

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,

**Re: How we can reduce the solid waste that schools in Hong Kong produce**

Nowadays, solid waste is a very serious problem. Can you imagine that our environment is surrounded by solid waste? Most of you will say no, but how can we do to save our beautiful planet? As a concerned resident, let me talk about it with you.

First of all, students always buy bottled water sold in the tuck shops and it will produce a lot of solid waste. Some data shows that Hong Kong people dispose 2320 tons of plastic waste every day, however plastic waste is not decomposable. To decompose this plastic waste, it will take ten thousand years and cause land pollution. To reduce solid waste, I think the government should strengthen the promotion of the concept of environment protection, letting people know what will happen in the future if we do not reduce the solid waste. Furthermore, I believe that we should add more bottle fillers or drinking fountains in school to encourage people not to buy bottled water.

Moreover, it is constantly seen that students throw away their polystyrene lunchboxes and utensils daily. I find it unacceptable that it would produce a mass of solid waste. At present, 16 landfills in Hong Kong are close to be saturated so it is obligatory for us to cut down the amount of solid waste. If I were the students, I would bring my lunchbox and cutlery. It is crucial that tuck shops can give a discount to the students who bring their own lunchboxes to make them more environmentally conscious and more willing to reduce the polystyrene lunchboxes and utensils.

Nevertheless, schools usually hold some activities and use a huge number of flyers and posters to promote their campaigns. Conversely, the students just glance at those flyers and throw them in the trash, it brings a great deal of paper rubbish. When promoting school activities, make e-posters or e-banners instead of paper ones. Likewise, we can invite teachers to publicize the activities. In this way, the promotion is not only more friendly to the environment, but also reduces the generation of paper waste. It is really the best way to protect the planet.

All in all, I believe all human schools and government need to do more to save our earth. I hope that our environment will become better and better in the future.

Yours faithfully,

*Chris Wong*