

## Speech Presentation on Drug Abuse in Hong Kong

Hi, ladies and gentlemen,

Today I would like to talk about a social issue for young people in Hong Kong, this being the problem of drug abuse.



Obviously, the problem of youth drug abuse is becoming more serious in Hong Kong. Drug abuse is the compulsive, excessive, and self-damaging use of drugs, leading to addiction, dependence, or serious physical and psychological injuries.

First of all, according to a recent survey, it is revealed that about eight percent of young people take drugs. Young people taking drugs will cause serious mental impairment. Some drugs can even change a person's body and brain in ways that last long after the person has stopped taking drugs, maybe even permanently. Drugs such as cannabis can lead users to become addicted. Also, depression may be caused. Therefore, drugs affect young people's health seriously.

Secondly, because of the poor education about the adverse effects of drugs, young people don't have refusal skills. The government and schools in fact should promote more disadvantages about taking drugs. The government should also enact tougher laws against drug abuse. For example, young people who are in possession of a little amount of drugs should also be punished.

Thirdly, most young people take drugs to release their study pressure and peer pressure. Young people may find that studying is so boring and they may also compare themselves with their friends. Therefore, they take drugs to escape from an unhappy reality. To solve these problems, social workers have to pay attention to these "at risk" youths. Some of them may just want the attention that they lack from their parents.

To conclude, drug abuse is a serious social issue for some young people and serious problems may be caused by it too. We have to deal with this issue with great care.

That's the end of my speech today, thank you for listening!