

Let the best person decide

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I REFER to the letter, "House-husbands can lead to topsy-turvy homes" (The Star, May 8) in which CTH mentioned that sons of house-husbands would become "feminine male and gay."

How will doing household chores change one's sexual orientation? Research shows that sexual orientation is determined by a complex mix of biological and environmental factors.

Furthermore, using gender to prevent one from pursuing a particular occupation violates Article 8 (2) of our Constitution, which prohibits gender discrimination.

Everyone should have equal opportunity to pursue their careers, be it a woman who wants to be a CEO, or a man who wants to be a house-husband.

Besides that, how can a son of a house-husband be "feminine"? Managing a household is no easy task, as most housewives will attest.

When a son models his house-husband father, he is modelling responsibility, management and multi-tasking skills, among other things.

CTH also mentioned that the person who earned the most will make the final decision in the home.

A man cannot be a house-husband as his wife will then have decision-making authority over him, which is inconceivable to CTH.

This is illogical because income has nothing to do with making household decisions. How can someone who works outside for at least eight hours everyday make effective decisions regarding the home?

Someone who spends quality and quantity time with his or her children is better-equipped to make good household decisions.