

# Hong Kong Is No Longer An Attractive Tourist Destination

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Hong Kong has once been a favourable tourist destination. She was beautifully named as “The Pearl of the Orient”, “Shoppers’ Paradise”, “Food Paradise” and so on. However, it is rather corny to use these phrases to describe Hong Kong now. Hong Kong is no longer the “Pearl” or “Paradise”. She even scares some tourists away.

There are serious problems which make tourists stay away. The first problem is pollution, particularly air and water pollution. Tourists lose their desire for shopping when they are walking in Causeway Bay and Mongkok because of the choking air. No one dares to swim in the sea where there is rubbish is drifting around.

The second problem is discourtesy. Hong Kong people can be rude. They like talking on the mobile phone loudly in public places, like in train compartments. They also like speaking while eating. Moreover, it is simply not a habit for Hong Kong people to switch off mobile phones in cinemas. These kinds of behaviour are annoying.

The last fatal problem is the running out of tourist attractions. The Peak, Ocean Park, Repulse Bay and the Hong Kong Space Museum have been tourist spots for decades. These places are becoming old and boring and fail to attract tourists to come again.

Fortunately, those serious problems can be solved. For air pollution, the government can organize some projects to plant small trees such as cactuses along the roads. Schools can provide courses in environmental protection. The government can also impose legislation to protect the environment.

Civic education is a way to cultivate courtesy among Hong Kong people. There are two methods, namely providing courses and educating the public through publicity. The government can invite pop stars to promote courtesy. Hong Kong’s image will be improved very soon.

In order to increase the number of attractions, the government can explore more natural places. The application procedure for visiting Mai Po Nature Reserve and the marshy parks can be simplified so tourists can visit these places more easily. The government can also build some museums about special features of Hong Kong.



To improve tourism in Hong Kong, the above problems must first be solved. We should gain back the good names of “Shoppers’ Paradise”, “Food Paradise” and “The Pearl of the Orient”.

Teacher’s Feedback : The organization of the essay is good. Florence is able to point out clearly the problems leading to the decline of tourism in Hong Kong clearly. She can also give constructive suggestions to improve the situation. (Miss Lui Hoi Yee)

Food For Thought : What do you expect to see after the implementation of the solutions and improvement?

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