

**Part B**

**Question:**

**Recently, Hong Kong Post has published an article ‘An environmental change we need’ concerning a ban on plastic utensils in restaurants and takeaway services. The article claims that restaurants have switched to paper or wooden alternatives, causing some discomfort among the public.**

**Write a letter to the editor of the Hong Kong Post, expressing your concerns about the increasing use of paper or wooden utensils.**

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concern about a recent article you published in the Hong Kong post, ‘An environmental change we need’, with regards to the increasing use of paper and wooden utensils in Hong Kong. In truth, I could not agree more with the new policy. I believe that the ban on plastic utensil is a step in the right direction.

Firstly, numerous studies have shown plastic waste as a leading problem to our environment. Moreover, we cannot deny the fact that the Earth is deteriorating environmentally. If we do not act, now we will cause more harm to our environment a damage that we cannot afford. Learning more about this fact is a hit the nail on the head. The thing is plastic waste has always been a problem. Thus, I believe the ban on plastic utensil was long overdue and is a change necessary to protect our environment from more plastic waste.

Secondly, I strongly believe that paper and wooden utensils are one of the best alternatives we have for plastic utensils now due to the fact that paper and wooden materials are biodegradable. Consequently, the disposal and recycling process of biodegradable materials is much healthier and safer for the environment. In the long run, the ban on plastic utensils in restaurants and takeaway services will make our air fresher and the earth happier.

Lastly, I believe that a small discomfort while using a paper or wooden utensil is a small price to pay and temporary compared to the impact the non-biodegradable utensils cause. If we truly cared for the earth we live in, the ban on plastic utensils should be a celebratory moment. In fact, it is a small step to a bigger goal of reducing plastic waste completely. Of course, that is nearly a dream of mine as an environmental activist.

In conclusion, your article has shed light on the problem of plastic waste but unnecessarily exaggerated the discomfort of using the paper and wooden utensils. Not only is the Hong Kong ban on plastic utensils in restaurant and takeaway services justified addressing a long-standing issue of plastic pollution, but it is also paving the way to make our lives much healthier and greener.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wong