

You are concerned about the solid waste that schools in Hong Kong produce. You would like to raise public awareness on the following three problems in particular:

- The bottled water sold in tuck shops
- The polystyrene lunchboxes and utensils
- The flyers and posters used to promote campaigns in schools

Write to the editor of the South China Morning Post and express our views on what the government and schools can do to go green. You should write about 250 words.

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Dear Editor,

As a concerned resident of the solid waste that schools in Hong Kong produce, I am depressed and disappointed to find out that not many students at the schools go green. Most students pay little, if not literally no attention to reducing unnecessary solid waste. In view of this, I would like to express my opinion about raising public awareness and concern about waste problems at school. In the following, I am going to suggest three possible ways the government and schools can contribute to going green.

Firstly, I am going to talk about how to reduce the bottled water sold in tuck shops. It is because I find it unacceptable that many people throw away bottled water after drinking. It was such a waste, so I suggest all the students use their own drinking bottles. It is crucial that the tuck shops could sell less bottled water or no bottled water at all. This is probably the most effective method.

Secondly, there are many polystyrene lunchboxes in the rubbish bins after lunch, which is also a problem that is worthy of attention. Since most students choose to buy take-away food, I think it is a more practical way to set up polystyrene recycling bins. Besides, I encourage students to bring their own reusable lunchboxes to hold their meals.

Finally, I feel that school publicity activities can be promoted by other means not just using flyers and posters. I think other more environmentally friendly methods can be chosen. It is more convenient and cost-effective to send flyers by school emails.

In a nutshell, environmental protection depends on self-discipline. Whether it is reducing bottled water, reducing flyers and posters and polystyrene lunchboxes. All of us should do our own bit to protect the environment.

Yours faithfully,

*Chris Wong*