

**Best Title Award Champion**

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Theme:  Love

Division:  S.1 – 3  S.4 – 7

Title: Soft Paper · Hard Work

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Picture:

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Caption: This photo was captured in the summer holiday last year during the interflow tour to Zhaoqing. In a remote village, there was an old hut without any air-conditioning. What I

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found was only a wooden desk, piles of recycled paper, and a little girl .The girl was separating those papers into several piles carefully. I'd never seen such an interesting act so I took this photo.

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Commentary:

S.1 – 3:

100 – 200 words

'It is summer holiday! You've finished all your homework so you do such kind of work in your spare time, right?'

'No, I don't go to school.'

S.4 – 7:

200 – 300 words

When you were around 10 years old, what would you do most frequently? Most probably, you would either go to school or play, wouldn't you? However, it is not likely to happen to the girl in the photo. I remember when my tour-mates and I first saw her, we were curious about what she was doing. One of the tour-mates raised a question. Knowing she didn't go to school, all of us were surprised.

'My family is very poor. They can't afford to let me go to school. Working like this can earn 5 to 10 dollars per day! Although I don't enjoy this job, I have no choice but to accept it. I love my family so I must work hard!' After that, she didn't say anything. She just continued her work skillfully.

The job of sorting the recycled paper seems to be an easy task. But if you repeat this action from day to day, I am sure it is tiring and boring! As there was no air-conditioning, standing there for 5 minutes made me sweat already.

In Hong Kong, the government provides free education for all school-aged children from primary up to junior secondary levels. If the girl lived in Hong Kong, didn't go to school and was forced to work everyday, I believe her parents would suffer severe punishment and this case would arouse public awareness. Moreover, I guess the girl could study and live more blissfully with the aid of some kind donators.

I would like to use 'unfortunate' to describe the girl. Nowadays, every parent paves for their children the way to success. Why did the girl's parents allow their beloved daughter to work as a slave?

We are all fortunate to be born in Hong Kong. A lot of school-aged children don't have the chance to receive education around the globe. Some of them even need to do hard labour work. As individuals, we can donate money to the charitable organizations to show our love and care to them. Furthermore, the mainland government needs to pay more attention to the wealth gap problem. We should try our best to help them because we are in one world! Hong Kongers, please treasure your learning opportunities and don't take them for granted!

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