

Your Voice: Hong Kong needs to adopt waste reduction; Japan Airlines' efficiency must be lauded (short letters)

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Hong Kong's waste reduction drive

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Starting from April this year, waste generated by all sectors in Hong Kong will be subject to charges based on quantity.

Recent instances of high daily waste disposal at landfills in Hong Kong highlight the issue of landfill saturation in our city, which is more serious than in other major cities.

The municipal solid waste charging scheme can help address this problem. Under the plan, a charge of 11 HK cents per litre of rubbish will be implemented for the next three years. This will incentivise all sectors of society to reduce waste and engage in recycling.

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Making citizens pay for the waste they produce will encourage them to follow the path of waste reduction. It will also lead to a decrease in methane emissions from landfills, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The government should raise public awareness by highlighting the hazards of illegal dumping and establish monitoring systems to prevent it.

This plan can potentially transform Hong Kong into a greener and cleaner metropolis for its citizens.