

A Message from the Green Group: Protect Pandas

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Good morning, teachers and fellow schoolmates,

I am the chairperson of the Green Group. My name is Leung Chung Yan. Are you afraid that some animals will disappear in the world after a few years? Do you know you can kill animals indirectly? Today, I would like to talk about how to protect pandas as we all know that pandas are endangered species. There are fewer and fewer pandas. Do you know why? Let's talk about the causes of why pandas are endangered species.

First, people are destroying the habitat of pandas. There are more than one billion people in China. Some people cut down trees in order to get money. Also, some people build cities and farms, so pandas have lost their habitat easily. The important thing is the bamboo forests start to disappear. In the past, there were large areas of bamboo forest where pandas could find lots of food. However, these areas have been destroyed by humans through farming and logging. So, the habitat of pandas has decreased.

Second, there is a bamboo shortage. Pandas eat a lot of bamboo every day. The seeds of bamboo grow very slowly, so there is not enough for pandas. Giant pandas can eat 25 different types of bamboo, but they usually only eat the four or five kinds that grow near their home. If they do not eat enough food, they will face starvation.

Third, air and water pollution are very serious problems in China. The air in China is seriously polluted, so pandas have difficulty breathing. Also, water pollution is very serious in China. If some wild pandas drink water somewhere, they will get sick. After getting sick,

they do not know how to take care of themselves. Another important thing is that if pandas drink dirty water, they die quickly.

After realising these serious problems, I think we must do something to protect pandas. If we continue to behave like that, pandas will die out more quickly. So here are some solutions to protect pandas. First, we mustn't cut any plants or flowers. Second, we ought to use less paper. Then this helps protect the bamboo forests and pandas' habitat. Third, we shouldn't eat wild animals. If we eat them, their numbers will decrease. Also, we mustn't buy any products that are made from animals, for example, fur coats, ivory, etc. Finally I think teachers can teach students to protect pandas or other endangered species.

We need to protect other endangered species, besides pandas. I hope that we can protect the animals together. I think that's all I have to say. Thank you.