

# editor's note

## The Beauty Around Us

We tend to think of Hong Kong as a “city of pollution”. The air pollution index is often high and we rarely get to see a clear blue sky. As Victoria Harbour gets narrower and narrower, we may feel that Hong Kong has sacrificed its environment for economic development.



However, we still have plenty of beautiful natural scenery in our countryside - from spectacular rocky landscapes to green farmlands. They are all within an hour's ride from our homes. These havens are around us, waiting to be discovered. We may neglect nature, but we cannot deny we are inextricably linked to it, just like fish and water.

We cannot live without water. Does water mean something to us when our lives come to an end? Due to the scarcity of land in Hong Kong, burial at sea has become more popular in recent years. More people are willing to scatter their beloved ones' ashes into the sea. Although some may think they cannot commemorate their deceased relatives if their remains are scattered, others believe it is a form of burial that allows true freedom for the departed. After all, it is a return to nature.

Living in a fast-paced city, we hardly ever pause and reflect on the meaning of life. It is easy to be sucked into a vortex, repeating our monotonous daily routines. Some people have decided to take a year to travel and work overseas. They see it as a way to find a direction in their lives and experience the magnificent beauty of our world. This could be an option if you are graduating this year.

April is a month of rebirth and spring. “April” comes from the Latin word “to open”. We hope this issue of *Varsity* can help open your eyes to the beauty around you, and bring you rejuvenation after all those hard times.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Cheung". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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