

Public services treat all races fairly

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A STUDY that sought to track Singapore's racial and religious ties shows that public services here treat everyone fairly and that most

Singaporeans appreciate cultural diversity.

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Only one in 10 of minority respondents felt they were treated worse than those from other races.

But Singaporeans do not seem to be making enough close friends with other races. Less than half of those surveyed said they had one close friend of another race.

And there is a perception that minorities have to work harder to get to the top.

About four in 10 said that Malays and Indians in their organisations had to work harder.

Overall, the researchers said that the work for multi-racialism in Singapore is far from over.

The study, by the Institute of Policy Studies and racial harmony advocates OnePeople.sg, involved more than 4,000 Singaporeans of all races.

The questions covered 10 indicators of racial and religious harmony, such as whether there was discrimination in using public services, discrimination in the work place, and interracial and religious social trust.

The findings will be shared with policymakers, community and religious leaders and employers.

RESULT: Singaporeans scored 9.75 out of 10 in terms of how fairly public services treat people of different races.