

Hi, my name is Denselle, a graduate from Delia Memorial School (Hip Wo), a current student at The University of Hong Kong. People well parents per se assume that teachers who are in schools that are concentrated with EM students, should be experts and culturally aware with teaching us. The truth is, its not. Teachers concentrated with EM schools, lacks teacher training which therefore makes them incapable of teaching us. Because of that, they ignorant to the fact that, they could not teach rather but they automatically perceive that we not capable for furthering their education in Hong Kong. Here, teachers already have preconceived stereotypes in EM Schools. When I was in F.4 after I came back from the Philippines, I was placed in a class, deemed as 'second worst class', some of classmates weren't able to do their homework. Our teacher said that 'You're doomed to fail', 'You'll just be a waiter'. We're already marginalized in society, and even in our schools? Because of the kind of education that we receive in these schools, when we graduate, it worsens our marginalization in society, we can't pass as locals because we basically just learn very basic Cantonese nor as native English speakers because we have teachers who can't even properly communicate in English. Plus, ironically, we are further demotivated by own teachers.

Other than that, most of our parents do not even know that they enrolled their children in schools who do not care about our own individual development. They don't even know what is HKDSE. There is a lack of communication between parents and teachers. Comments on individual students are generalized by teachers, because they only focus on the 10 students who the teachers perceive of having a 'chance' in university. But parents so not know this, because schools are starting to become are marketing tool to promotes their greatness but does not deliver. Also, I think it is the EDB's job to take the effort to inform EM parents about the education system here in Hong Kong and should make it compulsory for schools to provide information on the qualification of teachers especially take the effort to train cultural understanding so that our teacher will be free from EM stereotypes.

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