

Schools participate in Anti-"Space Oil Drug" Week campaign (with photos)

The Anti-"Space Oil Drug" Week campaign, co-organised by the Narcotics Division (ND) of the Security Bureau and the Education Bureau (EDB), is being held in all schools in Hong Kong this week from February 24 to 28. The campaign aims to enhance the correct understanding among students of the harm of the "space oil drug" and strengthen their resolve to stay away from drugs. Diverse learning activities will be held in schools, including talks, anti-drug videos and drama shows, as well as dissemination of anti-"space oil drug" messages in class.

A spokesperson from the ND said, "The EDB has produced and uploaded anti-'space oil drug' life event examples and a music video entitled 'Building Our Dreams – Let's Knock Drugs Out', and has issued a circular informing schools of the relevant resources produced by various government departments for reference and deployment. The ND has also provided anti-'space oil drug' publicity materials to schools. Following the campaign, the Government will continue to incorporate knowledge about combating the 'space oil drug' in preventive education and publicity in schools. We also welcome schools to arrange visits for students to the Hong Kong Jockey Club Drug InfoCentre."

A spokesperson from the EDB emphasised, "The EDB has always attached importance to the cultivating of correct values and positive life attitudes among students, guiding them to practice lawful and appropriate behavior, and establishing healthy lifestyles. We encourage schools to teach students to stay away from the 'space oil drug' through learning activities of the campaign, and work together to protect our next generation from the harm of drugs. We also urge teachers, school social workers and parents to work hand in hand. If they notice any signs of drug use among students, they should refer the students to suitable counselling and treatment programmes."

Action Committee Against Narcotics member Dr Rizwan Ullah, who is also an education worker, agreed that schools must take actions to remind students of the harm of the "space oil drug" and educate students in ways to resist drug temptations in schools. Dr Ullah said, "Drug problems may appear in any school, and the school sector must take the initiative to deal with it. The Anti-'Space Oil Drug' Week provides an opportunity for schools to intensively educate their students about the harm of drugs and the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. I noticed that some schools are actively holding activities under the campaign, and also joining hands with others in the community to safeguard schools from drugs. Indeed, everyone can make a contribution to the anti-drug cause."

Students or others who face issues related to the "space oil drug" or have other drug problems can contact professional social workers for information or assistance through WhatsApp or WeChat at 98 186 186, or call

the 24-hour hotline at 186 186.

