

A Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concerns about the energy saving in Hong Kong. According to the report of EMSD in 2019, the energy consumption in Hong Kong was 286270 TJ, which had increased by 20% compared with the figure of 2018. If we keep sweeping the problem of energy wastage under the carpet, our future will be like a hazy picture. In other words, there is no hope. To cope with this severe problem, we can start from our school first.

The very first thing we should do is not to create some unnecessary wastage of energy. It is not difficult to see students who do not turn off the lights when the whole class leaves the classroom. This careless action looks like nothing important; however, it always becomes the culprit of energy wastage, as energy is consumed during the time when no one is in the classroom. Therefore, it is indispensable that the electrical appliances including lights, projectors, fans and so forth should be turned off when they will not be used instantly. Nevertheless, even if we practise the above action, there are still some practices we can do to cut down on the consumption of energy. For instance, turning off some lights in the classroom when the sunlight is sufficient for us to read is a good practice. Also, we should turn off the air-conditioners when the weather is not too hot. To conclude, switching off electrical devices when they are not in use is an effortless way to conserve energy.

Sometimes, solutions working out with concerted effort is preferable than working solely. Therefore, I suggested that an energy saving campaign be launched in school. In this campaign, teachers and students should spare a short period of time. During this period, any electrical appliances should not be used. Teachers and students alike can make good use of this time to share some information or tips of energy conservation with one another. Not only does the consumption of energy fall, our awareness of energy efficiency will also be raised through this meaningful event. If students are aware of the importance of saving energy, they will be more willing to follow those practices aiming to save energy. To summarize, an energy-saving event kills two birds with one stone and is an effective way to reduce wastage of energy.

In conclusion, avoid using electrical devices when they are not in use and organizing various energy saving activities are the recipes for conserving energy. Nowadays,

energy conservation has been a trending issue. However, if we turn a deaf ear to this significant problem, I believe we, humans will finally become the victims of energy problem. So why don't we solve this problem before it is too late?

Yours faithfully,

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