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Role and Responsibilities in Tackling Climate Change

From heatwaves to hurricane, from droughts to floods, it is hurtful to see our planet earth suffering. The burning of fossil fuels provides energy such that businessmen's offices could be continuously cooled by air-conditioners in hot summers. At the meantime, governments are the only ones who have the power to set up laws to prevent these very big contributors to greenhouse gas emissions from not reducing their business carbon footprints. And individuals are those who should push climate actions forward for tackling climate change.

The truth is, both the governments and the businessmen are explicitly the highly responsible parties for tackling climate change. On one hand, many companies have, in fact, taken up their responsibilities to tackle climate change, Apple recycles old iPhones and operates with 100% renewable energy, L'oréal uses eco-designed packaging. In order to excel in environmental sustainability, firms of no matter what sizes, could simply start from scratch by going paperless, switching to LED lightings and recycling wastes.

On the other hand, governments are also the responsible parties for tackling climate change. Implementing various policies, for instance, limit the country's car numbers, the Singapore government is able to construct a better environment with fresh and clean air for their future generations. Furthermore, governments could boost the neglected reusable energies like solar, wave and tidal power by persuading businesses to invest on them. I believe that even the smallest actions of the two parties would cast great impacts on tackling climate change.

Nevertheless, it is also undeniable that Individuals play the integral role to encourage actions that tackle climate change of the community. Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old Swedish schoolgirl, initiated a school strike for climate movement which protests climate inaction. Her single-minded determination has unexpectedly influenced the tens of thousands of students worldwide and also, leaders in society. Being inspired, global citizens learn to have low-carbon diets and take public transports instead of driving petroleum cars. Individuals play a role incredibly essential that they encourage initiatives that help tackle climate change.

To conclude, I believe that governments and businessmen are responsible for tackling climate change while individuals do play an indispensable role in the issue. Still remember last year's super Typhoon Mangkhut? Climate change is right now taking place and bringing severe consequences to our daily lives. So, as the old adage goes, 'in unity, there is strength,' in my opinion, governments, businessmen and individuals should all join hands to strike for climate change. Together we could embrace a better future.