

A watercolor landscape painting featuring rolling hills in shades of green and yellow. In the foreground, there are two small, simple houses with dark roofs. To the left of the houses is a large, stylized pink tree. In the background, there are more hills and several smaller pink trees. The overall style is soft and artistic, with visible brushstrokes and a gentle color palette.

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Technology Advancements Bring Unlimited Opportunities

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Despite the great convenience brought by the speedy development of technology, the increasing concerns regarding its drawbacks are not negligible. The continuous expansion of artificial intelligence in recent years has raised people's awareness that technology might dominate human beings in the near future. Nevertheless, technology significantly upgrades our life quality and lets us possess a broader horizon such that its negative effects could be outweighed.

Above all, technology plays a decisive role in improving our standard of living. Suppose we put our daily life and those who lived before the Industrial Revolution into comparison. In that case, it is not complicated to figure out that the invention of the steam engine and the discovery of electricity allowed the massive production of daily necessities. It explains why we can buy a wide variety of products at a relatively low price and with sufficient supply. Talking about some aspects directly related to students, the well-developed Internet endows us with accessibility to

helpful information without restrictions of distance and time, while advanced transportation systems significantly shorten our time spent on daily commutes. Meanwhile, the evolution of smart homes releases metropolitan citizens from busy homework. All these transformations serve the same purpose – to shift human attention from time-consuming, repetitive work to economic development.



Call from Future~ Animated by Eva Ho (3C)



Secondly, technology assists youngsters, or almost everyone, to widen their horizons. Scenes of students from poverty-stricken regions around the world who have no contact with people outside of their area, and are even forced to spend their entire life in the small indigent and shabby villages always make me frustrated. I absolutely trust that their conditions can be markedly improved thanks to communication and transportation technology. Even a tiny screen or network can work as well. For those who enjoy more educational resources, students can travel across different regions, boundaries or even countries with ease for field visits. Those magnificent natural spectacles can now be seen with our own eyes. If travelling abroad is still too time-wasting for some students, the appearance of virtual reality acts as a time machine that brings us to learn stuff that seems untouchable.

Recently, increasing voices have expressed their anxiety that technology is leading to the demolition of teenagers' physical and mental health. However, those citizens should remember that what matters the most is the education the adolescents have received instead of technology itself. Although we shall not repudiate that the abuse of mobile devices is one of the major causes of fatal eye defects and short-sightedness while the time spent on socializing is diminished once youngsters wallow in technology, the drawbacks can be eliminated through educating students to regulate their screen time appropriately, which is an inevitable lesson for them to gain future success.

In a nutshell, technology contributes to our convenient life and the understanding of foreign cultures, which is undoubtedly beneficial to humankind. Technology has kicked off the revolution of education, but these seem to be signs reminding us the over-reliance on technology is expanding continuously. While we enjoy these benefits, it is never too late to realize that such conveniences are not prominent. They are valid only if we treat technology wisely and prevent it from harming us.

The Mexican Day of the Dead

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Day of the Dead in Mexico

embrace death. As the legend says, "the dead go into the afterlife and will only disappear if their family forgets them."

I like this festival a lot because it's a time for meeting up with family. I don't have a perfect bond with my parents, so I think this particular festival can strengthen the bond that ties our family together. That is why I like this festival; if my family and I go to the festival, I bet things will improve.

My Favourite Weird Food

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My favourite weird food is hotpot. It is a traditional Chinese food. A long time ago, China was at war. The poor soldiers didn't have a suitable container to place and heat their soup. So they used their helmet as a container. When they returned home, they made a pot resembling their helmet and told others how to use it. That's the beginning of hotpot!



**Every type of food can
be put into a hotpot**

Different places in China have their own style of hotpot. The styles are entirely based on the eating habit of restaurants. Some of the styles are spicy, while others are not-spicy. But all of them are very yummy!

Actually, every type of food can be put into a hotpot, including strange food items. That's why it is both my favourite food and my favourite weird food. My naughty friends enjoy discovering new ways to have hotpot. They usually put food like candies, wasabi and jellies into it. It is really, really disgusting! I can't imagine or even try such weird food.

Although hotpot can be disgusting sometimes, I still love it. Well, at least the normal food. I want to recommend it to people all over the world from the heart!

Québec Winter Carnival

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The festival I would most like to experience is the Quebec Winter Carnival. This festival is held in Quebec City, the capital city of Quebec province, a French-speaking region of Canada. Also, it is the eleventh-largest city in Canada. There are around one million people who attend the event every year. This number surprisingly exceeds the total population count of the city itself, which has a population of about 549,459. With such a large number of attendees, it demonstrates that the Carnival must be an astonishing event.

The Night Parade is one of the classic and popular activities among the various events in the Carnival. Both young and old people are attracted by the colourful performances. There are two night parades featuring Bonhomme, who is the star of the Carnival, which is the most popular parade in the country. Another example is the Ice Canoe Race. Ice canoe racing is an extremely competitive sport. Teams make multiple crossings over the frigid water of the St. Lawrence River. Although I might not participate in the race, watching it must be delightful. Bonhomme's Ice Palace is the most representative structure. Every brick in Bonhomme's Ice Palace is made from ice. The low temperature can keep the ice from melting. You can see Bonhomme himself in the palace and take photos with him. Bonhomme symbolizes the spirit of fun. Several Carnival activities are held in the court, too, which is why the locals are excited to see them working on Bonhomme's Ice Palace.



Bonhomme: The Star of Quebec Winter Carnival

Traditional food and drinks are the items that make people's waistlines scream out for help in the Winter Carnival. For example, maple taffy. It is a drink of hot maple syrup poured onto the snow and then wrapped with a pop stick to create a sweet lollipop. Deep-fried Oreos are another representative sweet treat. This treat is simply Oreos covered with flour, eggs and milk, then fried in hot oil. Traditional drinks are also served in the Carnival. Many people would like to have a drink called Ponce du Caramel.



Canadian Flag

While preparing the drink, people usually 'feel in danger' because the staff pours rum, gin and syrup into the mug. But one thing is for sure; this drink isn't appropriate for me.

The Quebec Winter Carnival is the festival I would like to experience due to its activities, food and wonderful winter holiday atmosphere.

A Letter to Santa

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Painting of Santa

Dear Santa,

Christmas is coming; how are you doing? If you like reading my blabbering, go on, and I'll tell you where I want to go. I hope you're not too busy packing the presents at the moment!

Finland should be a fabulous place to go. Lying on a soft cushion, sipping a mug of hot chocolate, and watching the snowflakes dance and twist, I felt intrigued by all of those 'posh' lifestyles. It is said to be your home, right? I wonder how you'd feel if I blasted through your door in the middle of the night. Great, isn't it? I feel like jumping on a slay and kidnapping a plane to get to your house right now.

Prepare me some biscuits and chocolate, please! And do light the fireplace; I'll catch a cold if it's too cold. Thanks! Okay, enough of the jokes.

I really appreciate Finland's scenery. It is your country, so there should be more decorations and celebrations. It snows too, and that's the most important point. A Christmas without snow is not A CHRISTMAS!

So unluckily, I never managed to celebrate a real Christmas cause it never snows in Hong Kong.

Thanks for reading my letter Santa.

Love,
Nancy



Flag of Finland

An Essay about Stereotypes

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In recent years stereotypes have become a significant problem in our society. It is often caused by misunderstanding individuals or even a group of people. Stereotypes can harm people because they can cause discrimination, lower self-esteem, and cause a person to shy away from social interactions. Therefore, stereotypes may lead to feelings of isolation and alienation, which can have a negative impact on a person's mental health.

To commence with, stereotypes are often based on a lack of knowledge or understanding of a particular group of people. A stereotype can be created from one single experience or a small group of people, and then it can be generalized to a wider population. For example, a person may have a bad experience with one person from a particular race or religion and then make assumptions about all the people in that group. This is a kind of over-generalization and leads to the formation of a stereotype. As a result, this type of thinking can be very dangerous, as it can lead to discrimination, prejudice, and even violence.

In addition, stereotyping in school is common these days, especially because of gender differences. For example, the most apparent stereotype at school is that girls cannot be as strong as boys or can never be equal to them. This kind of stereotype is illogical as girls can be stronger than boys in different ways. In my experience, not all boys like to do sports or exercise. Some girls are capable of various sports, such as basketball, volleyball and dodgeball. We should never judge a person based on our biases. Stereotyping, in this case, can do serious damage to a girls' self-esteem, causing discrimination and even limiting their overall potential.



Apart from that, stereotypes have distorted people's perspective of how every individual should be. It labels how a person should act or live according to sex, race and personality. This could affect individuals who like trying new things or have their preferences but feel ashamed of acting out or doing something beyond people's expectation because of stereotypes. Hence, they may eventually become introverted, and this will lead to a lack of social interactions between people in the long run. All these things will badly impact a person's mental health.

In light of the above, we, as the new generation, should do something to eliminate these stereotypes that have adversely affected our society. We can start changing our perception of stereotypes. We should learn to respect and understand other cultures, religions and countries. This could avoid many problems, such as discrimination and violence. Most importantly, we should promote the message that everyone should be respected regardless of their sex, skin colour or their differences.

Instead of focusing on other people's faults and mistakes, it is better for us to start noticing good things about every individual person and motivating them to be unique. Those who are mistreated should also stand up and speak out. We can change people's mindsets and thus their attitudes toward stereotypes for the sake of fairness and solidarity in society and to build a much more harmonious place to live.

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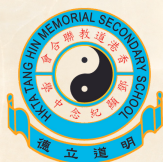


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