More Than Just Test Scores

Good afternoon, teachers and fellow students.

Today, I want to talk about the pressure I feel as a student in Taiwan.

Like many students, I spend a lot of time studying for tests. After a full day at school, I may have to go to cram school. When I finally get home, I still have homework to do. Sometimes, I feel tired and have little time to relax or enjoy my life.

I know studying is important, and I want to get good grades. But sometimes, I wonder: Are test scores the only way to show how smart I am?

I don't think so.

I may be good at drawing, playing sports, making things, or thinking of new ideas. I may have hobbies that help me discover my talents. However, when I spend most of my time studying, I have little time to explore these interests.

Sometimes, I wish I could try something new without worrying about my grades. I want to ask questions, share my ideas, and learn from my mistakes without being afraid of getting the wrong answer. I also want to learn things because I am curious, not just because they will be on a test.

I believe I need more than good grades to become a better person. I also need time to be creative, follow my interests, and discover what I really enjoy.

I hope my parents and teachers can understand that I am more than my test scores. I hope they will encourage me to think for myself and give me more freedom to choose my hobbies.

I don't want to stop studying hard. I just want a better balance between studying and living.

I am not a machine made to take tests. I am a person with my own talents, dreams, and ideas.

I hope I can grow into someone who is not only good at taking tests, but also creative, confident, and happy.

Thank you for listening.