

Recycling

Looking back, would you think the world has become better, or worse? In 2025, there was the iPhone 16 which tells you how much technology has improved over the years. But what about the most important work, recycling? People took off the caps, labels, staples and cleaned thoroughly before putting items in a recycling bin. But what about now?

Nowadays, you can just hand it to a robot and it will do all the tedious tasks for you then send it off to recycle. There are even more robots picking up litter. Because it is easy to recycle, people are better at recycling and does it more often, but on the other side, more people tend to litter as the robots will pick it up and they can leave without any consequences.

As for the alternative of plastic items like plastic bags, plastic containers and plastic straws, if you remember, in 2025, the alternative was to use paper ones instead. But now, people has found a way to coat the paper with a substance that makes it non soggy. Because creating plastic causes pollution, we try our best to encourage citizens to use paper bags and other paper items. The bags are more durable, so we believe it is sufficient before we can find an eco-friendly way to produce plastic-like materials.

Pollution is still a problem but will it ever not be? Looking at everything that has changed, the changes don't seem big. They are mostly new technology like robots and such. But what do you think? Has the environment improved?

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Should Museums be Free?

Do you usually visit museums? For me, I only visit them for school projects. However, one of my friends love museums. She is especially fond of the Science Museum, and is always complaining about the entry fee (although it's only a few dollars). But then, is the 'few dollars' necessary? Should museums be free?

Well some people think it's a yes. Museums are essential for children's learning, and they should be able to visit them. There are a lot of opportunities to learn and play in museums. Studies show that interactive games can help pupils learn and remember the information more easily. Students don't always want to be stuck at school and listen to teachers' lecture, do they? However, as children don't have the ability to earn money, museums should be free, in order to enhance the learning of children. In museums, visitors can learn about the history and developments of our country. This knowledge should be open to everyone, but not limited by the entry fees. To preserve the history of our country and to foster citizens' national identity, museums should be free.

On the other hand, museums have several reasons for not being free. As the government has a limited funding, there are most important things to invest into. For example, a sports stadium has a more multifaceted use than a museum. If museums were free, government would have even fewer reserves. They would not have sufficient money to maintain the society well while saving enough for emergency needs. Museums are hard to build and preserve. Despite the staff working in the museums, more professionals are needed. Archaeologists and scientists would do research and provide information. They would be working on new discoveries too! Historical items' restoration work is a difficult subject too. Professionals need to be hired on a high salary. If museums are free, the government wouldn't have enough money for these demands.

The truth is that the museums in HK do require entry fees, but are really cheap. So where do this maintenance money come from? Maybe it is from some paid exhibitions, or donations, or others? Should museums be free? Your guess is as good as mine.

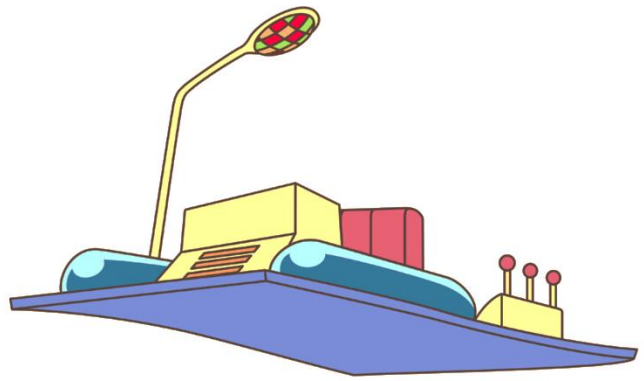


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Everytime when I look into his eyes, my heart break into pieces. He covered his face and cried. I can feel his hopelessness and sadness. I want to tell him that he doesn't need to stay here with me. I want him to be free, not like me. But I can't tell. The only thing I can do is laying in the bed, staring at the ceiling. He is always with me in nighttime. Even though I can't see the outside, I am certain that he did a great work helping his siblings and working in the farm. However, that's not what I demanded. I hope he can go back to school and pursue his dreams instead of feeding the livestock, and taking care of the family. Now, I am glad that I can give some response. Although the progress is challenging, I still try my best to let him know. The barn is not the most important thing in my life, but you do, my family is the most important thing that I cherish in my life.

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E-Smart Learning Centre

As I was furious about the dumb teachers and the unbelievable amount of homework, I went home and immediately started venting to try and relieve stress. I went straight to bed and my eyes closed. What I didn't know that time was that I was about to "time travel" 20 years into the future.

When I woke up, I immediately saw my sister. As soon as she saw me open my eyes, she ran to the hallway of "our snow white" had woken up from his long slumber." After being mocked by my sister, I immediately intended to get up and slap her on the face, but as I observed longer, I found out that she had mysteriously aged but she remained calm and explained to me that I had slept for twenty years. I started to look around the room and found out that everything was futuristic and automatic. Even the bed moved when it sensed that I was awake.

So after being kidnapped into a random house 20 years into the future, I was set out to discover what had changed. As soon as I left the room, I was asked what breakfast... I wanted. I wanted to eat by an artificial voice. I was amazed by the technology as I ordered. I soon found the living room and saw dad and mom with grey hair and grandma miraculously sitting in a floating controllable chair. I went down and greeted my parents as I asked what had changed in our house rules. I found out that my parents accepted the change in technology and allowed us

to use technology more often. They even taught me how to use the new personal "artificial smartboard" to do different things. We sat down, talked for a while and had breakfast together.

Soon, I wanted to see the change in the outside world and wanted to meet some old friends. When I opened the door, I was mesmerized by the flying cars and walking robots around the streets. The air was clean and fresh compared to 20 years ago. I soon saw my friends and they showed off their cool "abilities" like summoning a car out of thin air and even creating robots.

Since the world was influenced by technology and AI drastically. I guess I had to adapt to the changes, but at least I don't need to go to school again.

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No one is good at everything

One day, Paul was at home and he thought he was not good at anything. He thought that he was bad at Chinese, English, math, general studies and many more things, but he was wrong.

The next day, Paul was sitting at home and he was bored. He tried to paint a picture. After he painted the picture, his Mom said he painted really creatively. After his Mom gave him some lessons, everything was changed.

At first, he painted really creatively but he was not good at painting. After the lessons, Paul was painting really well but he didn't have much money, so he couldn't buy more lessons because they were expensive, but Paul didn't give up and kept painting.

Finally, he became an artist and he has learned not to give up that no one is good at everything but good at few things, too. Ling Yan Ho WTE4A



First flight

Today, is my sixth birthday, and my mum and dad are going to take me to Japan. I am very excited and cannot wait to travel on an airplane.

First, we ate some breakfast and we went to the airport. After a long ride, we finally got on the airplane. When I was sitting at the seat, my dad told me that I could watch a movie.

When I was watching the movie, a cabin crew came to speak to me. She asked me "What would you like to drink and eat?....." But when I was thinking, my dad helped me to decide. After that, I was eating my lunch and it's very tasty! And I loved drinking apple juice, too. After I had eaten my lunch, I had to go to the restroom, but I didn't know where it was on an airplane. And then I asked my mum. I was very surprised that there was a toilet in an airplane. Then, I continued to watch a movie for about an hour and slept for 30 minutes.

Finally, we arrived in Japan. I am happy because the airplane seat made the journey very comfortable and the flight was beautiful. It was an unforgettable trip for me.

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