## **Environmental Pollution Warning** (By 5A Iris, no. 3)

Nowadays, the population in Hong Kong is growing rapidly, and more and more natural resources are needed as a result, which has caused a global crisis in nature ---environmental pollution. Consequently, it is significantly important to raise people's awareness on how environmental problems are threatening the quality of life in Hong Kong.

Therefore, now in order to ease environmental pollution in Hong Kong and to raise people's awareness of environmental pollution such as to take action to protect the environment, and to create a green home together, everyone should do their part.

Starting from the water resources that people must use every day as improper use by people causes water pollution. There are two reasons for water pollution. First, during the agricultural production process, pesticides and fertilizers are used, causing soil pollution. Through rainfall, harmful substances in pesticides can seep into surface water and thus polluting water resources.

Second, the city is densely populated. The sewage generated in people's daily life, such as the sewage discharged from the kitchen, bathroom, and toilet, flows into the river, which will pollute the water quality of the entire river and cause pollution.

The impact of water pollution may also harm the environment. First, people will be affected by the contaminated water which will cause bacterial intestinal diseases. In addition, if polluted water flows into the ocean, it will affect the water quality of the entire ocean, destroy the habitat environment of marine life, and affect the biodiversity as well.

Therefore, we should not sit idly and ignore the impact of water pollution. There are two possible solutions to solve water pollution. First, the Government can regulate factory wastewater and must be purified before it can be discharged. Violators will be dealt with in accordance with the law, such as fines. Next, environmental protection related lectures can be conducted to teach students on how to protect the environment and increase their awareness in protecting the environment.

Lastly, a green environment cannot rely solely on the actions of one person but depends on everyone to protect the environment. Therefore, it is hoped that the action of environmental protection, can influence other people through individual effects, and help to join effects to protect the environment, so as to create a greener home, and maintain environmental sustainability.