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P10. Social media affects self-esteem

Social media has become a huge part of everyday life. Nowadays, one can check Twitter and see what their favourite celebrity is up to, log onto Facebook to find out when a friend's birthday is, or use Instagram to advertise a new business. However, while it can provide us with news and entertainment, is social media doing more harm than good?

P6. Troubling tubes

Recently, there have been collective efforts to ban plastic straws, as if by tacit agreement among different parties. Here are the pros and cons.

In July, the international coffeehouse chain Starbucks announce it would phase out plastic straws by 2020, and replace them with a plastic lid that allows customers to sip their drinks. More over, numerous cities across the US, including Seattle and Miami Beach, have already named single-use plastic straws.

P9. Scientist find water on Mars... again

Every now and then, we hear news that scientists have discovered water on Mars. Recently, an Italian team once again claimed that they had discovered water on Mars. And this time, it is really different from the past ones. How different can it be?

In the past, scientists have provided proof that liquid water did exist on Mars in the past, or that liquid water could exist now. But this time, we seem to have proved that liquid water does exist on Mars now! Is that not very different?

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Battle against Dengue

Hong Kong's dengue fever outbreak is under control, Secretary for Food and Health Sophia Chan Siu-chee said yesterday.

But authorities have yet to decide when to reopen Lion Rock Park, a main seat of the trouble.

There had not been any new dengue fever cases for seven days, she said, and infection numbers have been declining for several weeks.

"All the cases came from Wong Tai Sin district and Cheung Chau, and I think it's under control," she said. "But we won't lower our guard."

More trash floating over from China

The SAR government has underestimated the amount of garbage in the sea that comes from the mainland, a green group said.

The Green Earth accused the Environmental Protection Department of downplaying the severity of the situation as the department claimed only five percent of plastic bottle waste in the city comes from China.

The department's figures stem from their report - Investigation on the Sources and Fates of Marine Refuse in Hong Kong - which was published in 2015. The report identifies the origin of marine debris by the language on the labels.

KMB to install seat belts in fleet

Public bus operator KMB said today that it plans to spend HK\$200 million to install seat belts for its entire bus fleet.

The company revealed this at a government-commissioned review committee looking at Hong Kong's franchised bus operations, which was formed after a fatal accident in Tai Po in February.

The company said it has to retrofit the safety device on the upper decks of around 1,000 buses.