

Good morning principal, teachers and my fellow students. I believe all of you know that the landfills in Hong Kong are going to be filled up by 2019, that is three years from now. However, do you know which kind of waste has occupied most of the landfills? Surprisingly, the answer is food. Food has account for one-third of the solid waste and therefore we can say that food wastage is the root cause of excessive waste in HK.

I've collected some information about the problem of food waste. In fact, when eating at home, many people will leave behind a considerable amount of food, but most of them are quite willing to reduce leftovers because if they buy less food, they can save money. However, when eating outside, people pay a fixed price for a fixed amount of food and so not many people can reduce the food wasted when dining outside.

As for the government's advertisements, although many people have heard of the advertisements on reduction of food waste, seldom can these advertisements motivate them to save food. Therefore, we can say that the advertisements are not influential enough.

In view of the above analysis, it is suggested that the government should adopt measures to encourage people to reduce leftover.

First of all, the government can relate the problem of food wastage to people's next generation. If people know that food waste has contributed a lot to the fill up of landfills and might ultimately harm sustainable development, people will be alerted because this is related to the future lives of their offspring.

Apart from this, the government can also extend the food waste recycling projects in housing estates. I believe that many of you have not heard of this project. Actually this is normal because it only covers a few housing estates. If the scale and coverage of this scheme can be increased, more household leftovers can be collected and be transformed into fertilisers and suchlike, rather than being discarded in the landfills.

Principal, teachers and my fellow students, I do not want my sons, daughters and grandchildren to be living in a place that is full of landfills. I believe every one of you here has the same wish therefore take action now and save food. Thank you.