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## PROBLEMS FACED BY WOMEN JOURNALISTS IN SINGAPORE

Like any other jobs, female employees normally faced more problems compared with their male counterparts. This is no exception to journalism.

The main problems faced by Singapore Women journalists are as follows:

1) **The irregular working hours**

This is difficult for married women to keep up with the family life, especially they have young children at home. As for single women, it deprived them of their social life. On the other hand, it is also not safe for women to carry on their job till wee hours though our country has tight security.

2) **Types of interviewees**

Places like the "red light" districts and night clubs can be very difficult and embarrassing for women journalists to handle as the society is still very conservative and any women who visited the place may be mistaken as one of the "undecent" women.

3) **Job Advancement**

In Singapore, we have yet to come across top position fill up by women journalists such as chief editor. This is not due to incompetency or educational level but normal trend of the society against women.

The above 3 points are the major problems faced by women journalists in Singapore. Other than that, problems such as sex discrimination against women journalists are rare in cases. So far, there was only one incident that happened three years ago. A Japanese construction firm prohibited women journalists to enter their half completed underground tunnel.

On the whole, Singapore Women journalist enjoyed equal status as their male counterparts. This is because the society regards highly the women's contribution to the nation building and always encourage them to join the labor force even after their marriage.

Travelling to different places to gather news and interviews are part and parcel of a reporter. Singapore has a very good infrastructure system, it is convenient for women journalists to travel from places to places to carry out their jobs even they do not possess a car.

In conclusion, we feel that Singapore women journalists faced lesser problems than their counterparts in other countries.