

DIVERSE SOCIETY

chapter #6

INTERACTIONS

→ common space

- cultivate and enlarge an overlapping sphere among people of different racial groups to promote more social interaction, collaboration and stronger national identity
- physical space, shared values and common experiences that build national identity
- opportunities for people of different nationalities, race and ethnicities, religions and socio-economic status
- conducive environment for interaction to take place

EXCHANGE & APPRECIATION

→ culture

- interact and learn from those who hail from different countries and cultures.
- result in fusion between local cultures and foreign ideas
- food, music, fashion

→ skills and knowledge

- research and development
- example: H1N1 flu vaccine discovery in SG

CHALLENGES

→ prejudice and misconception

- differences in cultural backgrounds can lead to differing and sometimes conflicting views on values, beliefs and customs
- negative sentiments can arise when people jump to conclusions about others and make incorrect judgements due to insufficient understanding and erroneous assumptions
- stereotypes held by one social group about another social group
- discrimination and exclusion from interactions