

# nexnews

# **MORE STORIES WORKING FROM HOME**

Last week we've read stories from the homes of Sahlan, Adilla and Nazleny. It's safe to say that most of our staff are feeling more or less the same way – nearly everyone is having a mixed feeling of excitement, confusion, difficulties and such. But that gives us hope and comfort because we're truly not alone, especially in Nex.Us.

Today, we're featuring more relatable WFH stories from another 3 of our staff - Hamizz, Kasmawati and Zaimi.

1. HOW HAS WORK LIFE BEEN SINCE THE WORK FROM HOME ("WFH") ORDER WAS IMPLEMENTED?

#### **HAMIZZ**

So far so good! Survived 2 weeks on WFH. I can manage easily to talk/videocall whom I want.

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#### **KASMAWATI**

It's a good way to bond with your family – it's kind of weird, but everyone's feeling weird (my colleagues), so it's fun and I don't feel like I'm alone. Although I prefer working in an office environment compared to being at home. Since I am an old school, I prefer the conventional way of working.

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# ZAIMI

Honestly, it was very difficult for the first few days. Took a little bit of time to get used to work from home.

2. WHAT HAS BEEN THE MOST CHALLENGING PART OF WFH?

### HAMIZZ

The most challenging part of WFH are:

 No boundaries between work and 'BED'. Once you finish your video call, you easily want to rest for a while; since the bed is the nearest and comfortable one, you easily want to take a quick nap (end up 2-3 hours sleeping).

 Internet quota connectivity. I've been spending more than twice to top up my quota. Hopefully, there is 'unlimited quota' staff rate charge from the company to give.

3) Time management. For the first week of WFH, it's really challenge myself to get time management for work and for a break. Once you have your own time table, then it's really guiding us to spend time perfectly for the company also for yourself.

### **KASMAWATI**

I have difficulties with internet connection as users at home is quite a lot. Also, I have a shared working space with my family. It's hard as everyone uses the space often these days.

#### ZAIMI

Communication. Responses from colleagues are slower and not in time. Decision made were delays too and this often very frustrating.





#### 3. WHAT NEW HABITS HAVE YOU CREATED OR STARTED DOING SINCE WFH?

#### **HAMIZZ**

Look for food (junk food) to keep my mouth working either than be boring.

#### ZAIMI

Multitasking. WFH obviously makes us have to do two things at a time. Work and family needs.

## KASMAWATI

Sleeping early unlike when working during office time, I have less time for domestic duties. Now I have more time to take care of domestic duties and balancing my time with work. Usually I bring work home, now I divide time accordingly to know when I should work or otherwise.

#### 4. DESCRIBE YOU EXPERIENCE.

#### HAMIZZ

It is so good to Work From Home. Why? To spend precious time with family closer. From my view, there is no difficulty discussing with colleagues; its either through video call or just a text message. Somehow rather, it's difficult to us as a 'Career Coach' to do 1-to-1 session with our 'associates' since most of them are not used to video conferences such as Zoom.

#### **KASMAWATI**

GG Upon waking up I would without fail check my email and attend to any immediate issues. For 3 hours or so I would be attending to other domestic matters. E-mail checks are usually every 3-4 hours. Paperwork or task would usually be in the afternoon. I would cut off my time from work at approximately 6PM.

# ZAIMI

Excited at the first place. Considering the pandemic situation now, I can stay away from meeting people. But the distraction from home can caused less focus too. However, slowly I am adapting to balance both WFH and home matters.



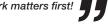
#### 5. DO YOU HAVE ANY TIPS THAT YOU'VE DONE OR HAVE FOUND USEFUL TO IN ADJUSTING TO WFH?

#### **HAMIZZ**

Same as you work at the office; set your time (alarm) to wake up, shower and get your breakfast before you do your work. Really useful if you get your own time table for a day throughout the week. Once done with that, it's easy to do your own time management.

### KASMAWATI

A few tips would be getting your coffee fix in the morning! This is to make you feel like you are in the office setting. Also, get your priorities right especially doing work, settle work matters first!





Two words: Priority & Flexibility.



6. BONUS QUESTION! WHAT DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO AFTER THIS PANDEMIC HAS DIED DOWN?

#### **HAMIZZ**

I will look forward to meet my associates first, to get to know them. Then, vacation with my family.

#### **KASMAWATI**

in the morning and go to lunch with my colleagues. Going grocery shopping without needing to be very wary of the virus going on. Eating at a family restaurant with my family since this pandemic hinders us from eating out.

### ZAIMI

Gathering with my big family and pray to ALLAH SWT that the pandemic is over.

7. LAST QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY MESSAGES OR A QUOTE YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE. SHARE OR REMIND YOUR COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS AT WORK?

## **HAMIZZ**



#### KASMAWATI



## ZAIMI

