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What does the term "core value" mean? Personally, I think it is a set of criteria that we use to judge whether something is good or bad, ethical or immoral. Core values vary from person to person, but they can be true values only if they can result in positive influences and people manage to live by them.

As a teenager, I understand that more and more abilities and useful skills are required in order to keep abreast of modern development. Macau's young people are facing a real challenge as globalization brings in more and more capable and intelligent rivals. If we still want to fulfill ourselves, we should be true to our core values no matter what happens.

However, nowadays, there are just too many so-called Wikipedia kids. Wikipedia can be changed by anyone and so can they. They are very impressionable and lacking in critical thinking. They have just lost their own selves and are blindly following others. They waste their time on valueless things like Smartphone games and online social networks

such as Facebook and Twitter. No one tells them when to start their run. Therefore, they miss the starting gun and will end up being losers in the future. What a shame it is! Moreover, we are living in a material world overwhelmed with expensive clothing, luxury apartments and fancy cars. The obsession with material possessions has diverted many people from kindness, morality and honesty, which are all core values man should abide by.

Nowadays, many young people in Macau are indulging themselves in hedonism. They strive only to maximize their pleasure. In fact, we should insist on sparing no pains to broaden our horizons and acquire as much experience as we can. This year, one of my dreams has come true; I have been elected vice president of the Student Association. This has motivated me to set more future targets and work harder to better myself and develop a stronger sense of service. We are in our adolescence and are ready to run for our future. However, we should never forget that there are certain core values we must observe so that we can pursue personal development in a healthy and positive way.

