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A letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concerns about energy saving in Hong Kong. I have discovered that not many students in school are environmentally aware enough, especially on energy wastage. So, I would like to suggest some ways to address this issue.

Firstly, I have found that many students switch on the air conditioners but they do not use the fans or open the windows when they are hot. In Hong Kong, air conditioning systems consume about a third of the total electricity usage. Furthermore, most of the electricity we use is generated by burning fossil fuels in power plants. Fossil fuels are non-renewable energy. If we use fossil fuels at the current rate, we will soon run out of them. Therefore, whenever possible, use fans instead of air conditioners. If we still feel hot, we can turn on the air conditioner but tune the air conditioning temperature to the most appropriate 25.5°C. It can save about 10% of energy.

Secondly, many students forget to turn off electric appliances after they use them. For example, they forget to turn off the lights and projectors when they leave the classroom for other lessons. It leads to large amount of energy wasted. In view of this, I think each class should have a representative selected to make sure all electric products are off when they are not in use.

I hope my letter can raise students' awareness on energy conservation. I wish all of the people in Hong Kong would take prompt action to solve the above problems.

Yours faithfully,

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