

Economy or Environment?

Do you have the habit of smoking? Indoor smoking has been banned totally in Hong Kong. There has been a bitter controversy about it. Different parties in the society have been strongly affected, namely the karaoke or bar owners, heavy smokers and Chinese restaurant managers.

In the views of karaoke or bar owners, they strongly oppose the law. They said that the law affects their business in a large extent. As we all know, karaokes and bars are the most popular places for us to unwind ourselves. Most of the customers like to smoke. They enjoy smoking with friends in karaokes or bars. They find that it is cosy. After the law is implemented, smokers do not go to the karaokes or bars frequently. They think that going to the karaokes or bars is not valuable than before because they cannot smoke anymore. As a result, the income of karaokes or bars owner is definitely decreased.

In the opinion of the heavy smokers, they distaste it very much. Smoking has become of prime importance to their lives. They even cannot live without tobacco! As the law is passed, they do not go to indoor places such as entertainment premises and reataurants oftenly. It is because they find it is intolerable to withstand not smoking in a room in a few hours. They complained that the government stands aloof from their need.

From Chinese restaurant manager's perspective, they approve the law has to put into practice. The Chinese restaurants are suitable for a family to go. They always go with the elderly and children. There is always argument between the customers about smoking before the implementation of the law. The customers often complain about the 'smoking table' next to them. After the enforcement of the law, it can reduce the argument to a large extent. Besides, it also increases the sales revenue. It is because more people would like to go with their family. They enjoy the smoke-free environment.

In my points of view, I agree with the implementation of the practice. We all have a part to play in protecting our environment. The air pollution in Hong Kong became more serious. We should spare every effort to solve the problem as soon as possible. As a result, the enforcement of banning the indoor smoking is one of the ways for making 'Blue Hong Kong'. Besides, it does good for Hong Kong tourism. According to a survey, 70% of tourists travel to a country regarding to its environment. If you are the tourists, there is lots of smoke when you enter a restaurant. What do you feel? Providing a clean environment is essential to the tourism of a country.

To summarize, everyone has different perspectives on banning the indoor smoking. However, the law has been implemented, it is a fact already. Therefore, all of us need to follow the law. For the one who has the habit of smoking, please quit smoking!