

Hi everyone,

I am writing to talk about the landfill problem in Hong Kong and suggest some solutions to the problem.

The landfill problem is serious and worsening in Hong Kong. Hong Kong is running out of landfill space which all existing landfills will be filled by the mid-2010s. It is not a pleasure feeling to be surrounded by a load of rubbish which affects your health and gives out bad smell. I believe that this is not all of Hong Kong people want.

In my opinion, landfill problem becomes worsen because of the wasteful lifestyle. Hong Kong people waste volume of food which some of them can be eaten. For example, supermarkets throw away the food such as bread which can be eaten. They should donate them to the food bank or charity organizations to help the needed.

Besides, the government lacks policies to control the amount of rubbish. This leads to landfill problem. The effort of promoting recycling is not enough, leading to people just throw away the useful things. This increases the amount of domestic waste. They just discuss and suggest expanding the area of landfill. It is obviously not an effective way to solve the problem.

If we want to solve the landfill problem, we should reduce the domestic waste first. It can be work on either the government or the public. In short run, the government has to set up a policy to control and reduce the waste. This can encourage people to recycle and reduce wastes. Also, the government can provide more resources and capital to the companies which deal with the useful waste. Since most of them could not continue their business because of lack of capital and help, the support from government is essential.

Moreover, it is better to set up facilities which can deal with the waste. Hong Kong government can take Japan and Taiwan's measure on solving the landfill problem as an example.

In the long run, we should educate children on the importance of environmental protection. If we teach them about the knowledge of saving resource and reducing waste, they may have awareness to protect the environment when they grow up. This benefits the life of next generation in Hong Kong.

The public should take an active role in reducing domestic waste instead of relying on the government. We must solve the landfill problem. This not only improves our living environment, but also creates a comfortable and beautiful place for the next generation.

Yours faithfully,

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