

Dear Editor,

I am writing to share my thoughts on how schools can become more environmentally friendly. It is evident that many schools in Hong Kong generate a significant amount of waste, including bottled water sold in tuck shops, polystyrene lunch boxes and cutlery, and flyers and posters used to promote campaigns. Such waste not only creates an unpleasant environment but also poses health risks by attracting pests and spreading diseases. As a concerned citizen and student, I would like to offer a few suggestions.

Firstly, schools can reduce the amount of bottled water sold in tuck shops and encourage students to bring their own reusable water bottles. The school can also install drinking fountains to provide students with easy access to water. Secondly, recycling bins can be placed at various locations in schools. This way, students who buy bottled water or use disposable items can recycle them instead of disposing of them as regular waste. Additionally, schools can provide lunch boxes that are customizable to meet students' requirements in order to reduce kitchen waste. Environmentally friendly tableware should be distributed to students at the start of every academic year, and disposable tableware should not be provided. After meals, waste should be disposed of in one place, and lunch boxes should be cleaned before being thrown into recycling bins.

Lastly, flyers and posters used to promote activities in schools can be distributed to each class and posted on whiteboards, reducing paper consumption. When handing out flyers to classmates, students should be encouraged to recycle them after reading, as recycling bins are available on every floor.

In conclusion, I hope my suggestions will help schools in Hong Kong become more environmentally friendly. It is essential to take action to reduce the amount of waste generated and protect our environment. Let us work together to create a cleaner and healthier world for ourselves and future generations.

Yours faithfully,

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