

WRITER OF THE WEEK



Mr Bruno Poh writes to discuss legitimate concerns that may have been overlooked. ST PHOTO: KUA CHEE SIONG

WHO: Mr Bruno Poh, 23, third-year undergraduate at the Singapore Management University's School of Law.

MY FAMILY: Living with my father, 60, mother, 57, and two sisters, who are both 19.

MY HOME: An HDB executive flat in Toa Payoh.

MY PASSIONS: Reading, working out at the gym and, most recently, photography.

I STARTED WRITING TO THE FORUM PAGE IN...: 2012. My first letter sought to bring attention to what I had perceived were some underlying issues pertaining to the certificate of entitlement system. This letter went unpublished. But my subsequent one, "Increase focus on safety", was.

WHAT I WRITE ABOUT: I tend to focus on current social issues most pertinent to Singaporeans, ranging from housing matters to the haze situation.

WHY I WRITE: I take a legal theory course in school and, on the encouragement of my professor, I decided to articulate my opinions in the form of e-mail.

Now I write to discuss legitimate concerns that may have been overlooked.

I READ THE FORUM PAGE BECAUSE...: The concise and in-depth views exchanged help me discover new perspectives. This is especially helpful because, as an undergraduate, it is useful to put on different "lenses" to better understand the various subject matters touched on in class.

The Forum page has a broad coverage of current news and is a useful catch-up tool.

MY WISH FOR SINGAPORE: I hope more Singaporeans will be willing to voice their opinions. It is important that our ideas and thoughts be shared and discussed fruitfully in an open forum. The Forum page provides one avenue for such a "national conversation".