



Support of the ivory trade ban
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To whom it may concern,

Hong Kong has a unique position in the world as a trade hub connecting countries around the world. Hong Kong has an opportunity to show its respect to this responsibility and the beautiful animals and lives that ivory trade destroys. I am writing to express my support of the Hong Kong government's ivory ban. I also support the decision to increase penalties for wildlife crime by the Hong Kong government.

Finally, I would like to express my opposition to the Hong Kong government paying compensation to ivory traders for their ivory stocks. In a time where countries affected, for example Kenya, are taking a stand and burning their ivory stocks as a sign of respect and support to its beautiful wildlife in defiance of ivory poachers and traders, Hong Kong should also stand strong and convicted on this matter and not negotiate or offer such compensation for ivory traders. I believe that uniting against the trade of ivory and against compensation of ivory traders will only benefit Hong Kong's image to the rest of the world and could only be a positive towards future development. We live in a beautiful country that protects over 30% of its wonderful land in national parks, in turn protecting the animals that live there, let's extend this attitude out of the Hong Kong mountains and to the savannas of Africa.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message,

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