

A Green Campaign

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Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the issue of school lunch waste and to share my school's success story with your readers.

According to a survey, schools in Hong Kong dispose of 270,000 lunch boxes a day and generate more than 100 tons of food waste. It is easy to see that disposing of waste is a serious problem in Hong Kong. In order to highlight the problem among students, our school Green Club organized a campaign called 'Reduce and Reuse' last week.

We asked our schoolmates to reduce food waste by taking away uneaten food back home. They were encouraged to take their lunch to school in reusable lunch bags or containers. We also asked our schoolmates not to buy food that had a lot of packaging. Besides, we requested our food supplier to get rid of plastic lunch boxes and not to provide any plastic cutlery for our schoolmates to take.

The campaign was successful because we could cut the waste by 60%. Our schoolmates were proud of our school because all students actively took part in the campaign. They were eager to reduce school lunch waste and to tell other schools to run similar campaigns.

We have learnt from this campaign that we can save the Earth and we should teach our next generation to protect the environment. We ought to reduce the use of non-renewable products. We also plan to organize similar activities to teach the whole school more about environmental protection.

Therefore, we urge the government to start educating students, parents and school staff about where our trash ends up and how we can reduce the amount of trash we generate every day. We believe that all schools in Hong Kong can organize more green activities to raise their students' awareness of the waste problem in Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully,
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Teacher's Feedback : You have got a lot of useful information in your letter. You have also used an appropriate tone for a letter to the editor. (Miss Tse Kit Wan)