

Abstract

Hong Kong is always being claimed as “Cultural Desert”, people in Hong Kong don’t put too much attention on arts and culture, rather they focus more on commercial operation. General speaking, people don’t like arts because arts involves ambiguity. The lower the tolerance level of ambiguity people are, the less the interest level in arts they will be. Yet, indeed tolerance of ambiguity has positive association with multilingualism. Higher tolerance level of ambiguity tends to drive you to learn things and understand the world more openly. Therefore, in this study, we aim to examine the association between motivation to learn different language and arts enjoyment. Results showed that there is no significant difference between L2 group and non-L2 group on motivation to learn L2. Having said that, one of the motivational factors to learn L2 – Cultural Interest is significantly associated with arts interest.

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