



needed in precautionary measures out of intense fear and this is one particular example.

The Ministry of Health’s (MOH) advice has been simple and consistent from the start in managing the Covid-19 situation in the country. Avoid crowds, wash your hands frequently with soap, regularly sanitize your hands, regularly disinfect frequently touched surfaces, keep a social distance of 1-2 metres away from others when in public and during the MCO, avoid non-essential trips outdoors and stay at home. If all these preventive measures are taken, there should be no reason to fear.

The advice by our Ministry of Health is in line with evidence based recommendations by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

MOH is doing an excellent job in managing the Covid-19 situation as can be seen in the progress made in reducing the number of infections and spread in the country. The public should be listening to MOH, take their advice seriously and only accept verified, substantiated information from credible, reputable sources.

We urge the authorities to investigate such discriminatory practices against our healthcare workers and take appropriate action. We also urge the relevant ministries to also step up its efforts to address these issues of fear and misinformation among the public to avoid similar type issues.

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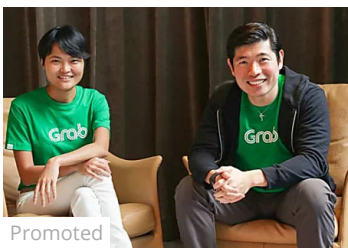
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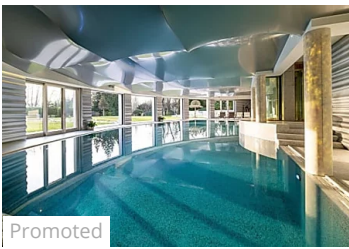
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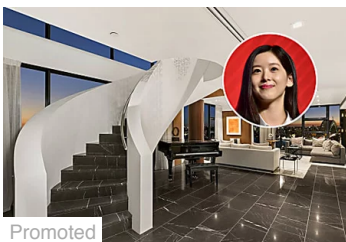
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