**Custom in Cheng Gong Senior High School – Throwing books**

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If a question states that a senior high school possess these features: students will let out fireworks on basketball court, or bring a sofa to school and sleep in principle’s office, and this school is renowned for producing numerous political criminals in 20th century. Answers may be those of students not focusing on their studies. However, the correct answer may be jaw dropping: Chenggong senior high school, the second choice for boys in terms of their grades in Comprehensive Assessment Program for Junior High School Students, famous for throwing books recently on social media. Yes, in literal meanings. Below is further knowledge of this long-standing custom.

To every student in Chenggong, throwing books acts like the coming-of-age party they’ll experience once and only time in the last year of senior high school. The ceremony will be held three o’clock on the second day of final exam, when seniors will gather at hallways and bring out personal reference books, test papers, and handouts with them. At the same time, the first and second graders will overflow at every corner of campus, waiting for the sacred moment white snowflakes scatter down. During the period of waiting the bell rings, the whole campus is pervaded with a bizarre vibe. Everyone acts like a prophet foreseeing a large scale of event is going to happen. This lasts until the bell rings and the countdown to zero, with all the seniors throw all the learning materials down to first flower, symbolizing they have been relieved from the invisible pressure from college entrance exam. Some also interpret that it’s a whole-new life journey without rules and limitations from teachers and parents. Meanwhile in the campus, all the audience scream and cheer for it, some even prepare deafening speakers with piercing noises that people can hear it from one block away. Although the process entertains the crowd, not all of the third-graders identify with it and show contempt about those instigators, including me.

Personally, I am not supporting this twisting trend. For one thing, I haven’t qualified for a university because I chose to take Advanced Subjects Test later on. Throwing books is seemed as a disrespectful action to myself. For another, there’s plenty of alternatives to celebrate such as going to KTV through the whole night, traveling somewhere for several days, or having a drink at a decent bar. Even though students will clean up all the trash autonomously, the behavior itself remains controversial to every perception. To the educators, they won’t agree to events that may cause negative social feedback. It’s their responsibility to admonish the future pillars and lead them to the conceived right path. Fortunately, COVID-19 swept over during our last year in senior high school and we were quarantined in midst of the last semester, meaning that the third graders lost the chance to throw books. Not only teachers but also those who did not throw books won’t have to see the particular group monkeying around.

Until today, I consider this tradition immoral and unnecessary. Nevertheless, as we are living under a liberal society, this custom seems to inherit from one generation to another permanently. Some even claim that throwing books is the true spirit of the school. Well, I only react with sniff. Does throwing books equal to quit studying? I think the old saying ‘‘One is never too old to learn’’ has perfectly respond.