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Dare to be creative, different in pursuing science subjects

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I READ with interest the article "Why students hate to take up science" written by F.W. Kong on Dec 7. I understood the writer's points and would like to add my own.

I don't think the main problem is with the teacher or the education system.

Being a "product" of the system myself, I don't think tuition has much help in building excellence in science among students either.

Although tuition does help us score, it does not develop the culture of being curious, imaginative and not to mention creative.

The most important thing is that students themselves take a proactive role in acquiring knowledge instead of relying wholeheartedly on the system.

Moreover, a person's interest in a subject has more to do with family upbringing and other forms of influences around.

In my opinion, it is really unwise to force the majority of students to take up science.

In the end, the system would only produce a bunch of uninterested degree holders with little to contribute to our scientific endeavour.

If I understood Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's Multimedia Super Corridor concept correctly, we need a bunch of hackers, who really know what Information Technology is all about and a bunch of constructive daydreamers with some entrepreneurial skills to spare, so that we can develop our own IT industry.

So I think we need to develop a hi-tech, thinking culture from the root. However I am not sure whether our system can handle it.

To sum it up, we need to be random, creative, extraordinary, crazy and if you have to (just joking) explore a strange new world, to try new things ... Don't just follow the "system".

It is constant changing, adapting and improving ourselves that will enrich our civilisation.