

### **Schooling in Hong Kong SAR is better**

Hong Kong's education system has been lambasted for being too rigid and placing too much emphasis on rote learning. It is generally agreed that Hong Kong places heavy reliance on exam grades. Some students aim at striving for academic excellence, and they are put under relentless pressure. On the other hand, Finnish schooling only has little homework and take one standardized test during their primary and secondary schooling. It seems to be more flexible but also prompts criticism that it gives students too much leeway. To deflect criticism, we should ponder over the question of what system best suits the needs of Hong Kong students. I think that the schooling in Hong Kong SAR is better for local students because of some reasons and I will elaborate on them in detail in the following.

To commence, the schooling in Hong Kong SAR is superior since it provides students with solid grounding in knowledge. Hong Kong's schools have always enjoyed high academic recognition in the world. Schooling in Hong Kong SAR exposes students to practices and assignments to consolidate what they have learnt in a day. Those exercises can help students to boost their skills. In order to complete the assignments, students are required to do the related revision regularly. After acquiring new knowledge in school, students can become more familiar with the content through practice. In the long run, it helps students develop a good learning habit which is revising the skills regularly. In addition to the homework, assessments help teachers grasp the learning progress of students. Teachers can adjust the teaching schedule and methods according to the results of the tests. It is beneficial to students' studying. On the contrary, if homework and tests are not provided to students regularly, the knowledge they have gained is easy to be forgotten and their self-discipline and hardworking cannot be trained. Regular homework and tests can help student consolidate their knowledge. It provides a solid foundation for future learning. In a foreseeable future, the academic result will be greatly enhanced.

Other than providing the solid foundation, the competition under education also can stimulate students' potential. Students are enveloped in homework and tests day in and day out in order to perform well academically. Recently, many parents have asserted that their children should win at the start. Not only the

parents, but the social atmosphere also puts emphasis on academic results, and it can help students look for better jobs in the future. Because of that, competitions and pressure are the inevitable corollary of education. Competitions can become a strong motivation for students. In order to get better results and have a higher ranking at school, students would work hard and put more effort into their studies. Therefore, competitions can positively affect students' academic performance. Students can have clearer goals and the determination to outperform others, which can encourage students to gain more knowledge. More importantly, the education system should serve the needs of modern society. Hong Kong is a cosmopolitan city. There is fierce competition in society. Therefore, a more compact education system can enable students to adapt to the social environment in advance. Compared with the lenient education system, schooling in Hong Kong SAR is more suitable for local students. Healthy competition and appropriate pressure are beneficial to students.

Apart from the competition, the schooling in Hong Kong SAR can help students set a suitable learning schedule. Teachers would distribute homework and tests to students regularly. Students only need to follow the instructions assigned by teachers and finish the assignments on time. The daily learning content and homework are arranged by the teachers. Students do not need to spend extra time on making daily plans. Also, the learning materials are chosen by teachers which are suitable for students. Students can learn more efficiently. Students can learn the skills step by step according to teacher's instructions. Students will be able to complete their academic goals on schedule. Teachers also can master their performance regularly and give a helping hand when they are in need. I believe that it would help students make better arrangement of their time in order to finish the homework. Following teachers' instructions can enhance self-discipline. It may help develop their self-discipline in the long run. On the other hand, Finnish schooling only assigns little homework and one standardized test. They are not enough to provide adequate practices that help students gain knowledge at school. Students who learn cursorily can never perform well in the academic result. Planned learning can improve students' learning efficiency.

To sum up, the benefits of schooling in Hong Kong SAR are boosting students' academic performance. Unrelenting pressure is unavoidable, but we can try to turn it to our advantage. Pressure prompts us to work harder to excel ourselves. Also, it is necessary that students find ways to cope with and relieve pressure.

Schooling in Hong Kong SAR still has its own unique advantages. Therefore, I believe that schooling in Hong Kong SAR is better for local students.