

Climate change, a word once deemed as a kind of dystopia, has come into reality. It engenders a spate of disasters, such as typhoons, tsunamis and extreme weathers. The situation has got out of hand that people are finding ways to tackle these catastrophic scourges. Concerning whether the government and businessmen or individuals are having more responsibility to tackle the fickle weather, people are having fierce debates. To commence with, a majority of people blame the incompetence of the former party.

Most people denounce the government for its predilection for non-eco-friendly entrepreneurs. They set up industries, which are notorious for its by-products—global warming gases. Coal industry, a major source of energy in Hong Kong, is one of the prime examples. Barely would the government launch severe crackdowns on them owing to the stable and cheap energy supply they give. Beyond doubt, the climate conditions could have ameliorated but for the tolerance for these industries. It is the government and businessmen's responsibility that the businessmen should have developed environmental-friendly energy sources and the government should have played a major role in monitoring them. Comparatively, most of the individuals, who uphold mere decision-making power, have no choice but to unwillingly accept the government's decision. Businessmen are also nonchalant and dare not to risk their business despite immense oppositions and demands for clean productions from the public. Hence, they as the culprit for climate change are the most responsible party.

Guilty as the government and the businessmen may seem to be, the unwise habits of individuals also nourish the aggravating environmental condition. Admittedly, the general public has a lack of awareness regarding the pollution they made. So ignorant are some individuals that they care nothing but personal convenience. For instance, many people use disposable containers or utensils in restaurants and in parties despite the unacquaintance with the harms brought by them. These products produce toxins upon burning in incinerators, attempting to crumble the ozone layer to nothingness. Besides, so extravagant are some people that they squander much energy by keeping electrical devices as well as the air conditioner on when they leave. There are no supplies when there are no demands. The government and the businessmen, therefore, are only the enforcers of citizen's demands. The general public have to be accustomed to being energy-saving as the more resources they consume, the more destructions the environment suffers from. The only way to restore the harmony is to change our wasteful habits.

To conclude, both parties carry equal and great responsibilities in tackling climate change. It is high time that we reflected on ourselves, but not to blame the others.