

5B03 Chan Ka Kit

Dear Ms Lee,

I am writing to propose a new volunteering project our school can carry out with Hands On, an animal shelter in our district. As the chairperson of the volunteering club, I would like our school to develop closer links with the community by offering help. I believe this project would help achieve this aim.

One activity our committee members think our volunteers could carry out is to volunteer at the shelter getting both the good and bad experience of taking care of animals. There have been many cases of abandonment of animals in Sham Shui Po in recent years. I hope to take this opportunity to make everyone think carefully before adopting animals, so as to avoid the occurrence of abandonment. Hands On has agreed to provide training on handling animals. Dates of visits will be confirmed after further communication.

It is hoped that this project would provide the shelter with several benefits. First, it can release the workload of the staff. I hope that it can therefore improve the quality of their service. Second, more time may allow the staff to focus more on other aspects, for example, adoption and desexing stray animals. Also, our volunteers can take the lead to promote the impact of abandoned animals to the district at school. In the long term, we are helping to pass the message to the public that animals deserve help and many abandoned animals are waiting to be adopted.

I really hope you would kindly accept my project and I look forward to your favorable reply.

Yours sincerely,  
Chris Wong

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Dear Editor,

It has recently been brought to my attention that less than 3% of all vehicles sold in 2020 worldwide were electric. As an environmentalist, I am writing to shed light on the reason behind and suggest what can be done.

To commence with, one of the causes of the poor sales of electric cars is the inconvenience. For the current shortage of electric vehicle charging facilities in city centers, drivers need to spend much time looking for charging station, which causes inconvenience.

Also, the lack of environmental awareness contributes to this problem. Most of the electric vehicles on the market are more expensive than traditional gas vehicles, and drivers around the world are unwilling to pay expensive money to buy electric vehicles resulting in increased carbon emissions and thus affecting the ecological environment.

Another reason that comes to my mind is the lack of promotion. The government's promotion of electing vehicles is insufficient, and the general public is unaware of the disadvantages of traditional gasoline vehicles and benefits of electric vehicles on the environment.

In spite of the existing problems, there are some effective measures to increase the popularity of electric cars. First, offer economic incentives. The government can promote tax reduction to increase the willingness of the public to buy electric vehicles, and to allow drivers to switch from gasoline vehicles to electric ones.

On top of that, the government can add more charging stations in various parts of the city, allowing citizens to charge their cars quickly. In addition, the government can also design some applications so that car owners can know where the charging stations are and whether they are being occupied, so as to improve efficiency and convenience.

Besides, the government can not only improve facilities but also promote education. By cultivating the concept of environmental protection, electric vehicles will become most drivers preference in the future.

In conclusion, the unpopularity of electric cars is not irreversible. Take action now to save the blue skies and fresh air for the next generation.

Yours faithfully,  
Chris Wong

### Three days on fighting the waste problem

Last week, I joined a charity work to help to sort out the clothes collected from recycling bins around Hong Kong. We spent 30 hours in three days sorting out those clothes. It was not an easy task at all! When we arrived at the 500-square-feet, there were tons of clothes piling up. Redress is not a well-known charity organization. Therefore, there were only a dozen of us helped to sort out the clothes. It seemed impossible that we have to throw away worn out clothes, such as moldy underwear, broken handbags and socks with holes on them.

Although many clothes were old, there were some clothes which were still in good conditions. We sorted out countless clothes that were brand-new. What a waste of resources. Due to the unhealthy shopping culture, Hong Kongers used to buy new clothes which are unnecessary. Online shopping is also the culprit of this phenomenon. Because of the incredible convenience, people tend to buy clothes more frequently, resulting in more severe pollutions.

It is hoped that the world will be less materialistic and people could learn to appreciate others based on their inner beauty, but not their appearance or wealth. In this way, people will purchase less useless clothes and become less wasteful.

I would definitely recommend shopaholics and people who used to purchase uncountable clothes to take part in similar events. By seeing the tremendous amount of clothes wasted, they may stop buying inessential clothes. Hence, I learnt to reduce waste from the source.

### Volunteer for Redress

Last weekend was special for me. I joined a volunteer activity at Redress, a local charity organization to help sort out the clothes collected for recycling around Hong Kong. So why was it special? It was not just another charity event.

It took me three whole days to work in a 5000-square-foot warehouse with tons of clothes piling up. It was astonishing for me. It was hard work but I learnt a lot. Do you guys know that not all clothes can be donated? My job was to throw away worn out clothes, moldy underwear, socks and broken handbags and sort out clothes according to size and type.

It sounds very hard but I could handle it, except dealing with moldy clothes because it's a bit disgusting. The greatest part was that you could find a lot of weird things there. Anything you can imagine can be found from coins to a cat. Of course, it made the stuff so confused.

I see the question in your eyes. Why were there so many clothes? Some were even brand new! It reflected our shopping culture.

Is online shopping the culprit? Not at all. Materialism should be blamed. People value a person based on appearance or wealth and therefore clothes are important. However, I choose to judge someone by inner beauty. What do you think? Leave a comment below.

5B01 Au Ho Kuen

Dear Ms Lee,

I am writing to propose a new volunteering project our school can carry out with an animal shelter in Sham Shui Po, Hands On. As the chairperson of the Volunteering Club, I would like the school to develop closer links with the community. I believe this project would help achieve this aim.

One activity our committee members think our volunteers could carry out is to help at the shelter, such as walking the dogs, preparing meals for animals and cleaning the shelter. Volunteers will learn how an animal shelter works. The activity will be held every Sunday started from 29<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2021, in Victoria Park, Hands On Headquarters.

It is hoped that this project would provide the shelter with several benefits. First, it can release the workload of the staff. Also. The staff can focus more on other aspects, such as adoption, promotion, education and fundraising. More importantly, it can pass a message to the public that animals and the animal shelter need everyone's help.

I really hope you would kindly accept my project and I look forward to your favourable reply.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Wong

Chairperson of the Volunteering Club

### Volunteering at Redress

Last weekend, I joined a volunteer activity organized by Redress, a local charity organization to help sort out the clothes collected from recycling bins around Hong Kong. Around 500 volunteers including me went into a huge warehouse which was around 5000-square-feet and the first thing we saw was tons of clothes. After 3 days, we finally sorted all the clothes for recycling in just one month! During the meaningful three days, we needed to sort worn out clothes, moldy underwear or broken handbags. We wouldn't keep them for recycling, and the fun fact is that socks also shouldn't be put in a recycling bin.

After this volunteering experience, I realized that we are all sharing an unhealthy shopping culture. Companies tempting you to buy more, but the problem is you don't actually need the products or you already have one. What a horrible culture!

Another thing I discovered was materialism. People who are materialistic buying a lot of expensive but useless or unnecessary stuff. That'll be a total waste of money and resources.

Lastly, I recommend all of you guys to join the volunteer activity, because it is very meaningful for everybody. Also people should think twice before buying anything.

New Island Secondary School  
Pet Care Club

### Introduction

You know what? Our school recently set up a new club called “Pet Care Club”. We aim to increase students’ awareness of pet caring. To achieve the aim, we will run several fun activities this year. And we will make sure you will learn everything you need about pet caring!

### Things to learn

This club isn’t just for fun; it’s meaningful. Members will learn how to take care of pets, like cats, dogs, even birds and turtles. If you are interested in pet caring, we can facilitate you with career related training such as grooming and breeding. We also offer practical classes and vocational training in a very low price.

### Fun Activities

To have fun is to love life and to love life is to live in contentment. Therefore, we will hold several fun activities throughout the year to make sure you are getting fun. The first event will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. It’s a member gathering after school at the Pet Care Club Room, and we will offer some dessert for members. To get ideas for planning the activities for the second term, we will discuss what members want to learn. The second and third event will be talks about adopting a pet and volunteering work in animal shelters. For more details about upcoming activities, we will announce later on our Instagram.