

What is success? What kind of person can we say is successful? Some people would say the key to success is earning a lot of money, getting a higher status, marrying an extremely handsome man or a beautiful woman, and so on. Actually, defining “success” varies from people to people. However, there is one common definition of being successful. It is that you “feel” I am happy now”. For example, even if you achieve your goal, you do not feel good. In that case it cannot be called “successful”. Then what ability do we need to be successful especially in the global community? I argue there are two essential things. One of them is “smile”. Perhaps it is not a skill, however, this is the essence of being successful. Another is “grit”. Without this, you cannot manage to do anything. I am going to illustrate why these two facilities are important.

First of all, smiling cannot only make yourself happy, but also make the person you are smiling at happy. When you smile, you will come to feel more delighted than you are actually feeling. Also, it goes without saying that your facial expressions have a bigger influence on other people than what you say. So how you express your feelings on your face is crucial. For instance, when I stayed in Indonesia, smiling was helpful for me. I studied in Indonesia for a year when I was in the twelfth grade of secondary school. It was the first time for me to study abroad, so I did not know how I could communicate with non-Japanese people. When I arrived in Indonesia, I could not speak Indonesian language furthermore I was not able to talk in English. After a few months, I joined the special exciting trip. There were fifteen people who from all over the world and we were on the same ship for 10 days. At that time, I was too shy to talk with them in English. Because I was afraid of making mistakes. So honestly, I was bored and I was upset by my own uselessness. However, I met the woman who was from Japan and she was not a good English speaker but she was smiling to everyone and anytime. Soon after this, I came to behave like her, and eventually I could make friends. After I made new friends, I had a wonderful time with them. I learned that smiling is really important in order to make good relationships with people. After the trip, I kept trying to talk with people with my smile and it caused much positive effects, which was too much to write here.

Secondly, grit is an important ability for everyone in the world especially for the people who want to play a role on the global stage. According to Angela Lee Duckworth, grit is a combination of passion and perseverance for a really long-term and meaningful goal. When you are in the global market, you will absolutely face more problems than you are in your own community. As for me, usually I am a procrastinator, yet sometimes I display my grit power. And I use the power for my daily study. For example, I watch YouTube in English every night and when I encounter the word that I do not know yet, I look it up in a dictionary. In this way I can expand my vocabulary day by day and can decrease unfamiliar words too. In Japanese, there is a motto that “keizoku wa chikara nari”. It means persistence pays off. As you can see from this proverb, to

continue to something is a step in the right direction. Definitely, there are many people who want to do same thing with you in this world. How you can take a lead? There is only way to put a difference from others. It is being tenacious person.

In conclusion, we need to smile and have grit to be successful in the global market. Without these, you cannot really enjoy your business, study or sport in this world. Smile and grit might seem easy things. However, if you try to continue these seriously, you will find it is very hard to remain by yourself. These two things are not skills in fact. All people in the world suppose to have these two strengths. Some people use it a lot, however, many people cannot handle it well. That make difference between successful and unsuccessful. We should keep smiling and having grit in order to be a successful person in this global society. Whether you will be successful or not, it is depends on you.