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Green Camp, presented by Greenwoods, HKUSU was held successfully on 18-19th September, 2010. Participants enjoyed this green experience a lot and their green knowledge was enhanced as well. In particular, the discussion led by our tour guide after firefly eco-tour provided opportunities for participants to reflect on themselves and also environmental problems in Hong Kong.

Light Pollution in Hong Kong

Hong Kong government installs lights on street at the reason of safety concern, which become major cause of light pollution in Hong Kong. In fact, streets without street lights at night can be found in many countries like the UK and France. Pedestrians can therefore see more clearly the coming vehicles in a dark environment to avoid car accident.

Why does the number of fireflies decline in Hong Kong?

Fireflies rely on self-produced light to search for companions and to attract opposite sex. However, it is difficult for them to do these in such bright environment caused by light pollution. Their opportunities to survive and reproduce are therefore greatly reduced.



Besides, a large proportion of games in this camp included "green" components. For example, there is a game which allows participants to know electricity consumption of different electrical appliances and also a soap making class to teach them about reduction of liquid hand soap. We hope that in this 2-days-1-night camp, participants could not only acquire green knowledge, but also raise their green consciousness.

For your future, and your next generation, don't hesitate and join Greenwoods, a big family for all of you. We will paint your life green!



Message from Chairperson

Being a green student organization in HKU, Greenwoods would like to bring out the importance of environmental protection and promote harmony between humans and the environment through different kinds of activities.

Green Camp is therefore a unique camp. It is different from those orientation camps held in August and September which have activities like HKO, detective game, water fight and campfire. In this camp, we went to visit fireflies, made soap and played a variety of environmental games. Even for a small game in ice-breaking, we made use of rubbish and recycle bins to bring out the message that not all paper cups can be recycled since a layer of plastic is added. Although we encountered many difficulties during preparation, our efforts were not in vain since the participants have gained a lot.

Hope you understand that you are not alone in environmental protection. Please act now to save the earth!

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