

*You are Chris Wong, the Chairperson of the Student Union. Your principal is very concerned about the rising number of cyber bullying cases in the campus. You have been invited to give a speech to all the students warning them that cyber bullying is a serious criminal case and that they should not be part of it and if a victim, should not tolerate it. Write the speech in about 400 words.*

Good morning, Principal, teachers and fellow schoolmates,

As the Chairperson of the Student Union, I am here to call upon all of you to stop cyber bullying if you are the bully and to report to school if you are the victim or if you have knowledge of any such cases. The situation is really serious in our school as it is in many schools in Hong Kong not to say around the world. Last month alone, the Discipline Office dealt with five confirmed cases of cyber bullying

Cyber bullying is a criminal act whether you are the one starting it or the one forwarding a hurtful message or participating in an Internet polling such as “Who’s fat? Who’s not?” Don’t think that abusing your classmates on the Internet is just for fun or to let off steam whether for revenge or for show of authority. Don’t think that nobody knows you are the engineer behind all those vicious attacks and slanders! Once the case is reported to the police, you can be easily identified. Once convicted, you will have a criminal record that is going to be with you for life! There is consequence to every abusive act. So is it worth tempting fate for momentary satisfaction of pure ego? The choice is yours!

Have the bullies ever thought of the pain inflicted on the victims? Though there is no physical injury, the harm can be most damaging. The targeted students may feel so harassed, so embarrassed and so isolated that they lose all confidence or even hate themselves and shy away from school, friends and even family. We have such victims. Two Form 1 girls have refused to come to school for two weeks already. Are you part of their misery? How do you have the heart to inflict upon another classmate, one who is among you and with you, such suffering?

Are you one of those poor souls being bullied in the cyber world? If you are, don’t suffer in silence! Stand up and confide in your teachers or our school social worker, Ms Au Yeung. They are trained and experienced to help you. Your misery has to be stopped by you yourself! Nobody can stop the bully if you don’t identify them!

My fellow schoolmates, here are the three steps to take to help curb cyber bullying. Don’t start it! Don’t join in! Report it! Cyber bullying isn’t cool. It’s cruel. It has to be stopped. Keep the campus abuse-free! We have only one policy – zero tolerance of cyber bullying!