Global Warming—Whose fault?

Nowadays, global warming is continuing and the greenhouse effect is getting worse. Human activities produce greenhouse gases that stay in the atmosphere and cause serious environmental problems today. Global warming not only causes polar ice melting but also leads to changes of weather patterns around the world. These result in natural disasters such as crops failures, which directly cause famines. The greenhouse gases have such a huge impact on us. So, who should be responsible for global warming and greenhouse gases?

It is generally agreed that governments and businessmen are the most responsible parties for tackling climate changes. The governments are the leaders of people and have authority. They have a responsibility to solve the problems of global warming. But very often they support digging oil and coal mines to develop the economy of their country and cities. This is detrimental to our environment and water quality. They produce electricity by burning coal, thus producing a lot of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, which intensify global warming. In addition, when a businessman transports goods, their vehicles emit a large amount of gases which aggravate the greenhouse effect. And in shopping malls, air-conditioners are turned on every day, and this consumes a lot of electricity.

Other than governments and businessmen, individuals should also take responsibility for dealing with the problems of global warming. Nowadays people are getting richer, and more and more people drive private cars, which produce carbon dioxide. In addition, we tend to enjoy comforts and conveniences in our daily life. When we feel a bit hot, we will turn on air-conditioners for a whole day. Some even set its temperature to below 24 degrees Celsius. Also, some people don't have the habit of turning off their electrical appliances when they are not in use. For example, they may have turned on the light in the living room but they stay in their bedroom — they forget to turn off the light in the living room and just let it on for a whole day. People waste electricity and this accelerates the emissions of greenhouse gases indirectly.

Although people always say that the government and businessmen are the most responsible parties for tackling climate changes, individuals are the main source of global warming. While we enjoy the comforts and conveniences brought by electricity supply, we indirectly produce greenhouse gases. Therefore, individuals cannot deny their responsibility to help solve the problems of climate changes.