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Dear Editor,

I am writing to provide some recommendations on how to make Hong Kong a more environmentally friendly city. Nowadays, the awareness of protecting the environment among people has been decreasing, and Hong Kong has been falling behind in its initiatives in environmental protection compared to other Asian cities. Therefore, it is important for us to protect the environment.

On an individual level, people can protect the environment by developing good habits in their daily lives. We can reduce water wastage, air pollution, and plastic waste. For example, people can turn on fans instead of air-conditioners and take showers instead of baths. Moreover, people can also bring their water bottles or utensils when they go out. Apart from that, citizens can also raise funds for green projects or even become volunteers to plant trees to make the air cleaner. These actions can significantly reduce pollution and waste in Hong Kong. Therefore, these methods are suggested to the general public to make the city more environmentally friendly.

Additionally, the government can increase people's awareness or even set up facilities. They can offer attractive rewards to residents who are environmentally friendly. For instance, free ingredients or furniture could be given if people use less electricity or water. Besides, the government can also encourage schools to install solar panels on their roofs to generate electricity by converting sunlight into energy. On top of that, organizations like NGOs or Green Earth can hold events to encourage people to protect the environment. Therefore, people's awareness of protecting the environment can be raised, and a better environment will be created.

As a final point, our city can also cooperate with other cities to protect the environment. We can learn from other countries or even work with them. For example, cafes in Korea have stopped using plastic cups, which is feasible to implement in Hong Kong. In the meantime, Hong Kong can limit the burning of fuels by industries in collaboration with other countries to reduce carbon emissions; the consequences and effects can be seen easily. A small number of rubbish bins on the streets in Japan can also be implemented in Hong Kong. People may try to produce less rubbish because they do not want to keep carrying it, as only a few rubbish bins can be found on the streets. With the help of the city, environmental quality can be improved.

Overall, these forward-looking methods should be considered so that a more environmentally friendly city can be created. Individuals, the government, and the city have the responsibility to protect the environment. With the hard work of everyone, it is believed that the government of the city will improve soon.

Yours faithfully,

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