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The writer Erich Fromm has stated that man's happiness is superficial because it is directed by ~~bure~~ bureaucracy. It implies that our criteria of happiness is defined by ~~these~~ institutions that govern us ~~as they dictate what makes us happy~~. ~~Due to the overwhelming control of these institutions on our lives and our slavish adherence~~ Due to the overwhelming control of such institutions on our perception of happiness in Singapore, it is logical to agree with the writer's argument. In the Singapore education system, the Ministry of Education ^{and schools have} unofficially laid out the checklist that defines our emotional being. Excellent grades, exemplary ^{academic} co-curricular activities and a generous spirit to the community judged from our committed hours are some criterias that must be met for awards and scholarship. This has created a perception that the achievement of such criteria equates to happiness which may not be the case to every student. Thus, it can be argued that the notion of happiness being promoted by our education institution is a generalised and superficial criteria of happiness.

Moving on, one concern that my generation has in its search for happiness is ^{our inability to handle} the setbacks that we may encounter in the pursuit of happiness. Our generation is labelled as the "strawberg generation" and the perception ^{stems from} our inability to handle setbacks well. In ~~the process of~~ search of happiness, there are experiences being accumulated but there are some things that have a high emotional cost to it that may be an obstacle ~~to~~ ~~is~~ the weak minded youth today. Take for example the increased rates of suicides and depression plaguing our society today. Many are caused by ~~mere~~ examination and work stress which are part of the greater process in the search for happiness. The inability to navigate through these walls posed a concern that the youths today do not have necessary fortitude to undertake this arduous life process of happiness.