

Dear Editor,

With just a few clicks on the keyboard, you will see articles and photos about energy wastage and global warming. Therefore, it is obvious that wastage of resources of humans is seriously detrimental to the environment. I am writing to express my concern on this global issue because not only Hong Kong, but other places and countries are affected by it.

At schools, you can see many cases of energy wastage wherever in classrooms, activity rooms and so on.

Once I walked pass the hall in my school, I could see nobody while the lights of the whole room are turned on. When there is humid weather or it is slightly hot, I can feel the cold air passing out from the door gap when I walk along the corridor. Obviously, students play a big part in contributing to energy wastage, because they do not have such consciousness to save energy or even there is no driving force for them. Have you ever thought of what to do to cope with energy wastage at school?

As a member of the Environment Protection Committee of my school, I support launching campaigns in schools which students can take part in. There are two approaches, enriching students' knowledge in energy conservation and giving students a driving force to save energy. For the former one, I suggest students who are members of environment-related clubs could promote going green at school by publishing and distributing posters about the ways to save energy and pass on information like the appropriate temperature to adjust air conditioners. Then, students who have weak environmental consciousness can also know how to save energy. For the latter one, students themselves can hold competitions to battle for a higher amount of energy saving. This can provide a clear goal for them to achieve and to win the competitions. They will try to save as much energy as they can.

To recap, as students usually waste energy at school, they should take part in energy conservation. Students' environmental consciousness has to be strengthened while their action needs to be encouraged on purpose. Actions are needed. Otherwise, we may regret when we find out how chaotic and extreme the planet we live in has become.

Yours faithfully,
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