Letter to the Editor

Animal Rights NSS Elective: Social Issues

Writing Sample 🐌

| Greeting | Dear Editor, |
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| Opening paragraph | I am writing in response to the letter written by Amanda Tam in Student Post dated 27 th June on the need of the land reclamation. I strongly disagree with the writer in this regard. |
| Body | First of all, according to Ms Tam, land reclamation does not affect the natural habitat, which is a complete lie. Many species are extinct because human activities are displacing their habitats, and land reclamation must be one of those. In addition, many of these habitats are destroyed by pollution, and pollution also directly affects humans. For example, if the seas are polluted, seafood such as oysters, clams and other edible fish, will be poisoned. If people eat them, it will make them sick or even kill them. The five potential near-shore reclamation sites are all common sites for local fishermen to go fishing. It is obvious that the reclamation will not only destroy natural habitats, but affect the quality and quantity of our food supply as well. In fact, human activity not only destroys habitats, it also destroys the lives of many birds, fish and animals. For example, too many seal calves are snared before they become adults, making it difficult for herds to survive in certain areas. Sharks are caught for their fins. After their fins are cut off, the sharks are thrown back into the sea and they soon die. Our ecosystem will be seriously affected in the run long. |
| Closing paragraph | More and more activists around the world are working hard to make people aware of this problem as well as its consequences. They want their governments to pass laws that control pollution and predatory activities. If we continue to destroy our environment, then perhaps in the future, all living creatures, including human beings, will become extinct. |
| Close | In short, although we need more land to reside people in Hong Kong, land reclamation is definitely not a wise choice. Yours faithfully, Charles Charles Wong |