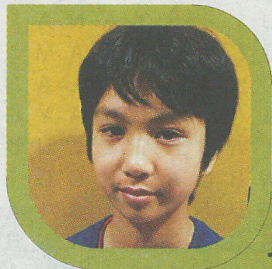


# talking points

## If you could change one thing about Hong Kong, what would it be?



**Tang Yat-shun, 12, Rhenish Church Pang Hok Ko Memorial College**

It would be the environment. Hong Kong has a serious air pollution problem because there are a lot of cars on the road, while many high-rises have been built too close together.

What's more, developers are using the countryside to build flats. This is not good at all.

I would plant more trees to protect the city's environment and keep the people healthy.

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**Yuki Yu, 13, Carmel Divine Grace Foundation Secondary School**

Definitely the housing problem. Nowadays, many people can't afford to buy a flat no matter how hard they work. The shortage of housing has also led to an increase in street sleepers and those living in cage homes.

Therefore, I would introduce policies to reduce the prices of flats and close the gap between the rich and the poor.



**Bashir Henna, 17, St Margaret's Girls' College, Hong Kong**

How about the education system? The recent spate of suicides has shown the kind of pressure faced by students in Hong Kong. They have to get good results in the HKDSE to get into university.

Therefore, a less intense education system could ease the stress on students and help bring back the smiles.



**Miki Sin, 17, Tak Nga Secondary School**

I would like to increase Hong Kong's land area and build more homes for people. Hong Kong has a big population and many people do not own a home. So they have to pay very high rents. Even some married couples live with their parents these days because they do not have their own flat.

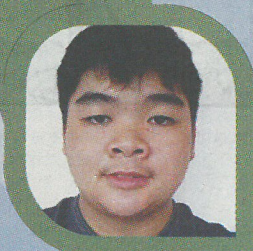
I would expand the city's land area and build enough houses for people to live in.

**Daniel Tsang Sau-yat, 16, Chong Gene Hang College**

I would introduce an election system based on universal suffrage allowing Hongkongers to vote for their leader.

Such a system would help reduce corruption and collusion between the government and big businesses. Then the chief executive would have to answer to the people; if he or she commits an illegal act, the public would be able to put the leader on trial and remove him or her from office.

In a modern city, people should be able to enjoy their civil rights, such as the "right to vote" and the "right to participate". This can raise awareness of the importance of creating a democratic society.



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