



Ban of Trade in Ivory in Hong Kong .
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Dear Sir,

I was born in Africa over 60 years ago and recollect seeing elephants .

It is a surprise that decades later I find that the main reason why the African Elephant is endangered is due to the trade in Elephant Ivory from Africa to China. While mainland China has taken action to stop this trade, Hong Kong under one country two systems has not yet done so.

It still is a shock to me to see shops in city centre streets here in Hong Kong selling this commodity. Each shop represents the graveyard of significant numbers of an endangered species . This current situation is nothing short of scandalous and a blot on the reputation of Hong Kong, a city that aims to be a major international centre of trade. In my opinion the trade of that product in Hong Kong (a trade which is illegal in most of the world) means that Hong Kong in one move loses its status as a reputable centre for international trade. Hong Kong becomes no longer a winning city but is only one of the world "also rans".

I request you to pass on my opinion to the legislators of Hong Kong that they speedily halt this trade for two reasons (a) The conservation of a rare (and magnificent) species. (b) to reinstate Hong Kong as one of the major world centres for reputable and guaranteed international trade.

Yours aye
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