

Principal, Vice Principals, Teachers and Fellow Schoolmates,

Good Morning, I am Brian Tam from 7A. Today I want to share an issue with you that I have read in the Reader's Digest. It is about a research done in 35 cities around the world, aiming to find out how polite people are. There are altogether three tests, and I think some of you may wonder what they are and what action or manner Western societies consider as polite.

The first test was done by researchers walking into public buildings and standing behind people to see whether the people would hold the door for them. The other test done by researchers was that they buy small items from 20 shops and see whether the salespeople would say thank you to them. And the last test was that the researchers dropped a folder full of papers in 20 busy locations to see if anyone would help them to pick the papers up.

The result shows New Yorkers were the most big-hearted, whereas Switzerland and Toronto came the second and third place. You may wonder where's Hong Kong stands? The result states that Hong Kong was in the 25<sup>th</sup> place out of 35 cities. It's not so poor as there are 8 out of 9 cities in Asia are regarded as the most lacked in courtesy.

We all know that HK people are well educated, but in the eyes of the West, our manners are not good enough. I'm sure all of us hope the ranking of HK can go up in the next test. So I appeal to you all to try your best to help those in need starting from today. Thanks You.