


“It doesn’t matter to me if you are a Chinese, Malay or Indian, our blood has the same colour. I felt rather sheepish about using her backyard for our meetings and thought that the contractors were taking advantage of my neighbour’s kindness. If I can open my doors to them, it makes no sense not to trust them. I see a trend towards Singaporeans becoming more neighbourly. Because I live alone, it is very important for me to have good neighbours.”



When Jon Veel was building his home, his neighbour, Habibah Mahmood, invited his builders to use her home for their regular progress meetings, and fed them on each occasion with a hearty homecooked meal.

**Jon Veel** 44

Director & General Manager of CMD Services Pte Ltd, and a Singapore PR since 1995.

**Habibah Mahmood** 81

Homemaker

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