



Interacting with people makes her work more interesting, says Ms Fu. PHOTO: CHONG JUN LIANG

Building bridges

Ms Fu Shuyi enjoys working for a harmonious and united community

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A TYPICAL workday starts at 9.30am and ends at 10pm for Ms Fu Shuyi.

Yet, the 29-year-old senior constituency manager of Jalan Besar Constituency Office, People's Association (PA) takes pleasure in her work and approaches each day with zest.

Her job scope ranges widely, from interacting daily with volunteering Grassroots Leaders (GRLs) to attending scheduled meetings with government agencies.

What drives her most is facilitating and organising programmes for the "more abled to help the less abled".

"Addressing and resolving gaps in the needs of the community always gives me great satisfaction," she says, adding that she also enjoys meeting, nurturing and encouraging youths.

Ms Fu also attributes much of the job contentment to her work environment, citing teamwork as crucial

in the Constituency Office (CO) environment.

Having been at the PA for close to six years, she says: "The working environment in Jalan Besar CO is akin to a big family. Everyone works closely together in different roles for the betterment of the community."

She believes that though teamwork may not solve all social problems, it certainly achieves something meaningful.

"With harmonious residents who are always ready to lend a helping hand, I personally believe that this will further promote and sustain the prevailing social stability in Singapore," she adds.

It is with this belief that Ms Fu is able to see purpose in her work. The organisation aims to build and bridge communities in Singapore for a harmonious and united country, she says.

"The Community Clubs (CCs) under the Jalan Besar CO have become

the congregation points where residents not only come together to feel socially connected, the CCs are probably the only platform where we provide a most comprehensive range of courses to educate and enrich lives."

But besides bringing people together, the CCs also serve as an important channel to inform and explain to the public the government's latest announcements.

"It gives both the government and the public the opportunities to listen to one another, to understand one another and to continually improve the lives of everyone in our community," explains Ms Fu.

At the end of the day, working at the CO has taught Ms Fu to always remain humble.

She says: "The work is made more interesting through the interactions with people, hence it is important that we remain sincere towards the people we meet, as well as the things we do."