanese patterns
- deeper understanding of one another → ASEAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: commit to forge closer partnerships with young leaders → have positive change within communities

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-EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- people with different backgrounds, qualifications and experiences to share their knowledge and skills
- knowledge and skills exchanged → new ideas, methods and products created
- Thermo Fisher Scientific chose Singapore as its research and development hub
→ 2000 employees in SG and 80000 globally
→ encouraged to collaborate with employees from different cultures and expertise
- Such collaborations enable employees to sharpen their skills by sharing and learning from one another
- Thermo Fisher collaborated with MOH → produce PPE and PCR test against Covid-19

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-STEREOTYPES, PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION

- Stereotypes: Generalised thoughts and beliefs about a particular group
- Prejudice: Attitudes and feelings towards other groups that not based on reasons or fact
- Discrimination: Acting on prejudiced beliefs and negative feelings by hurting or excluding a group
- Racism, belittle, against (give examples related to this)

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• COMPETITION FOR RESOURCES

- concerns about job security — locals in high-skilled jobs see foreigners with PME (professionals, managers and executives) position
- concerns about availability of infrastructure
 - ↳ congestions of public transportation system and availability of public housing
- 2013, Singaporeans held a protest on Population White Paper, against influx of foreigners into country
 - ↳ concerned over competition of jobs and infrastructure known

compete for their jobs

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