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➢ Topic: Sustainable Development

Please demonstrate one sustainable example you have observed in daily life and how it can be improved or promoted in the long run. Furthermore, define what sustainability means in one field you choose and why it is of great significance in our modern society. The scope of example can be interdisciplinary, which varies from technology, medicine and environment to humanities, architecture and business. Your essay should be within 200 to 500 words, otherwise your submission will be disqualified.

➢ Guiding questions:

• In Taiwan, recycling system, a practice which transforms garbage into gold, has ranged from daily necessities to consumer electronics. Based on several categories, such as plastic, paper, food waste etc., Taiwanese people toss their trash away accordingly. Among the recyclable materials, food waste is utilized as fertilizers for farmers and food for pigs, while plastic and metal is further used for other products. What are the other related examples that can been seen on a daily basis?

• Sustainability is a remarkable concept that everyone is required to pay attention to in the 21st century, and therefore 17 goals have been proposed by United Nation including climate action, quality education and gender equality. For years, government, corporates and NGOs have taken various actions to make progress in the aspects of business, urban development, food and so on. What is the field of sustainability that interests you the most? And what are the influences it has on our society? You can choose one or more to share.

➢ Recommended readings:

• Steve Howard (2013), Let's go all-in on selling sustainability. TEDGlobal 2013. https://www.ted.com/talks/steve_howard_let_s_go_all_in_on_selling_sustainability

• The Economist (2017), How to provide a protein-rich diet to a growing population. https://www.economist.com/news/leaders/21727901-what-goes-peoples-plates-matters-so-does-what-gets-fed-animals-how-provide

• Eduardo Porter (2016), How Renewable Energy Is Blowing Climate Change Efforts Off Course. New York Times. https://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/20/business/energy-environment/how-renewable-energy-is-blowing-climate-change-efforts-off-course.html?mcubz=1