

Photographer

These days, almost everyone is a photographer because most if not all, have a smart phone that comes with a multi-megapixel camera, front and back. It comes to such a point that the government has to propose a law to stop the public and the media from sharing information about ongoing security operations, including taking videos, pictures - an offence that may warrant up to two years' imprisonment and/or a fine of S\$20,000.

The Multi Media Ministry needs news photographers. Whenever I am on an assignment like the Girls' Brigade enrolment recently, I find that I am not the only one taking photos there. The parents and GB officers are also there taking photos. So why do they need a photographer? Probably, they want someone who is unbiased, not just taking photos of their own children or students but taking news photos.



What are news photos? You may have heard the saying, "A picture paints a thousand words". Well that is a news photo, it tells a story of the event. It doesn't have to be a great shot but it should tell a story. These days, car dashboard cameras are telling a lot of stories, mostly of accidents. It is a bonus if the pictures are sharp and properly exposed but the main point is the story the picture tells.



In the photo below we see Se Ping explaining about all the badges on the GB girl's uniform. There is a story to tell, how well the girl had performed and it would be of help to her when she applies for secondary school admission to a school with Girls' Brigade affiliation.



So if you have a camera phone or better still a real camera, why not volunteer to be a news photographer with the Multi Media Ministry. There are many assignments waiting for available photographers. You are already taking photos anyway, why not share them in The Vine?

On the following pages, are more photos that tell the story of GB Enrolment.



CAUGHT ON CAMERA WITH NICK'S CANON

Girls' Brigade 18th Enrolment Service

