

FACTORY SCHOOLS:

Some thoughts
about mass education

Satoru: Do you think schools
will become out-of-date in the future?

Liao: No, I expect to see a hybridization
of traditional education with
online learning.

Tim: Hmm. I'm worried. What I see
happening is a form of 'McEducation.'
In too many cases schools resemble,
brain-washing factories. The tacit
goal seems to be to dispense uniform
'knowledge' in a minimal amount of time.

Liao: Yeah. Success is often measured by the number of students passing bland
proficiency tests. It is mind-numbing, eh?

Melissa: Well, why not use neural implants and computer interfaces instead of
schools? Ordinary learning is too inefficient and most teachers are not
that skilled.

Tim: (About to speak, but politely refrains. Then after an awkward silence, talks
hesitantly). Ah, is anyone up for another beer?

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