



4A Sham Kwan Lun



18th February, 2009

Dear Editor,

There have been a lot of complaints about Hong Kong recently. I completely disagree with their views. I think Hong Kong is a good place. It has a lot of fantastic things.

I think the legal system in Hong Kong is well-developed. The system protects us all. Everyone is equal before the law. We are so lucky to live here. Our properties and human rights are well protected by the Basic Law.

The foods in Hong Kong are also great. There are many different types of cuisine. You can find Japanese food, Middle East food, French food and Chinese food. They are all very delicious. The dim-sums are great. I like shrimp dumplings, noodles and spring rolls.

The transport system in Hong Kong is also great. You can get to any parts in Hong Kong cheaply and quickly. The fares are low. You can take buses, minibuses and MTR. You can visit any countries in the world. There are many international flights to and from the Hong Kong International Airport.

I am so lucky to have the chance to live in Hong Kong. I think there are many great things about Hong Kong yet to be discovered.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong



4B Chan Chui Nga, Iris



18th February, 2009

Dear Editor,

Recently, there have been a lot of letters to the editor complaining about Hong Kong. I would like to respond to these complaints. I am afraid I disagree with these views about Hong Kong. I think Hong Kong is one of the best cities in the world. There are many things I like about Hong Kong.

First, Hong Kong has a fair legal system. It is important to any cities in the world because people need a fair legal system to protect their lives and properties. If we did not have a fair legal system, our lives would be affected. Corruption might become a big problem to Hong Kong. So our legal system is an invaluable asset to all residents here.

Second, Hong Kong has a great education system. Every year, a large number of professionals are trained locally. The universities provide quality education to both local and overseas students. Local students enjoy 12 years of free education. The literacy rate is high.

Last but not least, people in Hong Kong have an excellent transport system. You can go anywhere quickly and cheaply. We have a well-developed railway system. People can get to school and work safely. If you want to visit other places, the Hong Kong International Airport offers international flights and you can easily get to your destination. It is so convenient.

I hope people can focus on the great things about Hong Kong. I am really lucky to have a chance to grow up here.

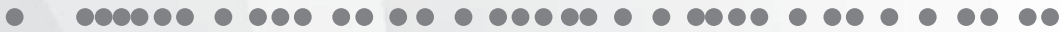
Yours sincerely,
Chris Wong



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Tai Po



We no longer have to rely on traditional methods of reporting such as the news on TV and radio. Now, we can quickly access the Internet and read about the latest news.

One major disadvantage of newspapers is that the papers are always one day behind the news. On the Internet, you can read the latest news with constant updates. But, what we read from the newspapers is not immediately updated.

Moreover, newspapers are not environmentally friendly. Though we can recycle the used paper, it is still quite a large consumption of natural resources. Therefore, reading news from the Internet is better than that of the newspapers.

However, it is not all doom and gloom for newspapers. On the Internet, there is just a brief coverage of the news and stories. But, newspapers provide full coverage of the news. The quality of the articles varies in E-newspapers. The language used in the newspapers is more formal. People can easily find the editorial and special columns on different issues.

Furthermore, if you continue to read the news on the Internet for long hours, it could be harmful to your eyesight as you read from the screen of the computer. It may affect your health. Besides, the elderly do not know how to access the Internet, so it is not user-friendly for them.

In conclusion, it is crystal clear that the newspaper industry has to think about how to carry on with its business as E-newspapers gain a growing number of readers.



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C. Wong



4D Chan Kit Ming, Jeremy

6th April, 2009

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my concern about the government's plans to spend millions of dollars on technology. The plan is aiming to develop computerized school buildings and school buses. Also, the plan will let robots work as teachers to teach students.

In my opinion, computerized school buildings and school buses will provide a comfortable and innovative learning environment for students. The school won't need so many janitors, and it will provide better security with electric locks and access cards. These schools could also improve their relationship with parents. Whenever a student uses his Octopus card to admit into the school, a message could be sent to the parent's mobile phone. The same could be done when the student leaves school. This will strengthen the cooperation between the school and the parent, as well as improving the trust between parents and students.

On the other hand, I disagree with using robots as teachers. As a student, I understand the importance of being able to ask questions in the learning process. Although more advanced programming in the future might enable a robot to answer various questions, there are always problems that only a real human teacher can solve. Specifically in a secondary school, students are all teenagers who will face many problems on different aspects. Can a heartless robot really be a teacher? I believe there are still many doubts. A robot can't even be a disciplinarian, and provide the mental support that a teenager needs.

All in all, it is a step in the right direction for the government to establish a plan like this. But I would suggest the government to think twice about using robots as teachers, not only would it make thousands of teachers jobless, it might also lower Hong Kong's competitiveness. I suggest trying the robots at the university level, where disciplining is not a main responsibility of the university.

Yours faithfully,

C. Wong

Chris Wong



5D Li Tze Wai, Alex

7th November, 2008

Dear Editor,

Re: Pros and cons of studying overseas

I am writing to express my opinion about studying overseas. In my opinion, there are both advantages and disadvantages.

Nowadays, there is a tendency that more and more secondary five students pursue studies overseas after the HKCEE. Unquestionably, we can benefit a lot from studying overseas.

In the first place, students can train their critical thinking. In foreign countries, schools advocate students asking questions rather than just sitting around and passively receiving 'knowledge' from teachers. In the process of raising questions, students can strengthen their abilities to organize as they need to let others know the problems they have.

Apart from the above, youngsters can become more independent if they study overseas. Without the help of parents, teenagers have to do everything by themselves in their daily lives. This is a good chance for them to become mature.

Nevertheless, there are also disadvantages in studying overseas. Adolescents may make friends with some bad people. In Hong Kong, parents can restrain their children. However, if their children are in other countries, they can do nothing. Thus, studying overseas may increase the possibility that students will go astray.

Last but not least, students may be insulted by other classmates. Some people might reject or even hurt people from other nations.

All in all, students can benefit from studying overseas as they can develop their thinking and become more independent. By contrast, they may be out of control and rejected by their overseas classmates.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong