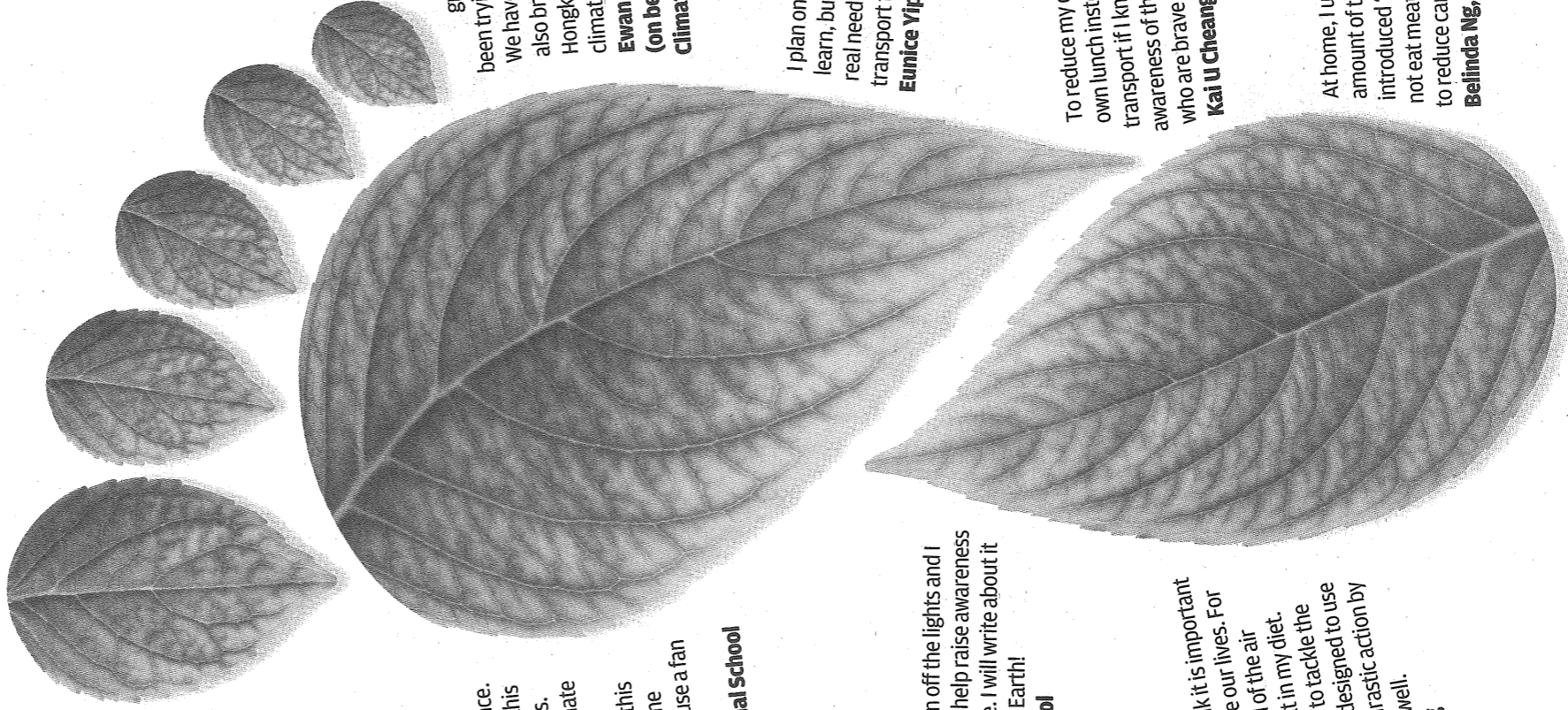




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I think I will use the air conditioner less to reduce my carbon footprint. For example, maybe I will only turn it on when it reaches 30 degree Celsius outside.

Teresa Kwok, 14, South Island School

I believe that global warming is of utmost importance. Despite that, I am not willing to boycott school, as this would disrupt my schedule and that of my teachers. Putting my grades at risk would not help fight climate change.

I would gladly attend a rally on a weekend, as this causes no disruptions to class and still supports the cause. I will also try to take public transport and use a fan instead of the air con during summer.

Yuhan Huang, 13, German Swiss International School

To reduce my carbon footprint, I will turn off the lights and I not use as much single-use plastic. I will help raise awareness of climate change at school and at home. I will write about it on social media as well. I care about our Earth!

Rhea Saxena, 13, King George V School

Given the seriousness of the climate crisis, I think it is important that people make big changes in the way we live our lives. For me, this includes things like using a fan instead of the air conditioning and reducing the amount of meat in my diet. However, individuals can only do so much to tackle the climate emergency. The world's economy is designed to use up much of the planet's resources, making drastic action by businesses and governments important as well.

Joshua Lee, 21, University of Hong Kong

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How the world celebrated Mid-Autumn

Edited by Ginny Wong

To reduce our carbon footprint, many of us only take public transport, limit how much meat we eat, or become a vegetarian or a vegan. We donate money to groups that tackle the climate crisis. As a group we've also been trying to brainstorm ways that we can tackle the climate crisis. We have a meeting with legislators to discuss our next steps. We're also brainstorming ideas to promote sustainable lifestyles to Hongkongers. We are also thinking about taking part in the next climate strike.

Ewan Windebank, 17, Rosary Hill Secondary School
(on behalf of organisers of Student Action for Climate Change Hong Kong)

I plan on reducing my carbon footprint by not driving. I want to learn, but I know it isn't good for the environment. There's no real need to drive anyway, because there is plenty of public transport that I can take instead.

Eunice Yip, 18, Hong Kong Shue Yan University

To reduce my carbon footprint, I try to avoid wasting food, and I pack my own lunch instead of buying takeaways. I also walk instead of using transport if I know I'm only going a short distance. I believe raising awareness of the climate crisis is very important and I support the people who are brave enough to do so.

Kai U Cheang, 17, Macao Anglican College

At home, I use a small fan as much as possible to reduce the amount of time I have the air conditioning on. I have also introduced "Green Mondays" at home, which means my family do not eat meat on Mondays. Adopting a flexitarian diet is a good way to reduce carbon emissions. I have also stopped eating beef.

Belinda Ng, 19, University of Cambridge

Last Friday marked another school strike against the climate crisis. Here are some of the ways you are taking action to reduce your carbon footprint

How do you go green?

Shoppers pay cost of misleading pricing

Formal writing

Who doesn't like shopping at a discounted price? But the plethora of pricing tactics adopted by Hong Kong supermarkets means consumers can never be sure whether what they get is a real bargain. The problem is further compounded by loose guidelines and laws on pricing. Improvements are needed to enhance consumer protection.

The varieties of pricing in supermarket chains are confusing to say the least - standard price, original price, recommended retail price, special discount, best buy, today's promotion. Whatever they are called, they are tactics to lure customers. But the Consumer Council found that they could be misleading tactics to create an impression that the offers are too good to miss. In fact, the original price, which is usually crossed out and displayed above a marked down price, may never apply at all. It was found that up to 80 per cent of the 42 selected products in a study had not been sold at the strike-through prices over the past 30 days. This raises questions whether the prices can be a real reference for comparison.

The problem of misleading price labelling was raised by the watchdog five years ago but regrettably little improvement has been made. Not only will it deprive consumers the right to accurate information for making informed choices, it may also contravene the Trade Description Ordinance. Currently, traders are required to show clearly the definition of the strike-through price and sell the item at such price for a "reasonable period of time" under the enforcement guidelines of the ordinance; but oddly enough, the duration is not spelled out. There is a case for the authority to study overseas law and clarify the requirement. For instance, Singapore requires that the higher quoted price must have been used for a minimum 28 consecutive days in the previous 6 months. In Britain, the duration for the reduced selling price must not exceed that of the higher quoted price.

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Honest and transparent pricing is fundamental to consumer confidence. While it is in the business interests of supermarkets to adopt best practices, the repeated criticisms by the Consumer Council in this regard call for a serious review of the regulation.

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