

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my opinion on what the government and schools can do to go green. I am concerned about the solid waste that schools in Hong Kong are producing. I would like to raise the public awareness of the following three problems in particular.

To begin with, bottled water is sold in tuck shops. Students will throw the bottles into rubbish bins. It takes up to 1000 years for each plastic bottle to decompose. I am afraid that plastic bottles are causing a severe pollution problem. To solve the problem, I think schools should provide more recycling bins for students. All students should be advised to bring their own water bottles. As a result, solid waste may be reduced.

Secondly, students are using many polystyrene lunchboxes and utensils. I would like to point out that polystyrene is a kind of material that cannot be recycled. Therefore, it adds to the seriousness of the pollution problem. I am opposed to the use of this kind of material to make lunchboxes and utensils. In order to solve this problem, students should bring their own lunchbox and utensils. Also, I think the government could ask the restaurants to use the paper lunchboxes and utensils for takeaway. It is a good way to reduce solid waste.

My another concern is that schools are using too many flyers and posters to promote campaigns in schools. Although paper can be recycled, students often throw them into rubbish bins. We need to find some ways to solve this problem. I think schools should use e-posters to promote events. They are more environmentally friendly. Also, schools can encourage students to put the paper in a recycling bin. It can solve the problem.

In conclusion, I hope this letter could raise public awareness of the above three problems. I hope students should follow the suggestions mentioned, contributing to solving the solid waste problem in school.

Yours faithfully,
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