

# Achieving the Good Life

## and the important role of the workplace

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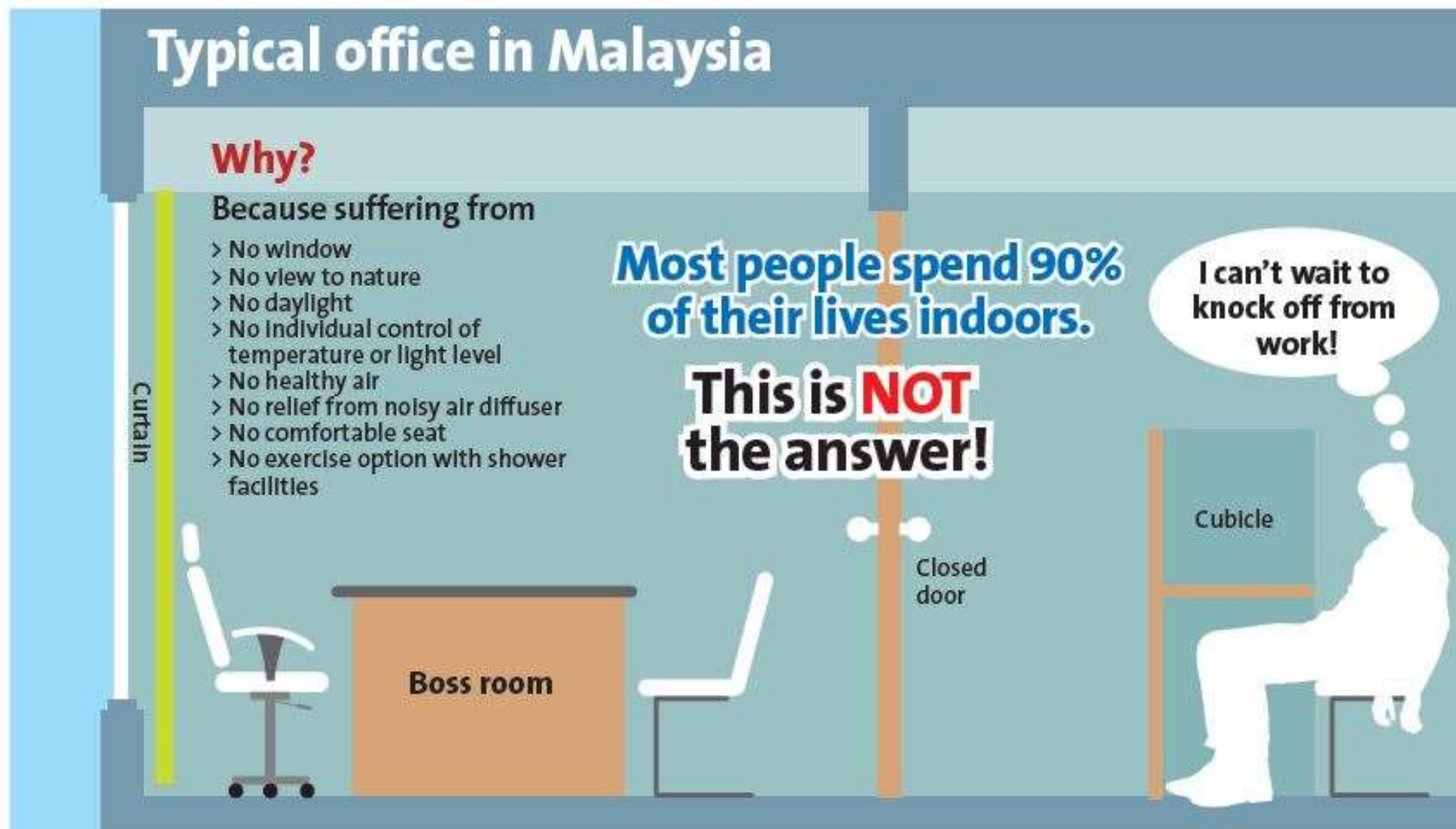


# The challenge

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# Step 1: A physically pleasant working environment



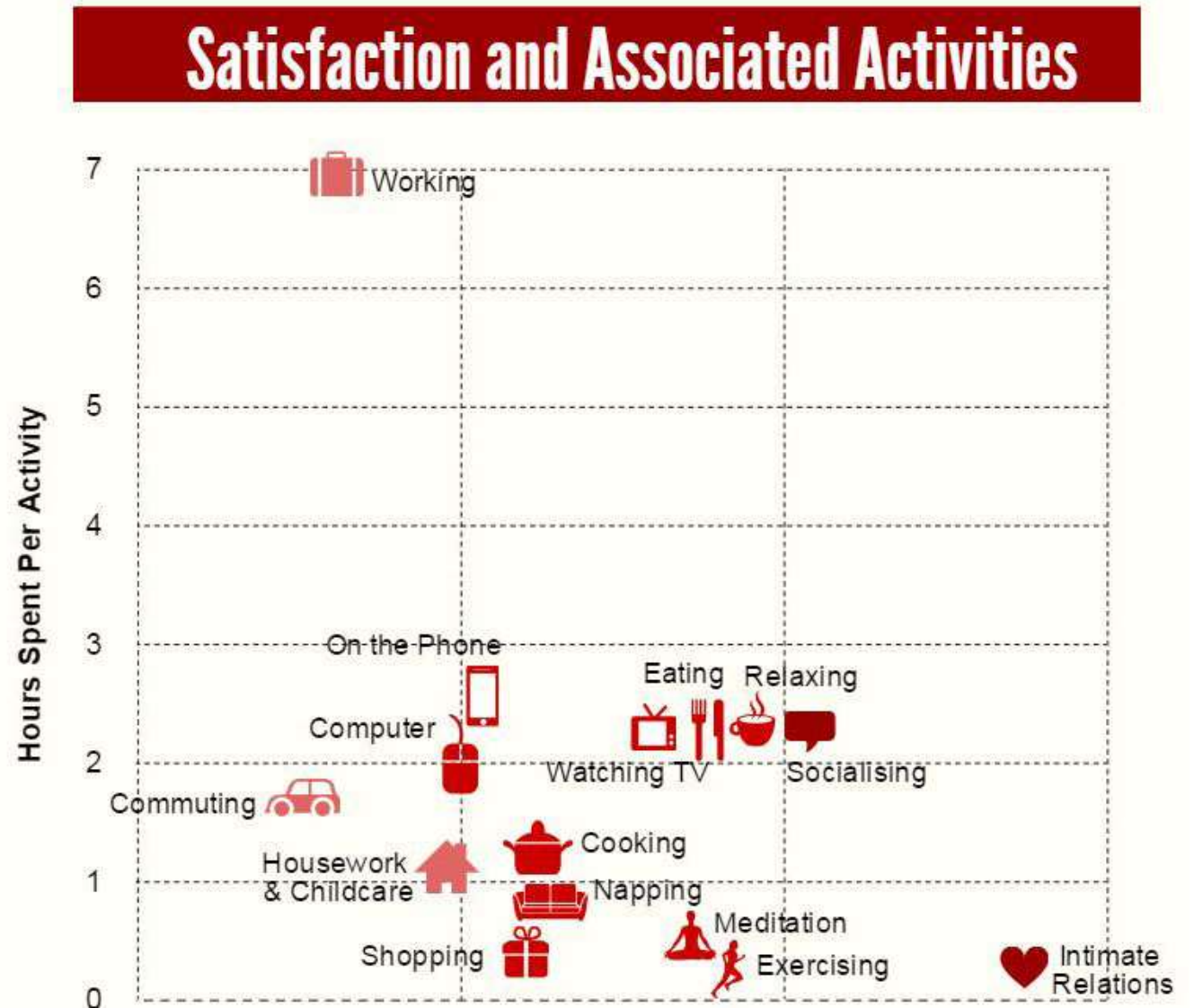
# Step 1: A physically pleasant working environment



Step 2: A mentally pleasant working environment

**But how?**

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# How do we spend our time?

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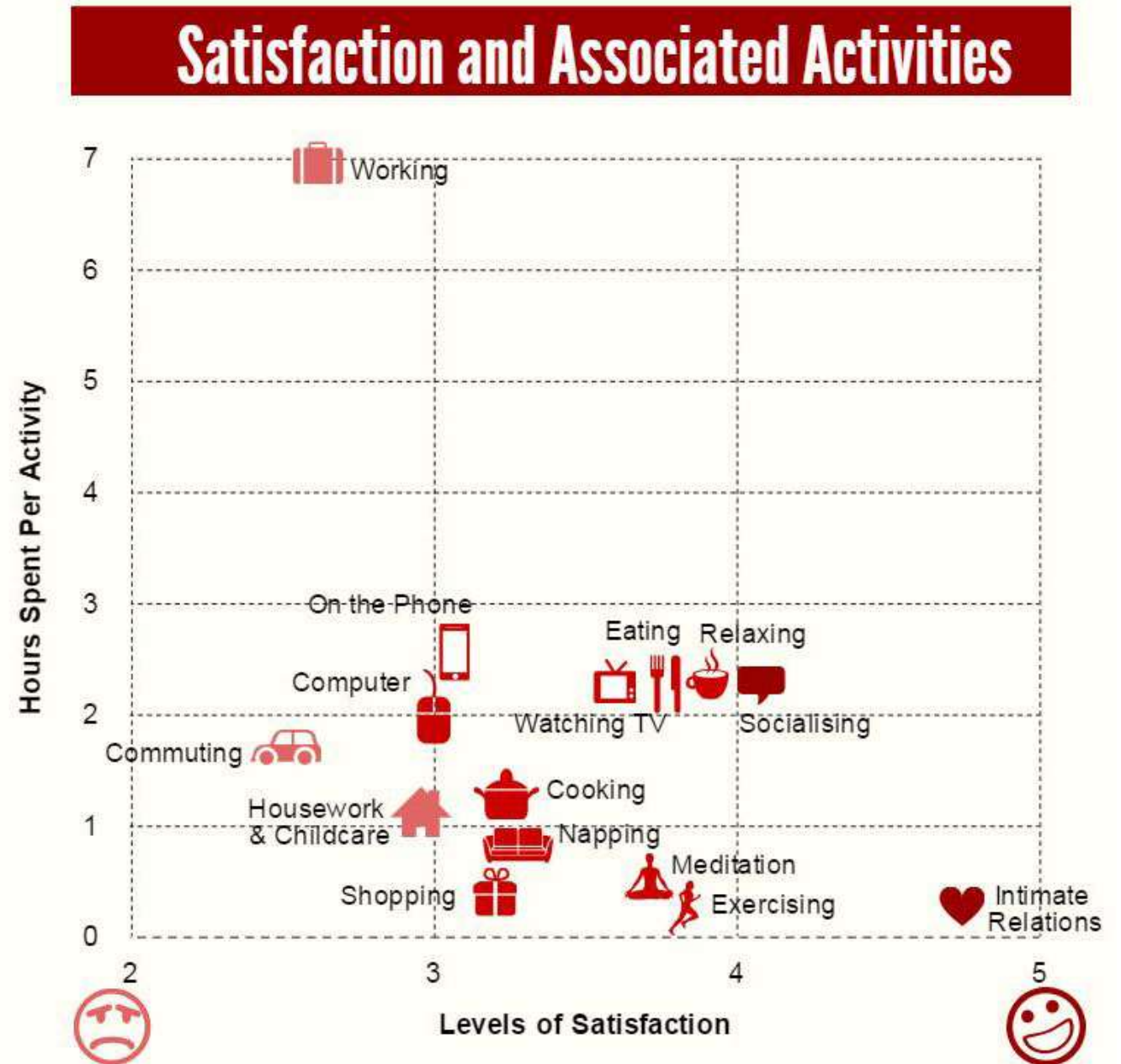
# Enjoyment

In Malaysia:  
**78% unhappy at work**

Survey of 1145 people by JobStreet (2012). Source [link](#)

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A brand symptomatic of our relationship with the workplace



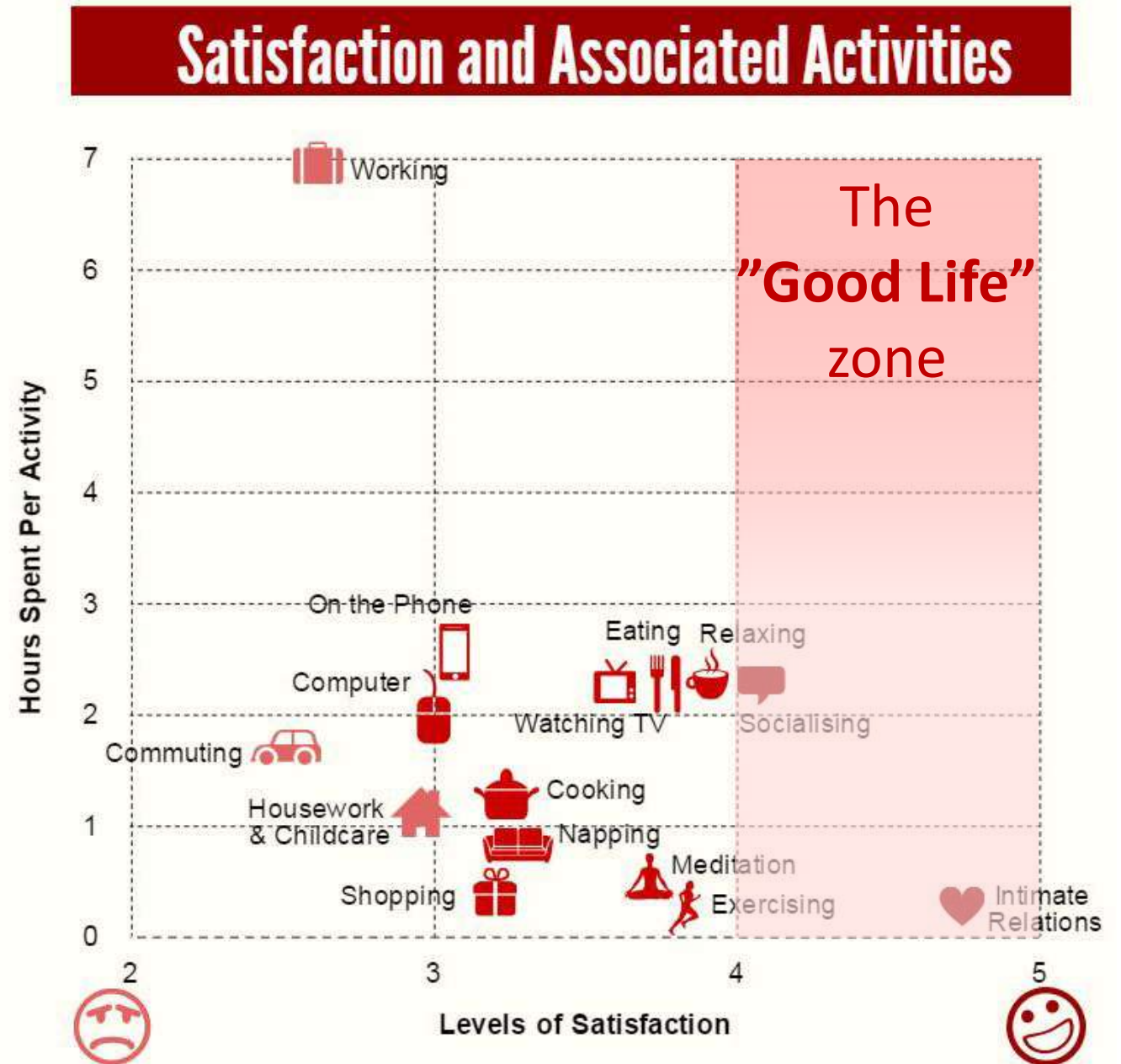
Named after the expression:  
Thanks God! It's Friday



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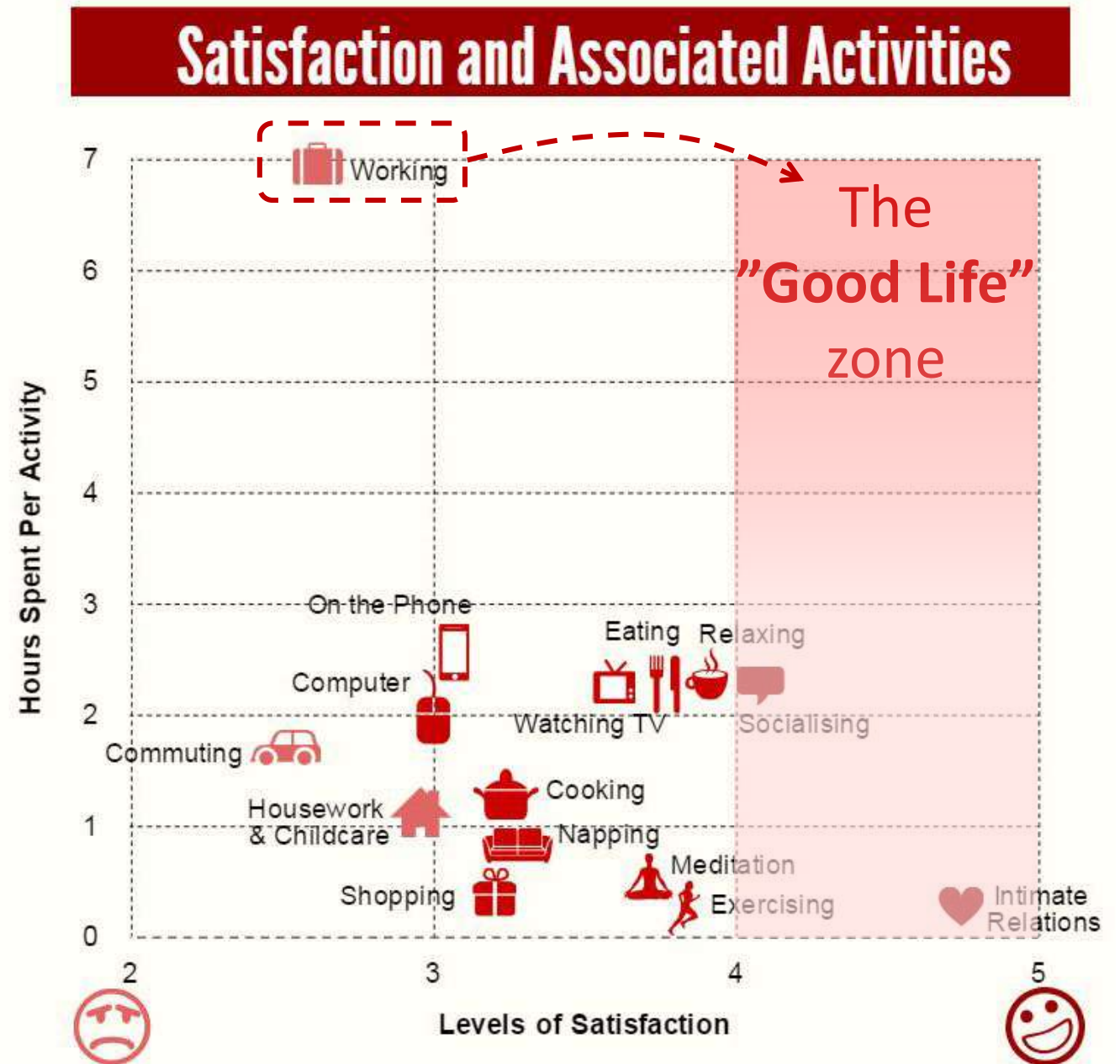
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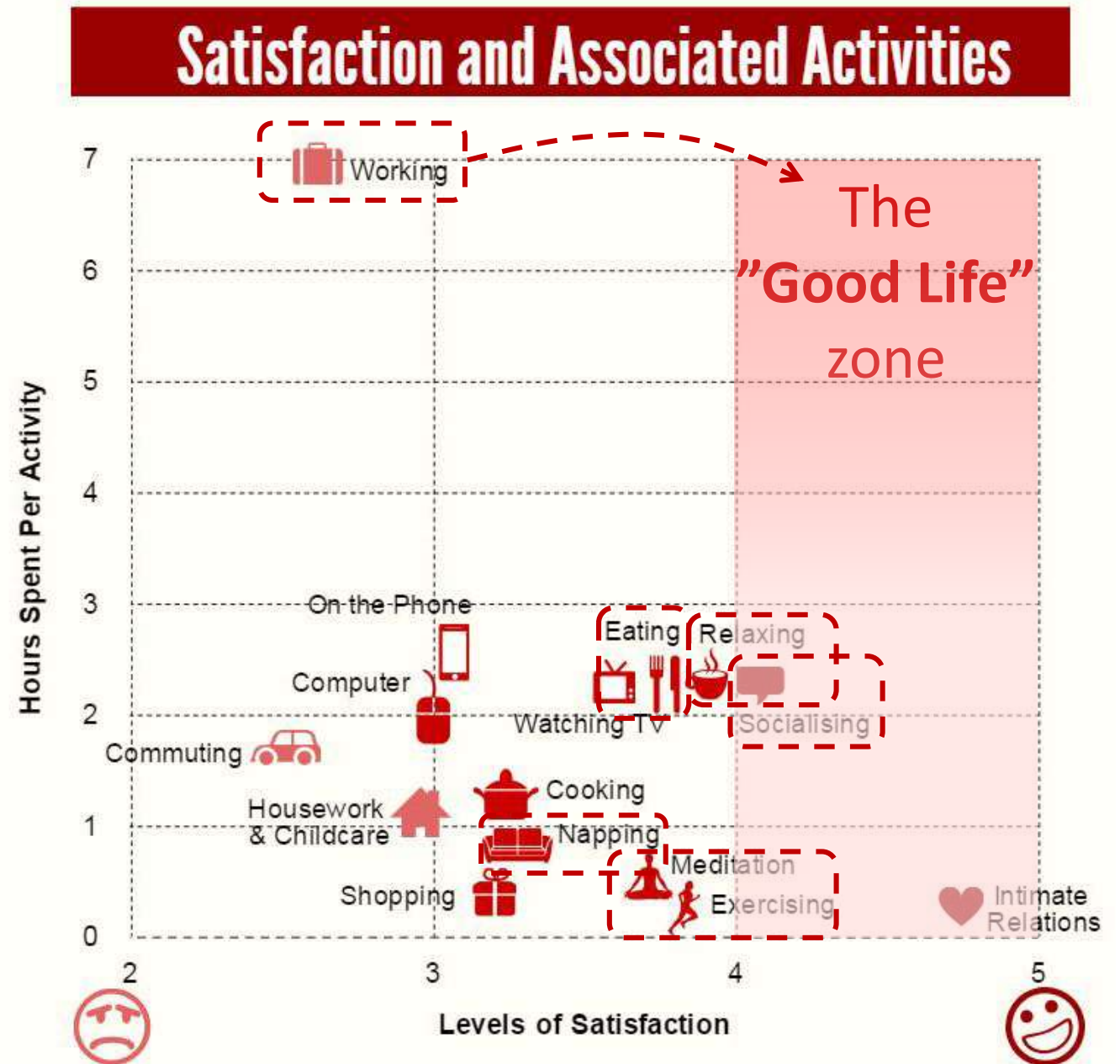
# Blurring the lines

## Invoking desirable activities at the work place

- **Friday Lunch**  
Company invites everybody out for lunch every Friday
- **Friday Knowledge Sharing**  
Joint sharing session on Friday afternoons, can be work related or personal. Good opportunity to learn more about your colleagues and the things that are important to them.
- **Friday Drinks**  
The weekend starts 5 pm by socializing with your colleagues over a drink
- **Sleeping Room**
- **Showering Facilities**

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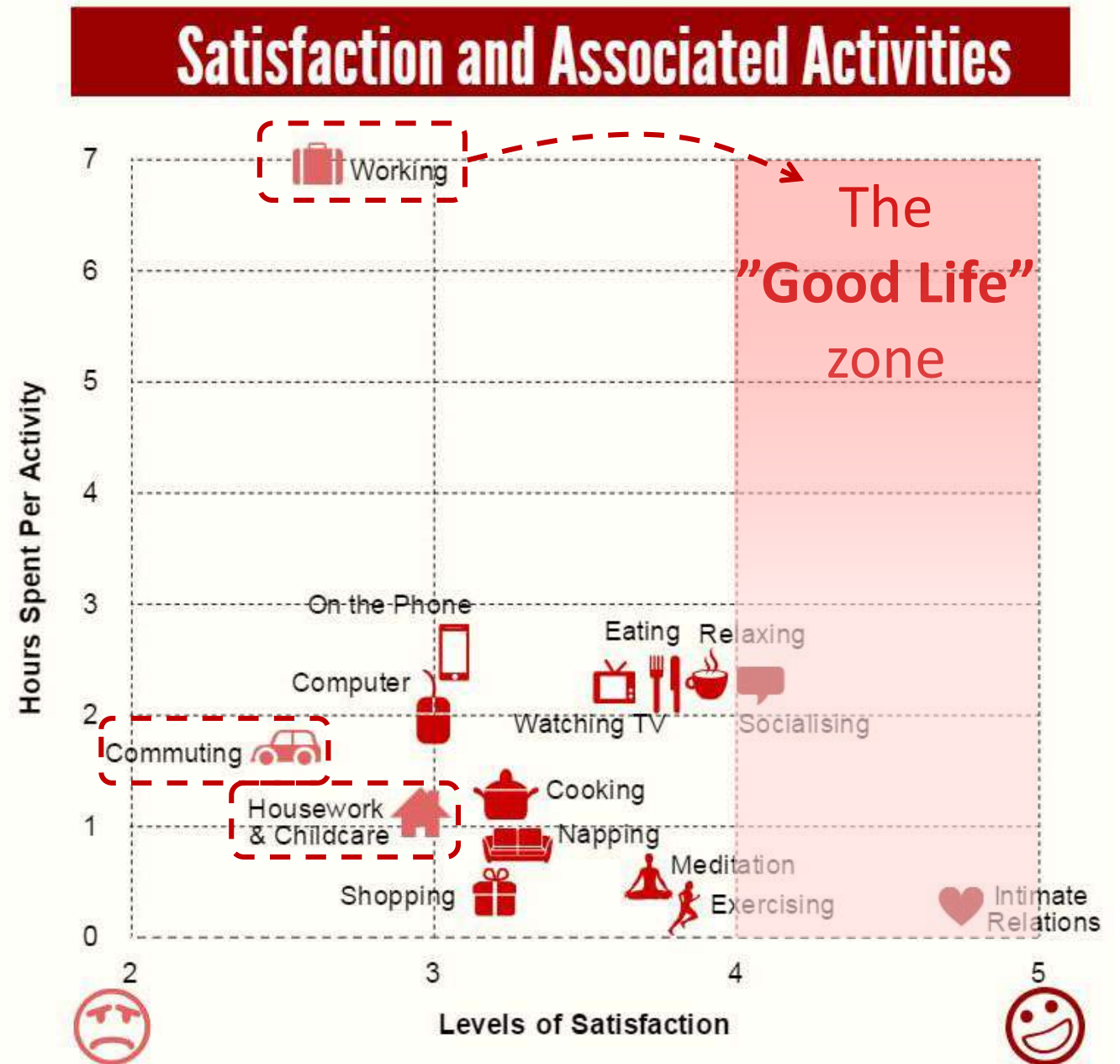
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## Assisting to alleviate stress from less desirable activities

- **Flexible Working Hours**  
To minimize time waste in traffic, employees are allowed to have flexible working hours
- **Work From Home**  
Sometimes, it is just more effective to work from home
- **Working Part Time**  
Those employees, who have extensive commitments outside of work are allowed to reduce their working hours
- **Free Usage / Rental of Company Car**  
Employees, who do not own a car, are allowed to use the company car, first 10 days for free, then low rental applies

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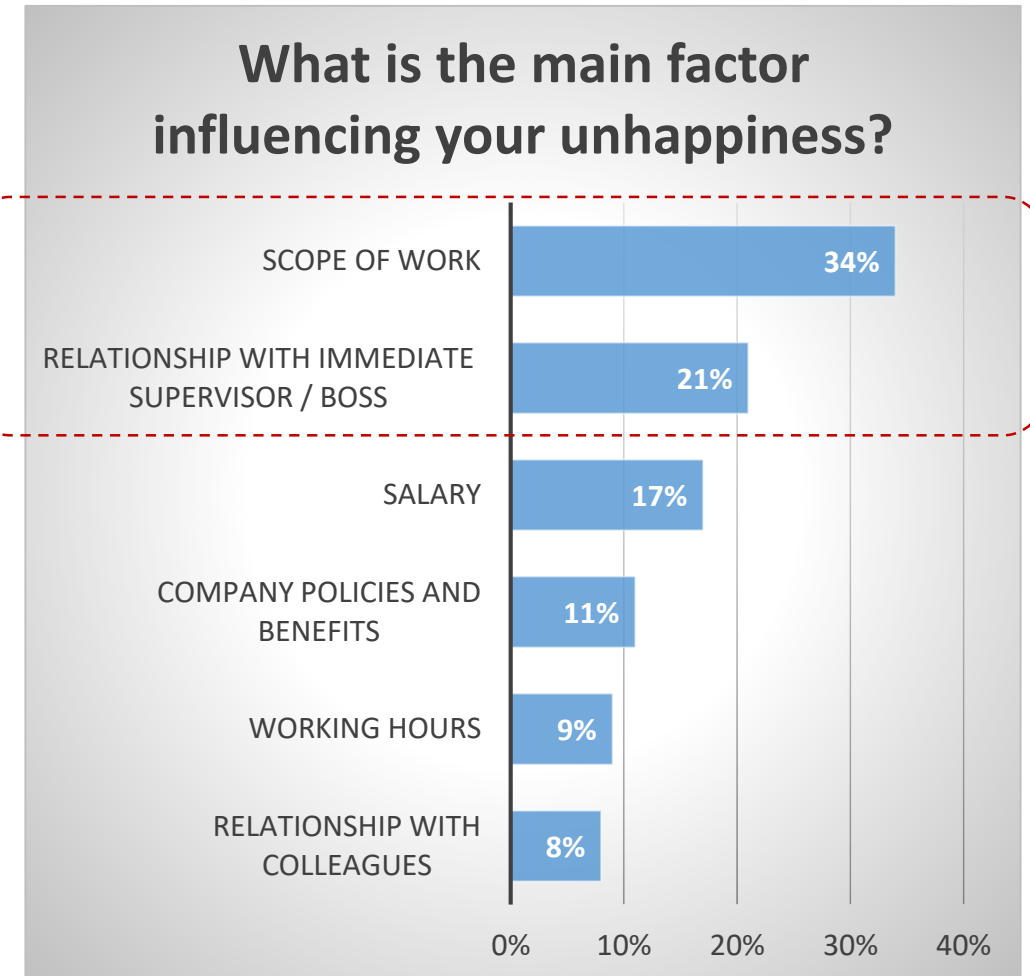
# Two-Way Communication at the Work Place

brings about openness, acknowledgement, trust and purpose

## Half Annual Employer – Employee Talk

1. A two way feedback session where the employer and the employee give feedback to each other on their performance, their weaknesses and strengths and where there is room for improvement
2. Jointly set development goals for the next 6 – 12 months

Addresses  
the main  
sources of  
unhappiness



*Happiness at Work in Malaysia. Survey of 1145 people by JobStreet (2012)*



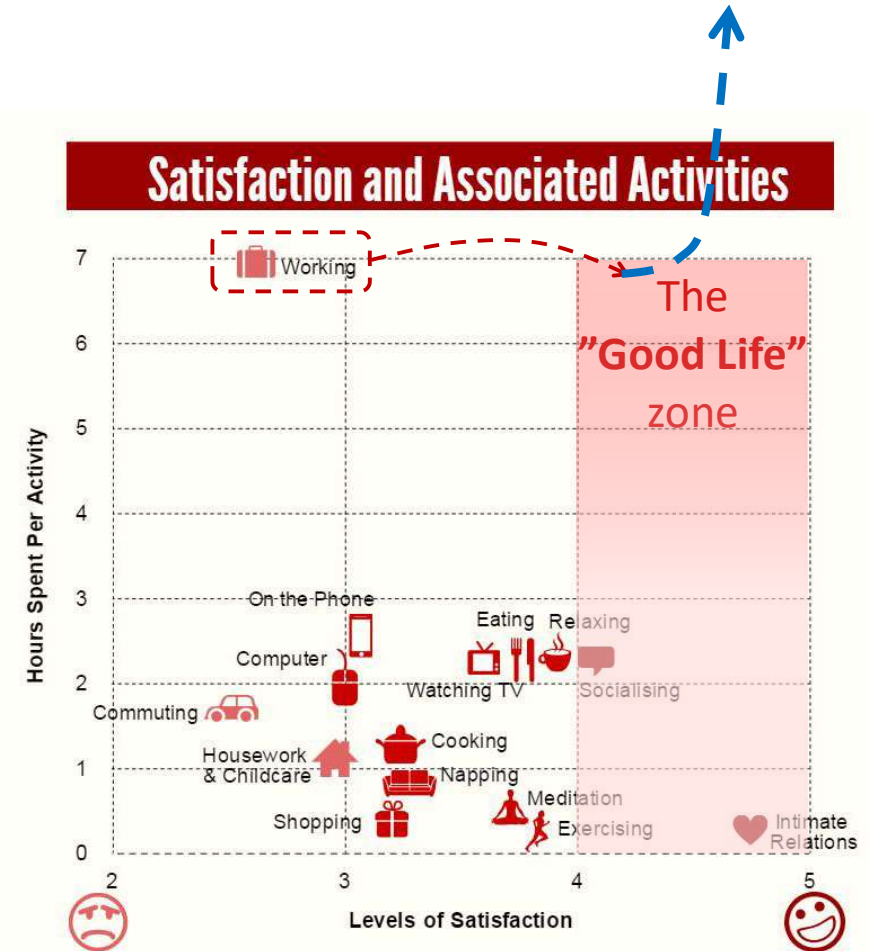
# Passion & Purpose

kindling the fire of your employees

## Testimonials:

- Ex-staff expressed the following in an email:  
"For me, I didn't draw a fine line between work or leisure time. In IEN, they were somewhat integrated. One could be simply due to passion, another would be given the colleagues and work environment, it is a wonderful learning experience. There are days where I was [...] working at night, but without feeling any sense of over work. It's like I feel myself as part of the company to partake any struggle overtime in pursuit of the common good for everyone in the company. Well, that's primarily because the company is feeding my passion. And passion ripples a lot of good stuffs along the way. [...] And the best thing happens when your passion is validated by management who appreciates that passion."
- Current staff:  
"I think I'm the luckiest and the happiest IENer. Part of that comes from the wonderful colleagues and the support from the manangement"

... and improving  
productivity of your  
employees



# Monitoring the Happiness of “The IEN family”

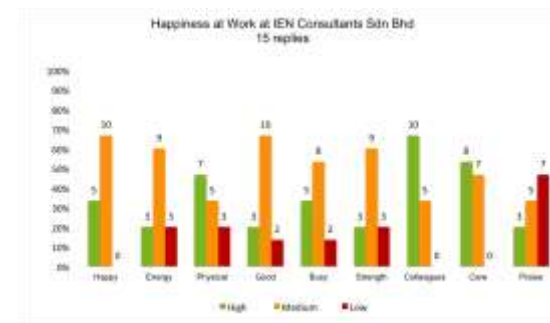
- Annual anonymous survey for tracking of happiness level
- If employees are not feeling happy they are encouraged to approach the management for an informal talk on how the management can help to achieve the Good Life
- It's work in process



# Focus on Happiness @ Work

session with an external 'chief happiness officer'

- 3-hour interactive session
- Good feedback from the staff
- Main take-aways were:
  - a) Happiness at work is a collaborative effort by employer and employee
  - b) Social interaction at the workplace is important
  - c) Give compliments
  - d) Create sense of purpose



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# Thank you



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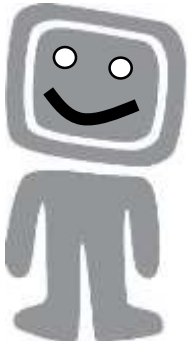
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# Appendix Slides

Core business of IEN Consultants Sdn Bhd as  
Energy Efficient & Green Building Consultants

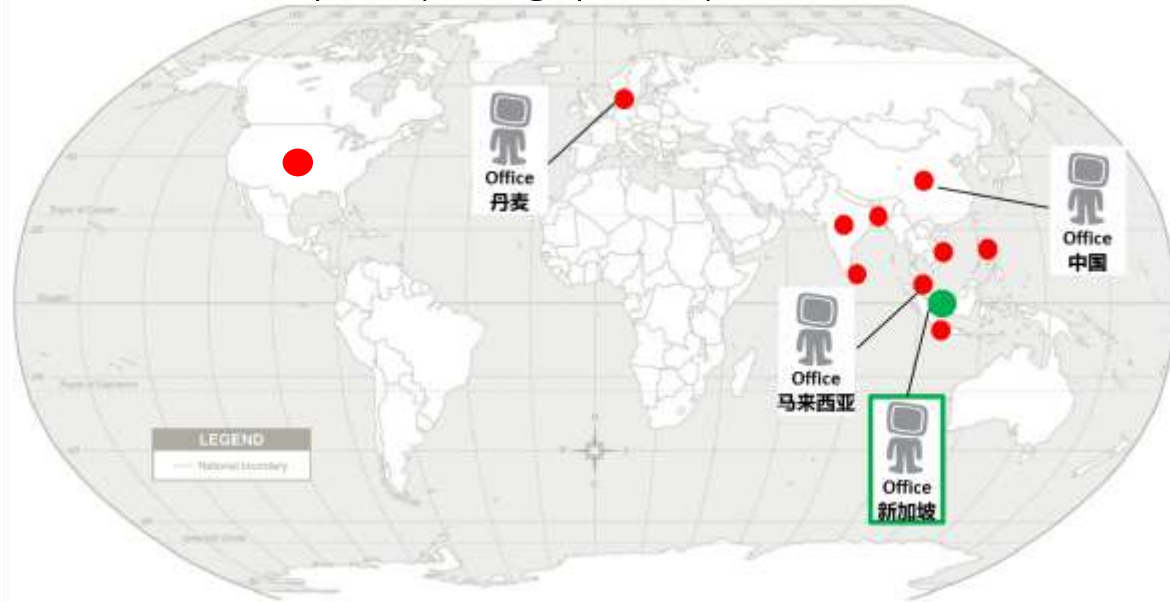
# IEN Consultants

3.2 million square meters  
of green building space



Gregers (MD) Poul (Founder)

Malaysia | Singapore | China



# Our Services

IEN Consultants had its beginnings in year 2000 as the pioneering green building consultancy in Malaysia. We are a specialist consultant that works closely with the existing building design team to ensure that the building becomes energy efficient and green. We use detailed computer simulation to validate and optimise designs, and as such, play an active role in shaping the passive architectural design and conceptualizing and sizing the M&E systems. We follow an integrated design approach to avoiding over-sizing of systems and ensure energy efficient operation of the buildings, which helps the client to save money with an attractive return of investment.

## **BUILDING OPTIMISATION**

- Energy Simulation
- Daylight Simulation
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Indoor Air Quality
- Thermal Comfort
- Visual Comfort
- Natural Ventilation (CFD)

## **GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION**

- GBI
- LEED
- Green Mark
- GreenRe
- WELL
- Living Building Challenge
- Active House



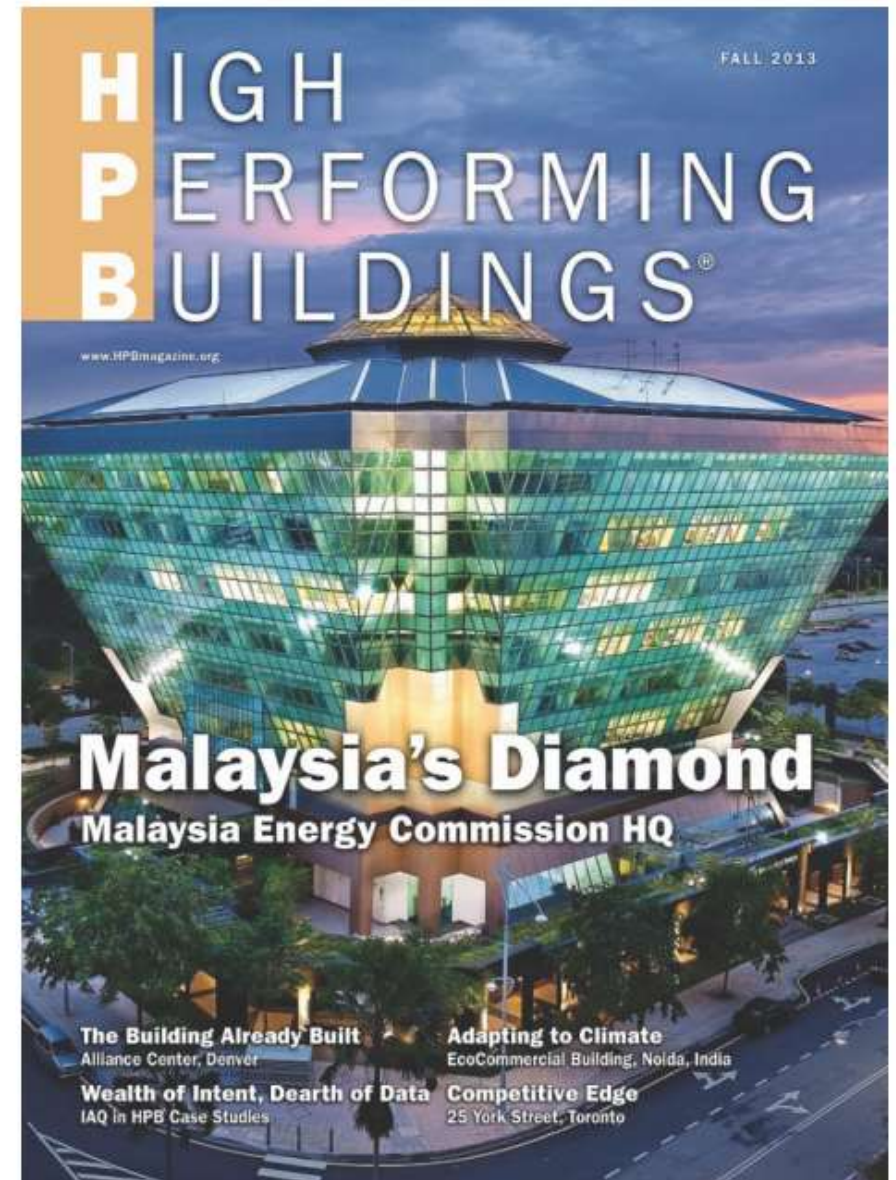
# Energy Efficient Case Studies

The case studies below are all completed projects and the energy consumption data is from several years of energy bills.

Energy savings of 50% or more have been achieved. The additional construction cost to achieve this high level of energy efficiency is only about 3%. The substantially lower energy bills means that our projects typically have a payback time of just 3 years.

Our Diamond Building in Putrajaya was featured on the front page of the US magazine “High Performance Buildings” (see insert on the right) because of its outstanding environmental performance and innovative design solutions.

Our buildings have won numerous national and regional awards. Our Diamond building was the runner-up to the prestigious global ASHRAE Technology Award, which is awarded to the building in the world that achieves highest energy efficiency as well most innovative implementation of technology.



# Energy Efficient Case Studies



LEO Building



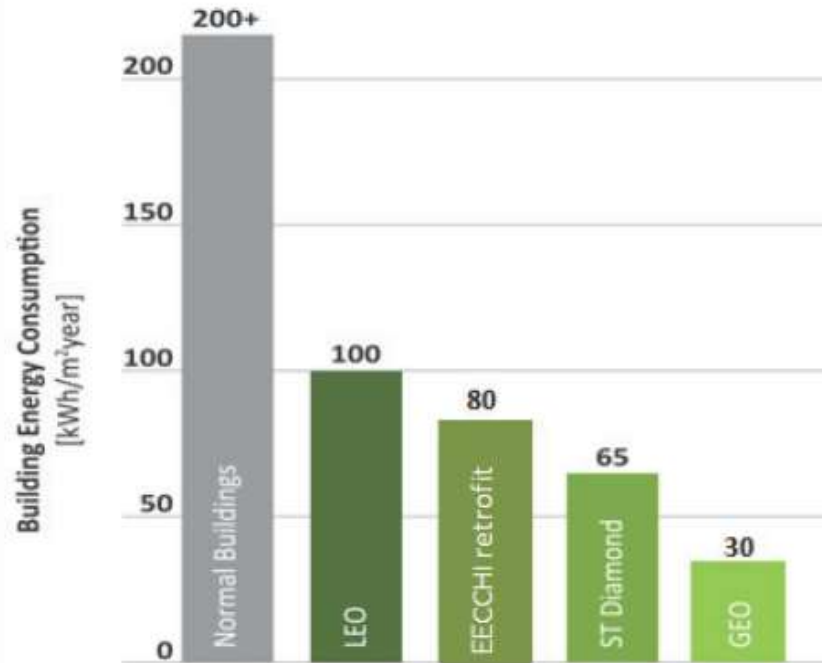
GEO Building



ST Diamond Building



EECCHI retrofit



## Energy Consumption of Green Office Buildings

Measured data for New and  
Retrofitted Buildings  
by IEN Consultants

Completed year: 2004 2010 2010 2007



## IEN Consultants Expert Staff



### IEN Consultants

Hover the cursor over a person's head to see a short presentation and click to see a detailed personal description or click on a name in the list below.

We are a diverse group of individuals

**5 different degrees**  
**6 different nationalities**  
**4 LEED AP**  
**8 GBI Facilitators**