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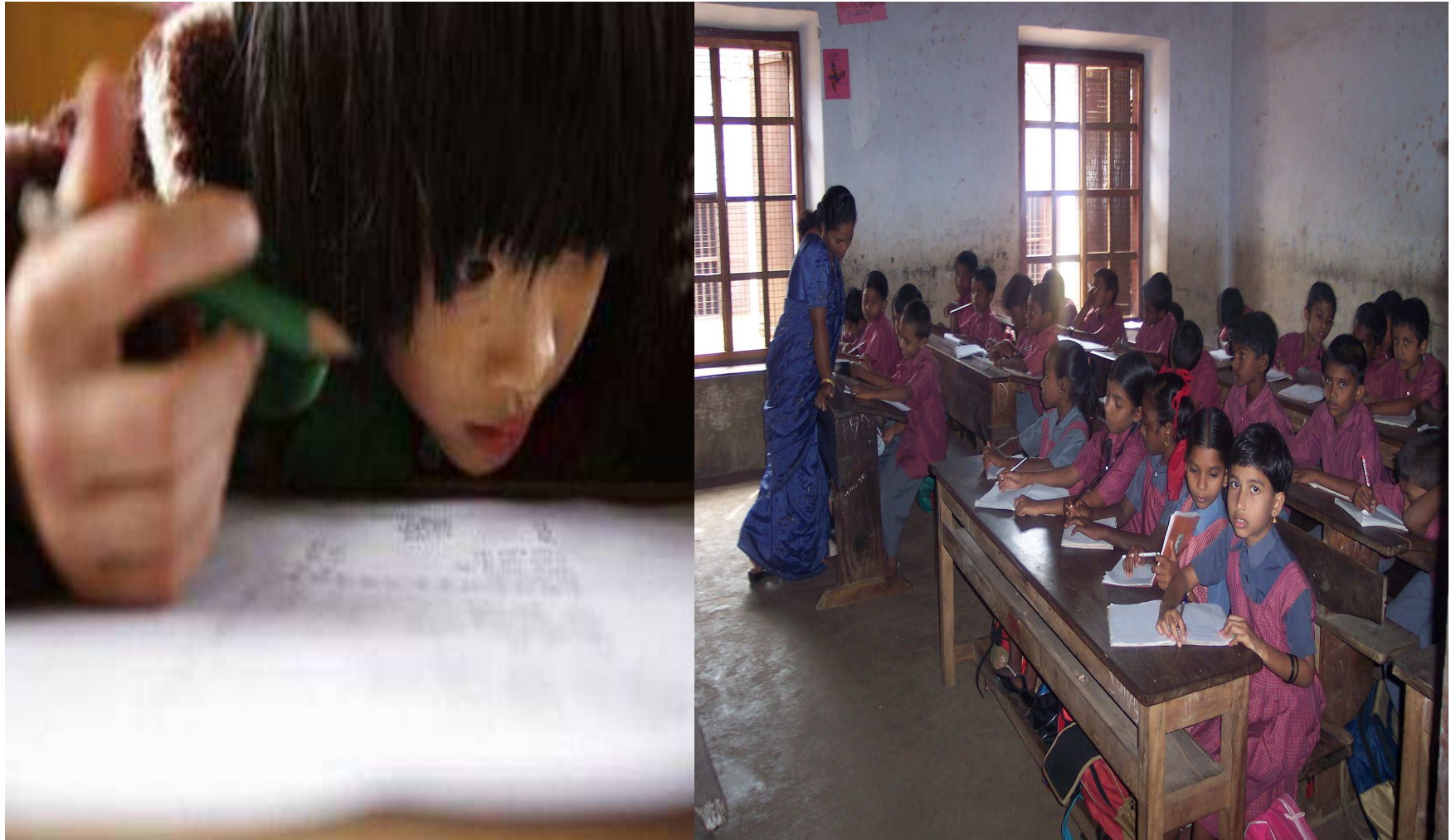
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what are we experiencing?



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# About us:



## Why did we choose to study in the UK?



# Perspectives on our supervisors

- Professionalism
- Empathy and support
- Appreciation of diversity and respect of differences
- Social and cultural events

# Opportunities

- **Anglo-Irish programmes**
- **National and international conferences**
- **Involvement in research projects**
- **Finnish teaching experience**
- **Working with visiting scholars**

# Challenges

- **Comparative educational research**
- **Critical thinking skills**
- **Language difficulties**
- **Academic limitations**

# Perspectives on social adjustment

- Intercultural communication and dialogues
- Promoting international collaboration and understanding
- Antagonism: as an opportunity and as a threat (cultural identity)
- Limited interaction with local students



# Cultural events



**A Mid-summer night's dream**



**Chinese New Year party**

**An Indian day**



## **Cross the barriers**

- **preserving an open, yet critical mind to look for differences and similarities from the diversity of culture**
- **balanced attitude**
- **awareness of the impact of contextual and culturally sensitive factors**
- **Being reflexive and critical of one's own values, assumptions, knowledge and expectations drawn on one's individualised experiences and socio-culturally based understanding**

# **We have learnt...**

- **How to work in an emerging world society**
- **How to think independently**
- **How to be polite and respectful**
- **How to be tolerant**
- **However...**



**We have also learnt that...**

The UK is not a perfect country