

What Would You Do To Make Your Education Better

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Living in Hong Kong, it is a blessing for me to be entitled to 12 years of free education in which I can turn myself from an ignorant boy into a well-educated and cultivated man that can contribute back to the society. However, from my observation, the education I receive is mediocre. In view of this, I am resolved to introduce some remedial measures to make my education even better.

In fact, the main latent problem in the education system is the over emphasis on exam marks. In an exam-oriented city like Hong Kong, students are coerced to study from dawn to dusk. Students also face pressure from not only parents but also teachers. Both of them hold exams in high regard. And I am not an exception. I am facing the same problem as the rest of the students are. In light of the over-emphasis on the results of academic performance, I am hereby proposing two amendments to improve the standards as well as the quality of the education that I receive.

To start with, to make up for the inadequacy of the education system, students need to read extensively. Most students, if not all, only acquire knowledge from reading textbooks and they wrongly believe that this is enough to tackle the public examination. However, the truth is far from their thoughts. In some science subjects like biology, physics and chemistry, they emphasize the nimble use of the principles learnt from the textbook and apply them into daily life. Therefore, reading books extensively cannot only reinforce what I have learnt from my textbooks, but also enable me to learn

more valuable things beyond the scope of my textbooks.

Apart from reading books extensively, traveling to other countries can also broaden my horizons. Education should not be confined to pouring knowledge into my brain, but instead I should learn to be more liberal and open-minded about other cultures. When I go travelling, I can meet people from different cultural backgrounds and customs. There are some special rules of etiquette that should be adhered to. For example, Japanese people tend to take off their shoes and bow to the host before entering the house. This special custom reminds me that I should learn more about the diversity of cultures and customs, so that I can be well-prepared to work along with or meet people of different nationalities in the workplace. This is important as our world is becoming a village under globalization.

At the end of the day, it is my belief that the above two amendments to my education can turn me into a well-rounded individual. But more importantly, it can sharpen my competitive edge and increase my chance of being employed when I enter the society.