

# **A University Education is not Essential for Success**

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Students and their parents are told that the higher your education level is, the more successful you will be. However, I don't think a university education, which is the highest education level, is the only and necessary key to success.

Even without a university education, many people are still successful. There is no doubt that knowledge is imparted at universities to make people smarter. But in real life, some of those who have only received a secondary or primary education are well-known and leading a successful life envied by others. Hong Kong star Jacky Chan and tycoon Lee Ka-shing are famous examples. Both of them are known throughout the world. The former may represent the whole of Asia but he is also admired by many around the world and is a source of national pride. The latter has established his own 'investment kingdom'. But both have never studied at university. Instead, they attended the 'school of life'. These examples show tertiary education may not be a necessary factor for success.

No one can promise for certain that university education will lead to success. Nowadays, it is common for university graduates to get low pay or not find a job immediately because of a large number of competitors in the labour market. Despite getting a degree from university, some of them lack competitiveness as these people are not tough enough to achieve their life goals, or are unable to learn from mistakes. If graduates absorb as much knowledge as they can from school and try to outdo their classmates, they may be more successful, but it only happens if they are diligent.

A university education is not a must for a bright future; it is only a tool for finding a job. Instead, a positive attitude and the ability to work well are more important. Employers only focus on the working performance of their employees when considering whether to keep or fire them, regardless of their results in public examinations or the fact that they attended a university.

A certificate from university cannot guarantee you a successful life. There are other more influential factors affecting your future path, including positive attitude and the ability to work well.