

### **Mountains Of Clothes (By 5A Winnie,no.22)**

Last weekend, I joined a volunteer activity organized by a charity organization in Hong Kong to help sort out the clothes collected from recycling around Hong Kong.

Let me introduce this charity activity to everyone. There were more than 50 other volunteers who participated in this charity activity. These volunteers were very helpful and friendly. I also made a few friends. The activity lasted for two days and recycling bins were placed for 30 hours. Our tasks were to sort out the clothes which were collected from recycling bins. I still can't forget my shocked expression after seeing the mountains of clothes!

On the first day, we sorted out the clothes according to the size and type of recycling bins. Those clothes were very messy, we chose the clean and undamaged clothes. It took us two whole days to classify the second-hand clothes. In addition, we cleaned and washed the clothes we picked out again. For example, the summer clothes were placed in the upper layer of the closet, winter clothes in the lower layer of the closet or washed the socks and T-shirts together.

On the next day, we gave clean clothes to the homeless, and some to old people living alone. Our job consists of helping old people who live alone. We sent some children's clothing to few orphanages. The children were very happy and shared their candies with us to eat.

After two days of busy work, I was really tired, but I felt very satisfied. After participated in this volunteer activity, I also learned a lot of experience and understood a lot of truth about recycling. The pieces of clothing we inadvertently threw away will also pile up as a result. Nowadays, people materialism is prevailing as people have become richer, so they don't have to worry about food and drink and they don't care about buying clothes. There are also people who pursue fashion and always buy the latest clothes although these clothes are still well-fitted and clean, plus they were not damaged, but they were discarded because they don't like these clothes.

I hope that more people can participate in environmental protection activities. There is only one earth, and the earth's resources are very limited. Once consumed, it will take a long time to recover. From my experience, I concluded that over-consumerism leads to wastefulness. Friends ! Let's protect this earth together!