

# Take initiative to thank cleaners for good job

THE commentary, "Say 'hi' to your cleaning auntie" (*my paper*, Aug 6), serves as a lesson that it pays to be gracious and to show empathy towards people.

It is sad that despite various campaigns promoting graciousness, our attitude towards those doing menial jobs still leaves much to be desired.

Maybe it is because we still think that cleaners, sweepers and domestic workers are sub-

servient to us because of the nature of their jobs.

My neighbours are normally considerate and friendly towards each other, but just watch them when they talk to their maids and cleaners.

It is usual to hear them reprimanding their workers or complaining that they have not performed to expectations.

We can make people feel good if we take the initiative to

thank them for a job done, whether they are cleaners clearing tables at hawker centres or sweepers who keep the neighbourhood clean and tidy.

It is very important that we treat everyone as human beings, regardless of social status.

Only then can we hope to be a gracious society.

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