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The gears in the cover page bear many meanings. From the perspective of Physics, gears linking together can redirect force and save effort that it can raise the efficiency. The picture also shows all the intelligence of the human brain. In the article of “MI Education in Action” by Alex O, there is a good reflection from Student A.

It’s a good idea to invite some guest speakers to write on this journal such as Dr. Hoerr and Dr. Kosanlavit to share their views and experience in managing school. It is also inspiring to see some authentic dialogue between the teacher and the student during the progress of changes in the gifted student as quoted in the Editor’s desk.

I am glad to see the name of Renzulli in the Editorial part as he is the superstar of creativity. It gives me an impression that authority (from government and school) are looking for exceptionally gifted while parents are looking for the gifted children who are labelled as underachievers. I hope teachers and parents can benefit by reading all these stories from this journal. The MISNET is a good idea as we need to suggest some criteria for the teacher efficacy in identifying hidden gifted students in classroom setting.

The education theory and the work of Howard Gardner must be included in every issue as he is supposed to

be the primogenitor of multiple intelligences. Teachers who are interested in the development of multiple intelligences may find these articles useful and helpful. In the first article by Dr. Raymond Tam, the word capitalizing may be better captured by another word “conceptualizing.” The article is good to suggest the idea of “change of mindset” to represent the paradigm shift.

I would like to comment on the part of Characteristics of Effective Teachers of Gifted Diverse Student which is not 100% right in describing the full picture of curriculum. Usually, in curriculum design, we curriculum developers would like to divide the curriculum into three parts: knowledge, skill and value/attitude. But I only find knowledge and skill in the article quoted from this paper, the author should add more information on the value system or the attitude developed to make the learning process more clear. However, the sentence “Seek to develop student’s self-concept” can be regarded as part of the value or attitude while developing student’s open-mindedness, cultivating the patriotism or treasuring or respecting life can be regarded as the attitude part.



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