

The Problem of Drug Abuse in Hong Kong

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The increasing number of drug abusers is making Hong Kong an unhealthy society for the growth of our future citizens. I am writing to analyze the problem and give suggestions about how to tackle the problem to create a healthy city for our next generation.

Before discussing the problem, I would like to talk about the causes. Firstly, many underage drug abusers start because of their curiosity. Teenagers always want to try new things, although they know that it is illegal.

Second, peer pressure is one of the main reasons. A Chinese saying goes “things with similar characteristics tend to stay together”. This can be used to explain the behaviour of human beings. People with curiosity will stay together. If you refuse to do like the others, you will probably lose all your friends.

Third, many teens have misunderstandings about drugs. They wrongly believe that drugs are something like music that can make them relaxed and have fun. Some of them even think that they can never get addicted. But these are wrong concepts. They encourage the teens to try the first drug and then they cannot stop.

Teenagers take drugs because of different reasons, but with often the same result and because of the same problems. These problems can be divided into two. One is the problem for the abusers and the other is that for society. One of the main problems is that their health will be harmed. Drugs may contain toxins or substances that hurt our organs like kidneys and lungs. Some may damage the brain, make us mentally ill and even snatch away our lives. This harm affects the teenage people a lot as they are in the age of growth. Weak bodies may affect their

studies and their family members, as they need care.

Besides, the social life of drug abusers is badly influenced. Many drug abusers feel tired all the time. Some of them may suffer from mental diseases which cause them to behave crazily. Friends may be scared. Those abusers cannot have an exciting life as normal.

Not only do the abusers suffer a lot, but our society has to pay also.

The image of Hong Kong will be harmed because of the increasing crime rate. Teenage abusers have no income. Therefore, they need to steal money to buy drugs. After taking drugs, the uncontrollable behaviours may cause serious crimes like shop-lifting and even murder. This makes Hong Kong an unsafe city which used to be a safe one.

Moreover, tax paid has to be used on medicine. As I have mentioned, the health of drug abusers will be weakened. It is necessary for the government to provide more resources to cure the diseases caused by drug abuse.

To tackle the problems, we can channel more resources to help the abusers to become healthier. We can also recruit more police to patrol and reduce the crime rate. We can even increase the tax rate. To solve the problem from the root, we need to consider the causes mentioned. It is difficult to stop their curiosity but we can correct their view of point towards life.

First, life education in schools should include the theme of drug abuse. Not only telling them the consequences of drug taking, but also teaching them how to say no to drug providers.

Furthermore, talks should be provided for parents. Parents are people that youngsters stay with a lot. They have the responsibility to look after them and help them to behave correctly.

To conclude, schools have to work with parents to tackle the problem. The views of teens have to be corrected. I hope our society can have a bright future.