



A debating Speech Kwok Yeung Yuk 5S (19)

Chairperson, adjudicators, teachers and fellow students,

The motion for our debate is, “We are too late on global warming”. I’m speaking on behalf of the opposition team. Our team completely disagrees that we are too late on global warming.

Our dear opponent has defined the word “too late” as “no matter what we do, the earth is dying”. However, I would like to clarify that there is still time. My first speaker has already discussed some of the efficacious solutions to the problem, which I will further elaborate. I will also explain why there is still time to save the earth.

First of all, I would like to make some rebuttals. The first speaker of the proposition team has claimed that we are in the most pathetic situation at the moment; no matter what we do, the earth is dying. They are also convinced that even if today the world suddenly stops producing greenhouse gases, temperature will rise 1 degree by 2050. Therefore, the proposition team thought we were too late on global warming. However, this is misguided. According to the greatest committee report, an increase of 1°C does not do much harm to the earth, but an increase of over 3°C will probably destroy the whole eco-system in the world. Therefore, there’s still time. We are still able to save the world.

Undeniably, we can do something to save the environment efficaciously. Facing the global warming, the most useful and direct solution is producing less greenhouse gasses. Actually, many people and governments are already working hard to cut down on greenhouse gases, and everyone can help. Stephen Pacala and Robert Socolow at Princeton University have suggested 7 wedges, all of which together could hold carbon emissions at approximately current levels for the next 50-years, putting us on a potential path to stabilize the global warming. However, I am not going to point out the solutions one by one. I just wanna say I believe that we can do something to help the world and we are not too late!

After considering what I have mentioned, I’m sure all of you will agree that there is still time. If you wanna help the earth, take action now. We can still save the earth before it is too late. Finally, let me conclude by saying once again that we are NOT too late on global warming and therefore today’s notion should not stand. Thank you.