

# English Presentation Contest

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The purpose of the contest: Sustainable Development Goal

My team: Group 3

My topic: Responsible Consumption and Production

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Our speech script (My speech script):

## Introduction

With the rapid growth of technology, people nowadays create lots of waste and produce things that aren't really needed. It brings up a massive problem both on its severity or the amount. For the sake of continued development, our group found out the urgent priority is to solve the problem of "responsible consumption and production". Now please enjoy the journey of us leading you, fellow listeners, to our Utopia of a better society.

## Problems 1

First of all, waste of food is a big problem that happens every day. All the food that isn't consumed will be wasted. For instance, we can't finish all the lunch that our kitchen offers us, and all the food will become leftovers.

We can try to estimate the quantity of each class and we only have to prepare a box of spare meals to make sure we can make students eat enough by giving ample meals instead of excessive ones. Also, we can turn kitchen wastes into fertilizer. We can also give students some food education, teach them to convert peels into soaps, etc. There are several ways to make people learn and cherish what they eat.

Secondly, we seldom buy products that are nearly expired. However, it is still edible, they are just nearly expired. If there's nobody buying them, they will soon end up being a waste.

The Taipei City government is making some efforts, such as the establishment of a "Remaining food Exchange Platform" to encourage vendors to donate the remaining ingredients of the day, and cooperate with social welfare units to receive loving ingredients, which are then cooked by the unit or provided to families in need. Implement resource recycling. In addition, convenience stores are giving discounts to products that are nearing their expiration date, so buy them if you are going to eat them now.

## Problem 2

Another big problem is plastic litter. Plastic litters might cause some animals' death. They mistake plastic for their food and then the litters get stuck in their stomach.

To solve the above problem, many people have worked hard for this in Taiwan. For example, Huang Chien-ming spent 21 years inventing green biodegradable plastic straws. This plastic will be broken down instead of staying in the earth forever.

As for a member of the society, we can employ the following approaches that we have always heard since we were children to make an effort on this issue. For instance, bring your own utensils or containers. Another way to reduce the use of plastic is that we can choose packaging-free products instead of over-packed products, there're many packaging-free

stores where you can buy as much as you want.

### Problem 3

All of the problems above are consumer-oriented. The last one is about suppliers. Some fruit or vegetables that have a bad appearance will often be thrown away since they are thought of as valueless. Yet, they are just like the products that are nearly expired but still edible. Besides, some agricultural waste is directly thrown away as it is considered useless. However, if we can come up with some creative ideas, those useless waste can turn into valuable products.

An example is a plan experimented by a supermarket in France. To deal with ugly vegetables, they asked them to taste carrot juice made from the ugly ones. To prove that both good-look and ugly vegetables have great nutrition. In addition, you will get a discount if you buy them. In this way, people have more interest in buying them.

We can ask for others' corporations. Set up a refrigerator with extra ingredients in communities and make the underprivileged take the food for free. Or provide bentos for them by providing remaining dishes.

### Conclusion

Doesn't it sound incredible? The total use of what we encounter everyday can be so eco-friendly. There are still lots of other things that you can't see on weekdays, such as the labor behind Foxconn, or the dumping incident in electronic products, air pollution caused by minerals in cosmetics or electronic products, and open burning of waste dumped in other countries..... Only when consumers "consciously" understand the impact of each product, there is a way to collectively require companies to comply with relevant laws and regulations based on sustainable development.

Video shared: <https://youtu.be/lXareklutms>

### Reflection:

When choosing which goal to pursue, we find that SDGs 12: Responsible Consumption and Production are a part of us that we had never touched before, so we wanted to take this opportunity to learn about its details and core values, and to understand the strength of mates and reflect on what we can do to change the situation of now?

When preparing the materials of the presentation, at the beginning, our discussion was inefficient, and the topic was discussed for two days. Later, we found a solution. Each person proposes two to three opinions, and the top three are voted for a careful discussion, which can greatly improve the efficiency of the discussion.

The report was not very smooth. I pressed the wrong ppt, and one of the group members forgot the script. But this has tested our spiritual field reflexes, and it has also given me a different experience of reporting on stage, so that I can perform better in the future.



