

An email reply to a pen friend from America

To: markedison@yahoo.com.hk

From: janjan@hotmail.com.hk

Date: 6th February, 2010

Subject: Re: Coming to Hong Kong

Hi Mark!

How's life? Is it good?

I was so happy and excited when you told me you are coming to Hong Kong this Lunar New Year. Don't worry! I will come to the airport and pick you up on time. Then, we can play together for four days. How exciting!

I have a plan for you suggesting how you should spend your time in Hong Kong. You will love it! On the first day, I will go to The Peak with you and your family. This is one of the famous places in Hong Kong. It has such a beautiful view, I am sure that you won't believe your eyes and what you see! Hahaha...

On the second day, you said that you would love to go to Disneyland. Then your dream will come true. We will go to Disneyland for a whole day. Sounds great, right?

On the third day, you and your family will come to my house to visit my parents. According to the tradition, you should say 'Kung Hei Fat Choi' or 'stay healthy' to my parents which means good luck in the following year. Then they will give you a red packet. My mother will prepare lots of food, such as turnip cakes, rice cakes and candies to celebrate Lunar New Year! YUMMY!!! In the evening, we will go to Victoria Harbour to watch the fireworks display. It will be very crowded. Trust me! I am sure the fireworks display will be very beautiful.

On the last day, I suggest you and your family going around Hong Kong. Do you know why? It's because you can eat the famous food of Hong Kong with me. For example, egg tarts, fishballs and milk tea. You have to try these! After that, I will take you to the airport. I will miss you!

Mum is calling me now. Time to stop here. I look forward to seeing you!

Love,
Jan



Jonathan's Mid-Autumn Festival

Full moon, lanterns, mooncakes...

Yes, you are right! It is Mid-Autumn Festival! Everyone loves this festival, so does Jonathan.

In this annual festival, Jonathan used to have a big dinner with his family. There were a lot of yummy dishes and they enjoyed them very much! This year, Jonathan's grandfather told him a story about Mid-Autumn Festival. The story was about a person called Cheng-O, who had eaten a special pill and then floated up into the sky towards the moon on the fifteenth day of the eighth month of the Lunar calendar. Later, people named this day Mid-Autumn Festival!

After Jonathan's family had finished their dinner, they went to a park to see the moon, which was believed to be the biggest full moon in the whole year. Jonathan was so excited when he saw the full moon. "It is really beautiful!" he said. His mother bought him a lantern and some moon cakes, too.

Suddenly, there were some clouds in the sky, the moon was hidden by these clouds and the moon became dimmer and dimmer. Jonathan was very disappointed. He wished the moon would appear again, but it didn't. Instead, there was a heavy rainfall. Jonathan and his family ran back to their house as fast as they could.

Jonathan was extremely sad, he could only stay at home and look out of the window to see the cloudy moon. His dad wanted to cheer him up so he got a piece of yellow paper and cut out a circle to imitate the full moon. Jonathan laughed when he saw the 'moon' and thanked his dad for his artwork.



A Letter to a pen friend from America

10th January, 2010

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your letter. Last time, you told me that you and your family would come to Hong Kong in the Lunar New Year. Here are some suggestions so you and your family can have a delightful experience in Hong Kong.

You are really fortunate because it is Chinese New Year Eve on 13th February. I have planned some activities for you. The flower market is worth visiting. Last year, I bought some white lilies from the market; they smell really good! I think you could buy what you want or just look around. The flower market would be very crowded as lots of people seem to like being like a tin of tuna fish! Does this sound fun?

On the first day of the Lunar New Year, I will go and visit all my relatives with you. They are all very nice. You can get the first red packet in your life! Nevertheless, you may feel quite tired after that as you will have to walk for a long time. Anyway, I think you will still love it.

In addition, you can go and watch the fireworks display with your family. Although you can watch fireworks display in America, it will still be special for you. You can take some photos and never forget these beautiful memories of Chinese New Year.

Finally, you told me that you would like to go to Disneyland. OK! I will go with you if I can. But if not, you can still go with your family. You will see many decorations about Lunar New Year in Disneyland. Although Hong Kong Disneyland is the smallest Disneyland in the world, it will be fun and entertaining to go there.

Are you looking forward to doing these programmes? Of course, you can change whatever you like. Maybe, we can discuss about them.

Oops! It's time to go to bed. Let's stop here. Remember to write to me again.

Yours,

Jan



Mid-Autumn Festival

The best experience I have ever had when celebrating a festival was the Mid-Autumn Festival this year. It was a warm and happy festival. This is the first time that I experienced the true meaning of Mid-Autumn Festival, as it is time for the family reunion.

My elder sister is studying in England this year and for this reason we cannot celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival with her. This year, we have a new member, my nephew.

The activities were more or less the same as what we did last year. We had nothing to do in the morning. However, my mother prepared the dinner for the whole day. It was a great dinner. Every one came back, except my elder sister. Frankly, I was not happy because I really miss her.

After dinner, my family and I went to the park to admire the full moon. We also played lanterns and lit candles. This is the first time my nephew played with lanterns. Of course he was not allowed to light candles. It is too dangerous to let a baby play with fire.

It was a cloudy day. The moon was hiding beside the clouds. The weather was just like my feeling — sad. We had waited for a long time. Finally we saw the full moon. It was always said that a full moon means reunion. When we went home, I saw someone come. “Oh, my god!” I shouted. I couldn’t believe my eyes. It was my elder sister. She came back from England. I was so happy and surprised that I ran to her and gave her a big hug. Then my mother told us to go home as she had made sweet dumplings.

This experience made me feel that family is really important. I will treasure every day with my family.



A day on Lantau Island

Last Sunday, I went to Lantau Island with my family. It was a great trip.

First, we travelled to Lantau Island by ferry and took the Ngong Ping Skyrail. This is the first time I went to Ngong Ping 360. I was very excited about it. The skyrail in Ngong Ping is different from the cable cars at Ocean Park. The skyrail in Ngong Ping was bigger and we could see the views clearly through the glass floor of the cable cars. I liked it very much.

Then, we went to the Big Buddha. It was huge! The Big Buddha is a famous spot at Ngong Ping 360; it attracts hundreds of people every holiday. We had stayed there for almost an hour. We took a lot of photos in front of the Big Buddha.

After that, we went to a Chinese restaurant to have a vegetarian meal for lunch. Honestly, I was not too interested in any vegetarian meal but my mother was. She said the vegetarian meal was great and healthy; I should eat such meals more often instead of McDonald's.

After the meal, we went to the Ngong Ping Village nearby. Ngong Ping Village was also a famous spot. There were a lot of shops which were like the markets in ancient China. We walked in the village for three hours! It made me very tired. I bought some accessories from the shops. They were beautiful but expensive. They cost about \$100.

Some special things happened in the trip to Ngong Ping Village. I met my friends, Jason and Mary! It was lucky for me because I hadn't seen them since Form 1.

I thought the trip to Lantau Island was great. I love Ngong Ping Village the most. In the end, I decided that I will invite my friends to go there again.



A letter of advice

20th November, 2009

Dear Aunt Teresa,

Recently, I have been really upset about my appearance. I am always teased by my classmates because of my appearance and also my hair style. Apart from this, I often argue with my mum.

First, my classmates said that I was ugly because I have many freckles and pimples on my face. They also said that I was obese. That's why they don't play with me. Although I explained to them that I planned to exercise every day, they just thought that I have no chance to become fitter.

All the students in my class go to a hairdresser or barbershop once a month but they don't know that my untidy hair is cut by my father. My classmates always teased me about having a bad hair style and also about the fact that I've never been to a hair salon for a haircut.

Finally, I often argue with my mother. The food at my school's tuck shop is very expensive but my mother only gives me ten dollars a day. Therefore, I always talk about this problem with my mother. When I ask her for more pocket money, she always starts telling me that she works so hard and I start to argue with her.

Aunt Teresa, I hope you can give me some advice and help me solve these problems.

Yours,

TTH



An Application Letter

Flat C, 30/F,
Spring Garden,
Causeway Bay,
Hong Kong

17th November, 2009
The Manager
Fun Time Center
Rainbow House,
28 Po Lam Street,
Taikoo Shing,
Hong Kong

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Application for the position of playtime helper

I am writing to apply for the volunteer of playtime helper, which was advertised in the *Island Times* on 13th November, 2009.

I am a secondary school student at HK & KLN Kaifong Women's Association Sun Fong Chung College and I am a member of the charity club. My responsibilities include selling flags and organizing charity functions outside school with children under 3 years old. I am also a private tutor helping some primary 2-6 students to learn to speak English, Putonghua and Cantonese. I plan to be a kindergarten teacher.

I think that I am the best candidate for the job of playtime helper because I am kind to children, and I like to play with children. In addition, I am particularly patient to those naughty students and I also have strong communication skills in English, Cantonese and Putonghua.

If you are interested in my application, I would be happy to attend an interview at any time that is convenient for you.

Yours faithfully,
James
Chan Hei Ting



An application letter

4643 Tai Po Road

Tai Po Kau

Tai Po, N.T.

12th November, 2009

Mr Chui,
The Director,
Greencare,
414 Pearl Road,
Kowloon

Dear Mr Chui,

Re: Application for the position of Volunteer Tree Planter

I am writing to apply for the position of Volunteer Tree Planter, which was advertised in the *Hong Kong Daily News* on November 11.

I am a Secondary 3 student at Sun Fong Chung College. I am presently the president of the Horticulture Club. Sometimes, I design a lot of games about helping the environment because I think a cleaner environment is important for us. I also plant some flowers and trees with my club members and I enjoy this team activity. We like to join outdoor activities such as cycling and running. These outdoor activities are good for our health. I enjoy working and playing outdoors.

I think that I am a perfect candidate for the position of Volunteer Tree Planter because I have taken part in many games and activities. They are all about helping the environment. I enjoy working outdoors, planting flowers and trees. I am also a good team player. I always take the initiative and try my best to help my club members.

If you are interested in my application, I would be grateful to attend an interview at any time that is convenient for you.

Yours Sincerely,

Cherry Sam
Cherry Sam



Writing an e-mail

To: markedison@yahoo.com.uk
From: janjan@hotmail.com
Date: 6th February, 2010
Subject: Welcome to Hong Kong

Hi Mark! I am very happy to hear that you and your family are coming to Hong Kong during the Lunar New Year holiday. I think that is the happiest period in Hong Kong. I strongly recommend you and your family to spend your holiday in Hong Kong.

You're arriving at seven in the morning on 13th February. That's the last day of the Year of the Ox. There will be many sales, so I suggest you shopping for presents for your relatives or friends in the afternoon. If you plan to dine out, you'd better reserve a table for dinner in advance, since many people will go out to have re-union dinner in restaurants.

On your second day in Hong Kong, it'll be the first day of the Year of Tiger. Most shops will be closed, so I advise you and your family to go to The Peak to enjoy the spectacular view of Victoria Harbour. This is the most popular tourist spot. At night, you may go to Tsim Sha Tsui to join the International Chinese New Year Night Parade, which features beautifully decorated floats, marching bands, colourful dance troupes, and thousands of performers from around the world. You'll enjoy the night.

The next day, you may go to Ocean Park with your family. There are many exciting games for you to play and you'll see different marine life. I'm sure you'll enjoy your day there. At night, you should go to Victoria Harbour to watch the fireworks display. It is very beautiful. I believe your family would like it.

On your last day in Hong Kong, you may go to Mong Kok or Causeway Bay to go shopping. There is a wide variety of shops, so you should be able to buy whatever you want. After shopping, you may go back to the hotel to pack.

I hope you and your family will have a great Lunar New Year in Hong Kong.

Yours,
Jan



A letter to a friend telling her your favourite TV programme

31st March, 2010

Hi Mary,

Hey! How're you, Mary? I'm very good. When will you come back to Hong Kong? I miss you very much.

Last week, I watched a wonderful TV programme. This is the best TV programme I have ever seen. It's about wars. Have you ever heard of it? It's called 'God of Wars'. It was a really cool informative documentary. The programme is about an Iraqi who is a very strong and tough soldier.

Some people asked him, "Why do you keep being a soldier?" Then he said, "I think dying is better than fighting for a soldier." I respect him very much because I do not like wars either. After the interview, the programme talked about the wars, the USA against Iraq. I think it is so unfair to Iraq. The US wants oil, so they use tanks, guns, RPG and soldiers to invade Iraq. When Iraq does not give the US oil, Iraq is attacked. Is that fair?

It is an informative, educational, realistic TV programme. I am sure that you'll like it more than I do. Through this programme, we get to know more about the relationship between the US and Iraq.

The programme is shown from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. every Sunday on Pearl. I hope you'll enjoy it. Why don't you tell me what you think after watching it?

Cheers,
Chris Wong



Dream Job

My dream job is a singer. I really like to sing good songs to entertain people.

To be a professional singer, I need to have a good voice. I cannot be lazy and I must train myself every day. Also I need to be self-confident because I cannot have stage fright at shows. I also have to be beautiful. For example, if a fan wants to take photos with me, I must say yes and look good. Last, I need to be fluent in English and Putonghua so that I can sing songs in languages other than Cantonese.

Why do I want to be a singer? Because I really like to sing and use lyrics to tell people what I want to say. I may use the songs to be a compass when someone gets lost or to find their ways if they go walk astray. And I want to train myself to be tough and strong because I need to learn how to face the ups and downs in my singing life.

My role model is Joey Yung. She is a popular singer in Hong Kong. She is very professional and resilient. Although the media always spreads some bad news about her, like 'Joey Yung is a bad singer of Hong Kong', she never gives up and uses her voice to say 'I'm a good singer'. Action speaks louder than words. I want to learn from her! She is a successful model for me.

If I am a singer, I need to work over-time and try my best to do better than others. I will take setbacks as chances! I will prepare well for the 'war'.



Write an email to a friend and tell her about a new TV programme

20th February, 2010

Dear May,

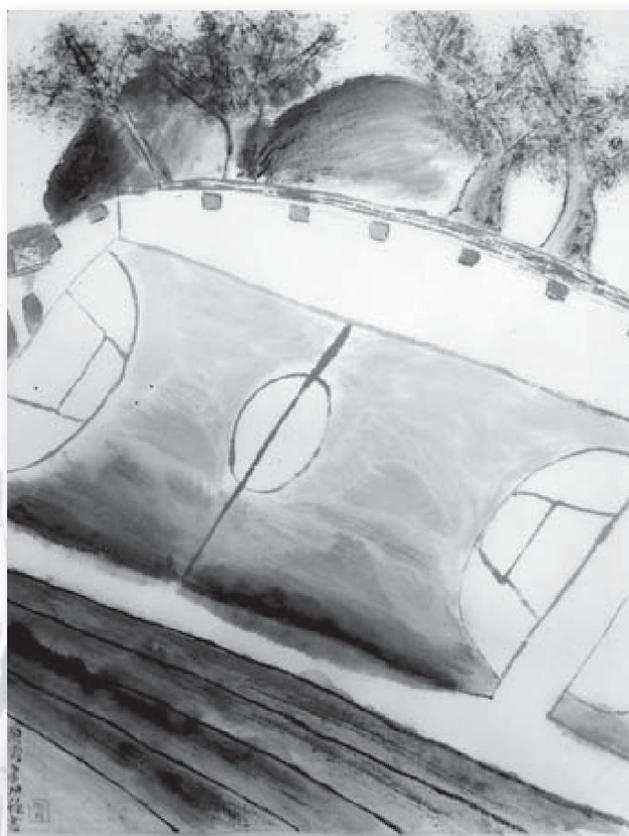
How are you? I would like to tell you about a new TV programme. It's called 'Admiral's Feast'. The programme is a game show.

First, the programme is shown on TVB every Sunday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. The programme is one-hour long. The host of the programme is Eric Tsang. In this show, celebrities are invited to play amusing games. Viewers love the show because they love watching the guests being teased by the host. The guests show off their talents. Therefore, the show is so popular and interesting that I want to keep watching it!

"Admiral's Feast" is a long-lived TV programme. The programme has aired since 2001. Special effects are also used in this programme. For instance, if the guests give wrong answers, the machine will shoot them with cream and the light will go off. I like it because I can see the celebrities and I think it is very exciting.

As a result, the show has been recommended to you because you can relax while watching it.

Yours,
Hiu Man



Write an email to a friend and tell him/ her about a new TV programme

20th February, 2010

Dear Peter,

Hi! How are you? I would like to tell you a new TV programme. It is called "Seconds to Fame". The programme is a game show.

This programme is shown on TVB every Sunday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. The programme is one-hour long. The host of the programme is Eric Tsang. The programme invites famous guests to play some amusing games and the guests will perform singing, dancing and acting. In this show, there are audience and game show hosts. This show is interesting and it is a long-lived TV programme. This programme offers both cash prizes and special prizes to the audience and the guests.

I love this show because this show makes me laugh and happy. I think I will recommend this show to you because this show is funny and hilarious. Furthermore, this show has been running from 1995 to 2010. It is the longest programme. At its peak, more than 1 million audience watched the show in Hong Kong. I think if you watch it, you will like this show.

Yours,
Michael



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Write an article about Sports Day

Our school's Sports Day was successfully held on the 25th and 26th November, 2009. On these two days, I had a happy time because I participated in a number of events.

I participated in shot put, long jump, 1500-meter race, and the 4x100-meter relay. I did not win any awards. However, I ran with the members of my house in the 4x100-meter Inter-House Relay. We got the 1st runner-up. It was exciting and rewarding.

I learned that I could cooperate well with others. Teamwork is important in every sport. I regretted that I did not participate in the 200-meter race. Otherwise, I could have won another award on Sports Days!



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Write a letter to your friend Mary and tell her your favourite TV programme

31st March, 2010

Dear Mary,

How are you? I haven't seen you for a long time. Remember last time you came to my home to celebrate my birthday party? That was fun! Right? How about you? Do you have a great school life? I'm very busy at school every day. There are many tests and quizzes. So I tried to find some ways to relax.

Every day when I come back home, I finish my homework first. Then, I'll watch TV. I love all types of TV programme, except documentary. It's too boring for me. Maybe you like watching documentary. I know you love animals.

My favourite TV programme is 'Gossip Girl'. I watch it every night at about 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.. The actors and actresses are very handsome and pretty. The story is about their high school life. They are all charming. I would like to watch this show because it can improve my poor English. I can learn a lot of English from this show.

I suggest you watching more TV shows. You can find something you can learn and funny watching TV programmes. It is a way to relax myself and also it can help me improve and have better family relationship. It is because we always watch TV together while having dinner. My mother and I both love watching 'The Runway Model'. It's a reality show. It is about models who will be eliminated if they fail any test.

Anyway, I want you to find some ways to relax like the way I do. Watching TV may help. Lastly, I hope you will have a great school life and write back to me soon!

Yours,

Chris Wong



Recently, there has been an international debate on the ban on bluefin tuna. Struggling between a tasty dish and an ecological awareness, 4A Law Yuen Chi Melody wrote her opinions on the bluefin tuna ban.

Eating the bluefin tuna should be banned

We should stop eating bluefin tuna and ban the bluefin trade in Hong Kong or even in Japan.

According to the Young Post dated March 18, 175 countries who signed up to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species are meeting in Qatar to discuss how to preserve tuna. However, in Japan, which imports about 80 per cent of Atlantic bluefin, the proposed ban is strongly opposed.

I strongly agree with the proposed ban on the international trade of bluefin tuna, as the bluefin tuna is facing extinction. It is time to stop eating them.

Firstly, Hong Kong people should stop eating bluefin tuna. If we do not take action now, bluefin tuna will be extinct soon. Although it is a tasty dish, we should try to preserve its numbers. We should care for all living creatures so we should stop being selfish.

Secondly, other than Hong Kong people, Japanese citizens also love eating bluefin tuna very much. As at Tokyo's Tsukiji fish market, about 2,000 tuna are auctioned every day. This can prove that Japan is a major market and killer of bluefin tuna.

Nevertheless, Japan, the world's largest consumer, refuses to allow the proposed ban on the international trade of bluefin tuna. This is a selfish decision and they do not realize the bluefin tuna is nearly extinct and they do not think it is their responsibility to save the bluefin tuna.

Thirdly, the companies who earn a lot by selling bluefin tuna should also help to preserve them by not selling them to Japan or other countries. In addition, I believe that it is high time to raise the public awareness to preserve all the endangered species, not only bluefin tuna.

Therefore, people should take action immediately to protect endangered species. What we can do is to stop eating bluefin tuna and other animals that are facing extinction. Instead, we can eat other types of fishes like salmon or yellowtail. And we should support the proposed ban on the international trade of bluefin tuna. As the demand of the bluefin tuna becomes lower, the companies will not fish them very much.

In conclusion, we should stop eating bluefin tuna and ban the import of bluefin tuna into Hong Kong or Japan to preserve and prevent them from becoming extinct.



An article about Eleven Eleven Campaign: Can an apple change the world?

Yesterday, **Eleven Eleven Campaign** was held in SFCC's school hall. The representative from World Emergency Relief said, "We did not expect this overwhelming support from the students. I hope every Hong Kong citizen will be like the students who are motivated, passionate and active in donating. Many of you replace your lunch with an apple".

Worldwide, 10.6 million children died under the age of 5 in 2003. How could people not help those live in such a tough condition? Perhaps the people were compassionate but had no idea how to help them? Every year, on 11th November, World Emergency Relief holds a series of activities to raise money. The money will be used for providing medical care to children and helping the war victims and orphans in Africa.

Our school supports the **Eleven Eleven Campaign** unconditionally. Our school's Promotion Perfects introduced the details of the activities on 11th November. Also the lunch-box supply company helped change our lunch into an apple. The teachers sang in the music concert in the school hall. Our students donated their money to donate to World Emergency Relief. A total of \$30,000 was raised. It should be able to help a lot of needy children in the third world countries.

The representative from WERHK said, "We used an apple to replace our lunch, because we thought those children in need can't even afford an apple for their lunch."

Our students could enjoy the music concert, but some children in Hong Kong are not contented with their lunch. However, we are so much luckier than the children in other parts of the world, which are suffering from severe economic turbulences. We must share our compassion with them. An apple could totally change the needy's destiny.



*An article about **Eleven Eleven Campaign**: Eat an apple, help the people*

The **Eleven Eleven campaign** is held by World Emergency Relief. The campaign is held on 11th November at our school—SFCC. The purpose is to help the poor.

You can raise money for the charity. Raising money can eliminate the problem of poverty. In Africa, your money can help the children to go to school.

The **Eleven Eleven Campaign** can help personal growth. You can learn to help in this campaign. You can learn more about how poor people work and about their life in the world. You can learn that your help will change other people's life in the world.

How do we bring hope for the future to those children? My classmate, Tom, said, "Donations will provide medical care for children living on garbage dumps; help girls escape from prostitution and teach them work skills. It can help orphans or war famine victims." Tom strongly encouraged other classmates to take part in this campaign. Tom added, "10.6 million children in 2003 did not live to see their fifth birthday. Would you not care about them?" My classmate, Sally, thinks, "Taking part in the campaign is meaningful." "On 11th November at SFCC, you just need to eat an apple at lunch time and raise money, you can save the poor children. The WERHK representatives will visit our school to give us a presentation." Tom said.

The **Eleven Eleven Campaign** can help the needy and help our personal growth. All classmates think it is good. So take part in the campaign! Just an apple, save the people!



An article about Eleven Eleven Campaign: “Eat an apple, save people”

Today is the **Eleven Eleven campaign**. This activity is held on 11th November. This activity is held in some parts of the world, such as Hong Kong. It is organised by World Emergency Relief. The purpose of this activity is to help the needy in poor places. In our school, we will hold a fund raising concert in the school hall and some of our teachers will go onto the stage and sing songs. At the same time, students eat only an apple and listen to the music.

The money raised can help people in poor places, like some developing countries in Asia, Africa and other parts of the world. There are many children in the world who are living on US \$1 per day. In Asia, the money raised will provide medical care for children living on garbage dumps. Also, it will help girls escape from prostitution and teach them work skills. In Africa, money will be raised to help war and famine victims and the orphans in Burundi as well as increase local medical services in Northern Uganda. And worldwide, it will deliver food and medical support to hungry disaster victims.

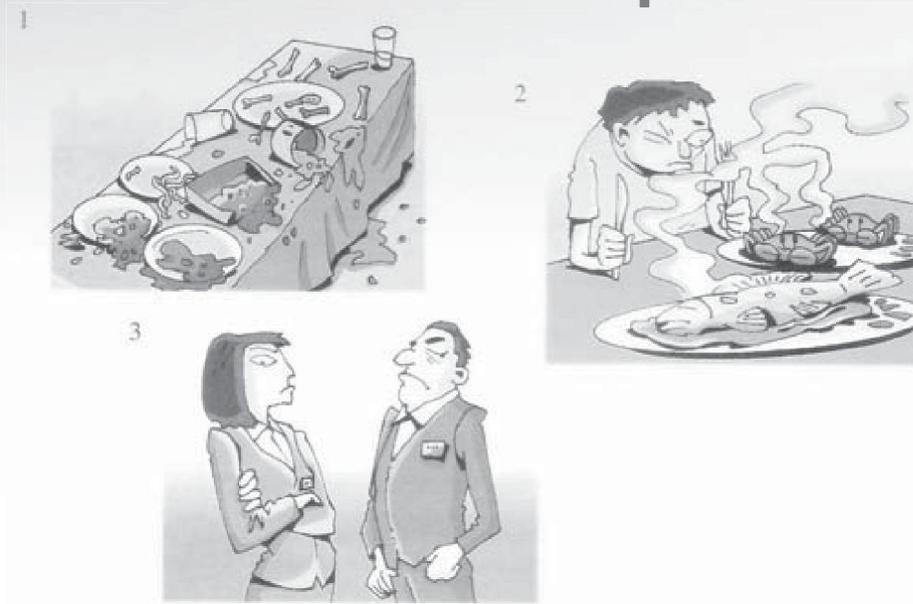
Joining this campaign can help us grow personally. It can make our commitment to the World, and also it can teach people not to waste food because many people are starving in other parts of the world.

Many of my classmates join this activity because they think that charity activities are very meaningful. I think we can experience a lot and also help build our character by joining the charity activities.

Let's join **Eleven Eleven Campaign**. Help the needy, fill their tummies! Just take actions!



A letter of complaint



Pictures from Exam Skills Plus Paper 2 Volume 1: Oxford University Press, P.134

17th March, 2010

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re: Buffet dinner

I am writing to express my strong dissatisfaction with the buffet dinner that I ate last weekend. I went to your hotel because of its great name. I was so disappointed about the bad buffet dinner.

First, the food in the buffet dinner was not featuring international cuisines as advertised. I was shocked that the food and sauce were all poured out from the dishes. They were disgracefully dirty and did not conform to any basic hygienic standard.

In addition, the seafood, namely the fish and crabs, tasted and smelt badly. It was disgusting. It really spoilt my appetite.

Finally, when I asked the manager and waiters to clean and tidy up the table, they just ignored my request. When I asked them for the second time, they were very rude and refused to respond to me. They stared at me. It was very unacceptable.

I am convinced that I am not alone in saying that this buffet dinner was a nightmarish experience. If you are hoping to attract more customers, you will have to make significant improvements. I expect to receive a letter of explanation regarding this matter and I demand an apology and a substantial refund. I hope you will take my complaint seriously.

Unless I get a favourable reply from you, I shall have no choice but to contact the relevant authorities.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wong

Chris Wong



A letter of advice

13th January, 2010

Dear Sam,

Hey! Are you okay? I know your father lost his job in December. Don't be so sad, my friend!

Are you really thinking of quitting school and finding a job? Is it the best way to solve the financial problem in your family? I think it is a very serious decision that you should think more about it. But anyway, I'll support you if you can help your family.

Because I'm your best friend I really hope you can solve this problem. I think you can sort it out soon! Your friends and parents are standing by you and are always with you! Make your decision. Don't think you have no choice. Problems always have solutions.

I can give you some suggestions. I think quitting school is not the best answer. You should stay at school and complete your secondary education. You are just 15 years old. You can't find a good job which provides you with enough money to improve your financial situation at this stage. Why don't you ask the government for help? There are some plans that can help families with financial difficulties. And you can ask your relatives to lend you money. When your father finds a job, he can return the money to the government.

But if you really think that quitting school is the best choice, I'll support you. Although I'll never see you in the classroom again, you are always my best friend. And I'll miss you.

Sam, it's your choice. I'll always support you and give you encouragement, my friend!

Good luck!

Love,
Kelly



Letter to the Editor — Leisure and Entertainment

6th January, 2010

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my opinions about leisure and entertainment that young people should be aware of.

What do these terms mean? Leisure means time free from work, in which one can do what one chooses. Entertainment means an act giving fun, perhaps a public performance that entertains.

Some students indulge in unhealthy activities, for example, surfing the Internet, defeating other players and breaking records in online games, or watching TV, etc. They seldom speak with their family. Being a couch potato and a computer addict is bad for their health.

In my school, many schoolmates get addicted to online games. They spend a few hours every evening playing these games. Many of them have developed short-sightedness. So I think this is an important issue. I would like to raise the awareness of young people to it.

I think young people should do more outdoor leisure activities. For example, they can go hiking, climb a hill, ride a bike or climb rocks. All these can help them manage and reduce stress, improve their social life and is good for health. So we need to do more of these activities.

I advise the readers to take up a healthy pursuit. People who regularly go hiking, cycling and swimming tend to be fitter. Just getting outside is a good start. What are we waiting for? Get up and go outdoors.

I hope this letter will help teenagers make a more informed decision about what they should do with their leisure time.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wong

Chris Wong

Chairperson of the Student Association

Sun Fong Chung College



An article about Eleven Eleven Campaign: “Eat an apple, save people”

Eat an apple, we can save the children! Worldwide, in Asia and Africa, there were 10.6 million children who died before the age of 5 in 2003. Why? This is because they could not have enough food to eat. So, act now! Take part in the **Eleven Eleven Campaign**. Eat an apple, save the children!

In this event, we just have an apple for lunch, and donate \$1 for medical care for children living on garbage dumps. Also we will use this money to help war and famine victims, orphans in Burundi, and increase local medical services in Northern Uganda. We deliver food, clothing and medicines to refugees in Congo, Liberia and other crisis spots.

Joining this campaign helps me know what problems the poor children have. For example, they have not got enough food to eat, or enough money to earn a living. These are big problems. In Hong Kong, we can have enough food and money. We do not need to worry about our living. When we say we are too full, they feel the opposite—very hungry! So we should cherish our food, water and money!

My classmates made comment on this event. Marco said that he really knew more about the problems poor children have in Asia, Africa, and worldwide. “They have not got money, enough food or water. So 10.6 million children died before the age of 5 in 2003.” Chi said he knew why they needed to pick up the rubbish for earning a living then.

So, we should support the charities to help the poor, such as Community Chest, World Emergency Relief and the UNICEF. If you donate money to them, you are really helping them a lot. Now, take action! Donate money to the charities and help the poor people to have enough food and money to survive!



An article about Eleven Eleven Campaign: Eat an apple, help the people

Have you thought about the poor in Africa, Asia and worldwide?

In fact, there are many people who are poor. They live in bad living conditions. And they have not got enough food and their water is polluted. Some people are also sick, unfortunately, they have no money to see a doctor. Many of them die, and their children need to earn their own living, however, they do not have the ability. There were 10.6 million children who died before 5 in 2003. It is terrible. I think we should stop this problem. So you should donate money to help the poor by donating to the organization running the **Eleven Eleven Campaign**.

The money will help a lot of people. For example, in Asia, the money can provide medical care for children, and it will also help girls escape from prostitution in Thailand. In Africa, the money can help war and famine victims as well as the orphans in Brundi. It can also improve local medical services in northern Uganda. Worldwide, they deliver food and medical support to hungry disaster victims.

On 11th November every year, in SFCC, there is a concert in the school hall, and many teachers sing in the concert.

Students just have an apple for lunch, and raise fund from family members and teachers. Sometimes representatives from World Emergency Relief Hong Kong visit our school to give talks to us. And I think this activity is very meaningful, because it can help a lot of people and I think it can train me to think positively.

My classmate, Ivy, thinks that these charities can teach the poor people how to live by themselves, buy food or buy medicines and send the doctors to help the poor. I think she has great ideas. Teaching them survival skills is better than anything else.

Finally, I hope the people can donate money as much as they can. Let's do it, help the poor.



A letter of advice to Zheng Sheng College students

1st March, 2010

Dear friends,

I am writing to you because I know your school has had many problems in moving to Mui Wo.

First, the government gave your school the permission to move to Mui Wo, but the Mui Wo residents thought you are drug-abusers, who may affect their children. I think you should tell other people, "We study in Zheng Sheng because we want to change our lives. Please forget that we were drug-abusers before."

Besides, you should do something to make Mui Wo residents change their mind. Don't worry how other people think about you. You just do your best at Zheng Sheng College.

Next, if the Mui Wo residents take action to stop your school moving to Mui Wo, I think your school can find other locations. That would raise your school's popularity.

You shouldn't be angry. This is because the Mui Wo residents worry that their children will be affected. You should be careful with your action because your every action will affect your school.

Lastly, don't worry about what other people think of you. Though people label you as drug-abusers, there is one way to fix the problem. Your good manner will prove to the government and the Mui Wo residents that you can do some good things to help people. I think this may change people's mind and support your school to move to Mui Wo.

Yours,
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Letters to the Editor — Online Addiction

10th October, 2009

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my opinion on teenagers' online addiction. I have observed that there are many students who get addicted to playing online games. They spend long hours in front of their computers. Many of them have developed short-sightedness. Their indulgence in playing online games will definitely affect their studies and health. They play online games for 10 hours at a time. Sometimes they even hang out with friends at Cyber Cafés. This is a serious problem as it affects their growth. We should solve this problem.

Teenagers should know there are other kinds of entertainment. They do not know what healthy and leisure entertainment means. Their parents do not spend time with them, so they feel lonely at home. They have no choice but to play online games alone. It is because playing online games is the only form of entertainment for them. It is cheap, too. They can afford the games.

Teachers and parents should introduce some healthy entertainment to them. Parents can go hiking or swimming with their children. They are both good leisure activities. Also, playing sports at school can help teenagers to relieve pressure. Students can also join sports teams at school.

I advise teenagers to take up healthy entertainment and leisure activities. Gradually they will spend less time in front of their computers and lead a healthier life.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wong

