All We Want Is A Green School Picnic (by Tang Pui Ying F.4B)

Dear Principal,

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with how students behaved during the school picnic and to draw your kind attention to the possible ways to raise students' awareness of environmental protection.

As the leader of the Student Environmental Protection Ambassadors, I am deeply annoyed by students' behaviour during the picnic. Last week, we went to the Hong Kong Park for our annual school picnic. It was supposed to be a wonderful day but it was ruined by our students sadly. Many of them used a large amount of disposable items like plastic bottles and paper cups. Worse still, they disposed of these used items in the park casually which certainly has polluted the natural environment and put pressure on the landfills in Hong Kong.

Apart from this, the problem of leftover food is another concern. Most students prepared tons of food which they could not fully consume. The situation was definitely frustrating as all these of food scraps went directly into trash bins, leading to other serious environmental impacts like global warming.

As a responsible member of the earth village, we should do our best to protect the environment. Therefore, I kindly request the school to raise students' awareness of environmental protection by implementing the following activities.

A beach clean-up campaign can be organized. Students are required to take part in this event as a compulsory school activity. The purposes are to clean up the beaches as well as to gather information about the litter found on those beaches. It is believed that the activity helps students understand the gravity of environmental pollution and raise their awareness of environmental protection.

An inter-class competition can be organized too. Students are required to take up their responsibilities and live a green school life. The purpose is to promote green practices at school by encouraging students to reduce waste, save energy, use resources effectively and keep classrooms clean and tidy. The class with the best performance in each form will be given Awards for Environmental Excellence.

Thank you for your kind attention and prompt action taken to address the problems. I sincerely hope that my suggestions would be accepted.

Yours faithfully, Chris Chris Wong