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A Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my thoughts about energy conservation in Hong Kong. Energy wastage has been a serious multinational problem and it was estimated that all fossil fuels will have been depleted by 2060. The generation of energy often has negative impacts, such as the release of many pollutants in the air too. Nevertheless, rarely are Hong Kong students environmentally conscious enough. In order to have a more sustainable environment and better future of human beings, there is no doubt that we should raise the public awareness of energy saving.

As a member of the Environmental Protection Committee of my school, it is my responsibility to encourage other students to save energy together. By taking various simple actions at school, Hong Kong students can have great influence and contribution on saving energy. For example, students can turn off lights and air-conditioners when classrooms are not in use. Moreover, students can turn off air-conditioning when the out-door air temperature is not higher than 25.5°C. If they really feel hot, they can open the windows or fans instead. Furthermore, notice that many students use disposable cutleries and lunch boxes for lunch while they can bring their own reusable ones. The reason why this is especially important is that lunch boxes and cutleries are the major sources of waste from schools. A lot of energy is required to contend with those unbiodegradable wastes and therefore this leads to severe energy wastage. Had we not dumped a large amount of waste into the landfills every day, landfills in Hong Kong would not have been estimated to be filled up so soon. Nothing is more essential than to save energy and save Hong Kong.

Not only can students save energy by changing our daily habits, joining activities associated to energy conservation also helps. Clubs and societies at school can design activities about energy saving for students to participate in. For instance, the Visual Arts Club can hold poster design competitions and English society can hold writing or speaking competitions related to energy problems. For other students, they can join those activities proactively in order to know more about energy problems. By participating in or organizing those activities, I am sure that the students can be more aware of energy wastage. It is even better that the posters and writings be posted at school. By posting them at every corner on campus, students can be reminded to save

energy whenever they see them. What is more, this can encourage others to save energy together when other people visit the school.

Energy wastage is closely related to our daily behavior. Since it is an indisputable fact that this problem is extremely urgent, on no account can we ignore it. Students can take part in saving energy by some simple actions, such as turning off electronic appliances which are not in use, and either holding or participating in activities associated to energy saving. I believe that none of us wants our future to be lack of energy, the air full of pollutants and everyone get respiratory diseases because of the pollutants in the atmosphere. Therefore, it really pays to save energy in Hong Kong together. The sooner we start saving energy, the better the future will be.

Yours faithfully,

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