

# (PHOTOS) HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS WARN GOV'T 'THERE IS NO PLANET B' WHEN IT COMES TO CLIMATE



Photo by Vicky Wong.

By Vicky Wong Mar 15, 2019 | 5:19pm Hong Kong Time

More than a hundred Hong Kong students skipped a day of classes to march through the city, urging the SAR government to do more to tackle climate change as part of a global boycott movement that saw sister protests spring up in cities around the world.

The class boycott is part of the #FridaysForFuture movement, which was inspired by 16-year-old Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, who first staged a school strike outside the country's parliament in Stockholm in August to call for action on climate change. You might remember her as the teen who gave a speech at the [United Nations climate conference COP24](#), and who [rusted world leaders at Davos](#).



A group of students waving placards at Tamar Park close to the Central Government Offices. Photo by Vicky Wong.



Photo by Vicky Wong. As attention to her cause snowballed, Thunberg's rallying cry has inspired students all over the world to take to the streets, demanding their governments take more action. She has since been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize.



Students and parents gathered at the rally's start point in Chater Garden, Central at 11am this afternoon chanting and waving placards with slogans such as "There is no Planet B," and "Don't be a fossil fool".

Environmental NGOs like Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth were also present at the rally.



Photo by Vicky Wong. They procession then marched to the Central Government Headquarters in Admiralty, where they delivered [letters and position papers](#) addressed to Chief Executive Carrie Lam and Environment Secretary Wong Kam-sing.



Photo by Vicky Wong. The letter detailed three main demands, which included increasing Hong Kong's reliance on renewable energy sources; creating "youth representatives" within the government's Steering Committee on Climate Change; and introducing a "Climate Action Officer" within the Environment Bureau who will be charged with overseeing climate change policies and initiatives.

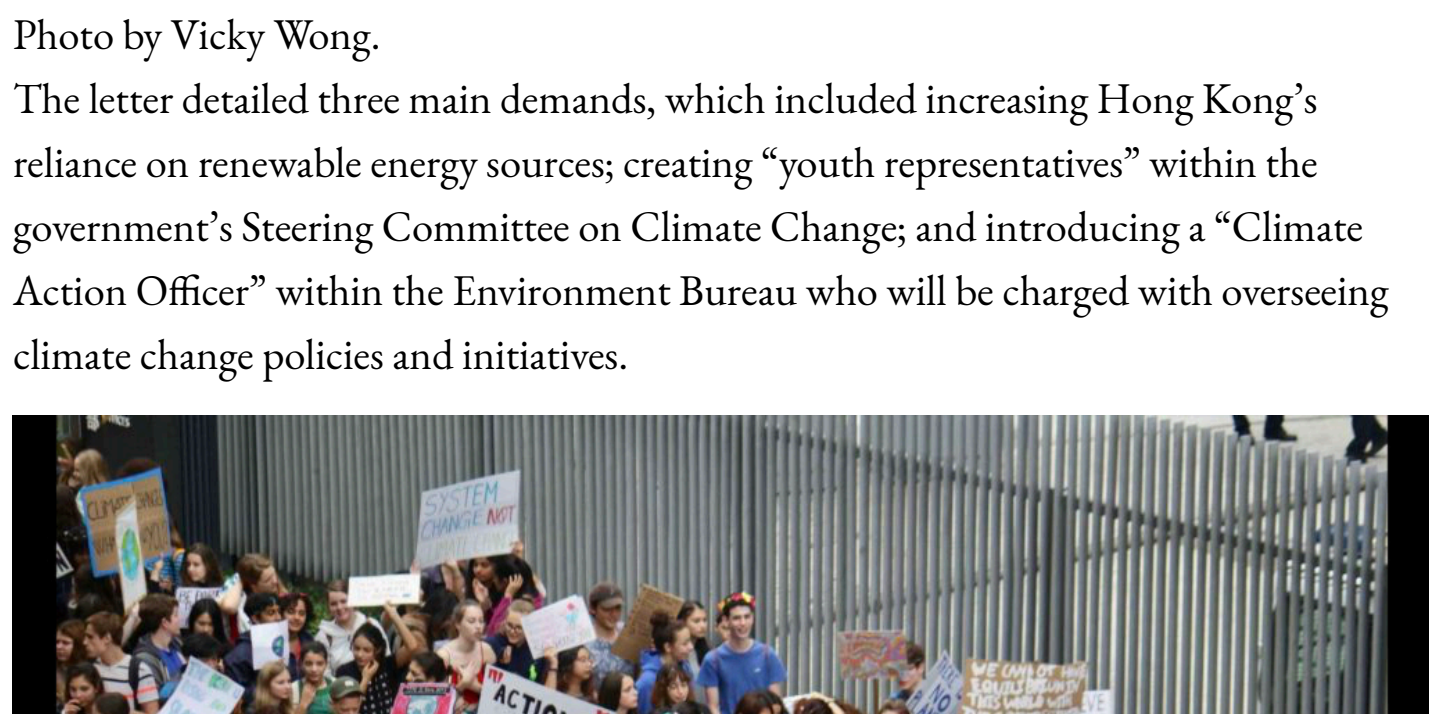


Photo by Vicky Wong. Also present at the protest was lawmaker Eddie Chu Hoi-dick, who said the government and political parties were "putting their heads in the sand" when it comes to climate change, and that students needed to take the lead on this issue.

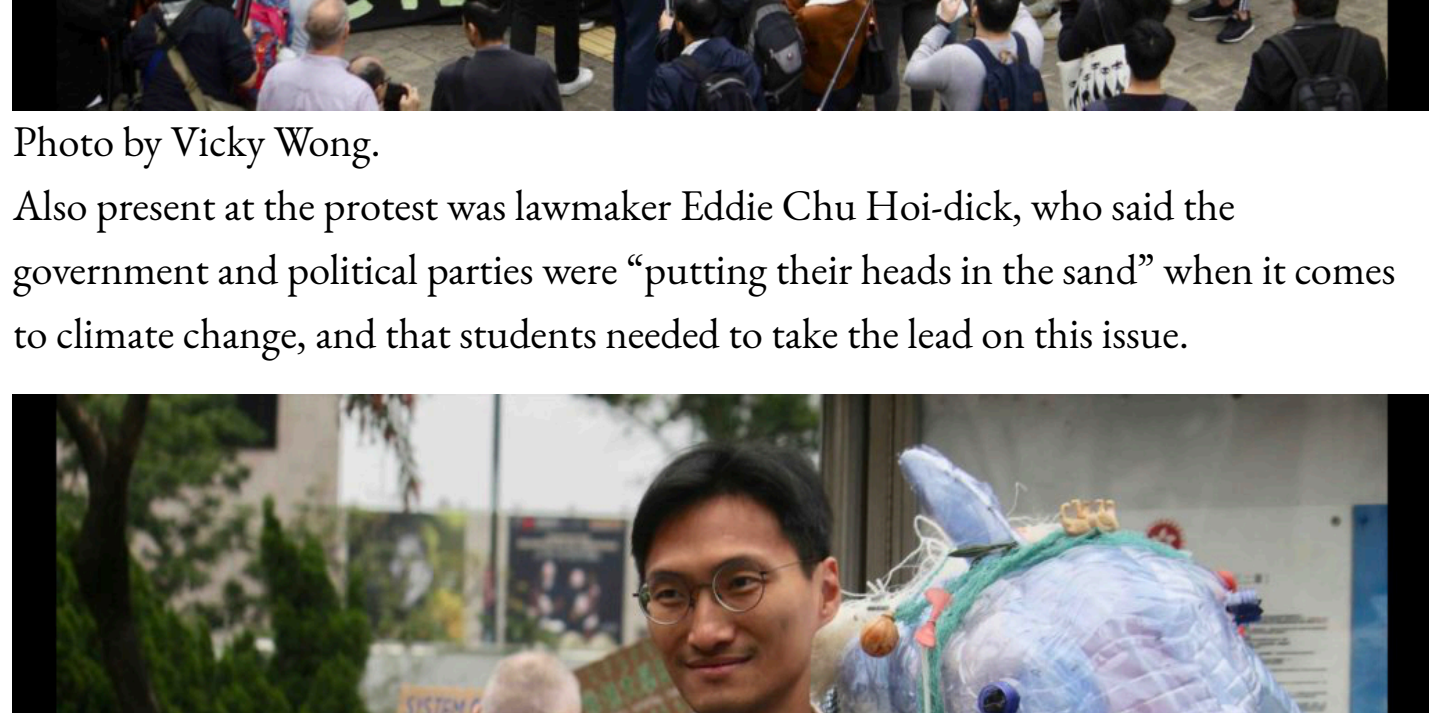


Photo by Vicky Wong. He also accused the chief executive of "pretending to be asleep on this issue," citing a report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published in October, which said that [the world needs to reduce its man-made carbon emissions 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030](#), and reach "net zero" emissions by 2050.



Photo by Vicky Wong. "We're scared, save the next generation." Hong Kong's climate action plan, which was published in 2017, [pledges a 26 to 36 per cent cut by 2030 from 2005 levels](#).

Chu told *Coconuts HK* that Hong Kong needs to "update our targets and make new strategies to cope with this."

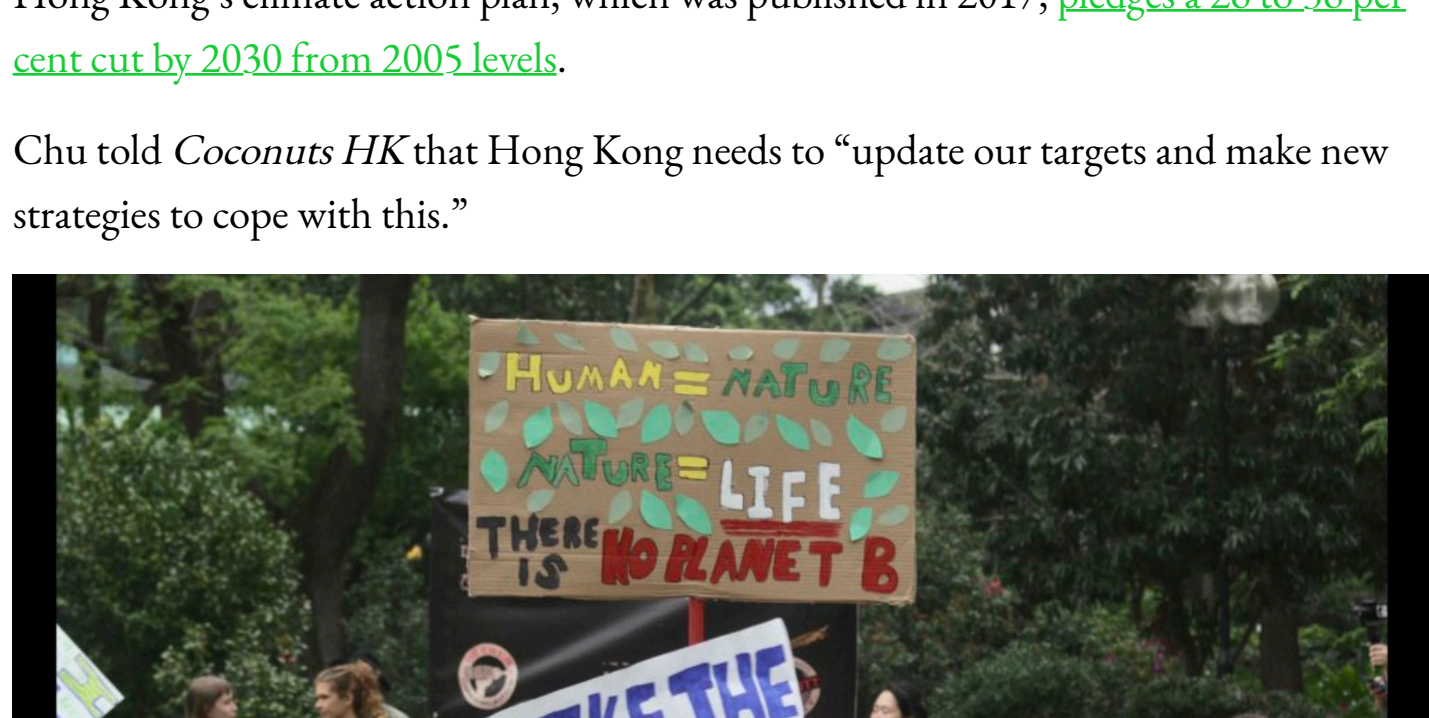


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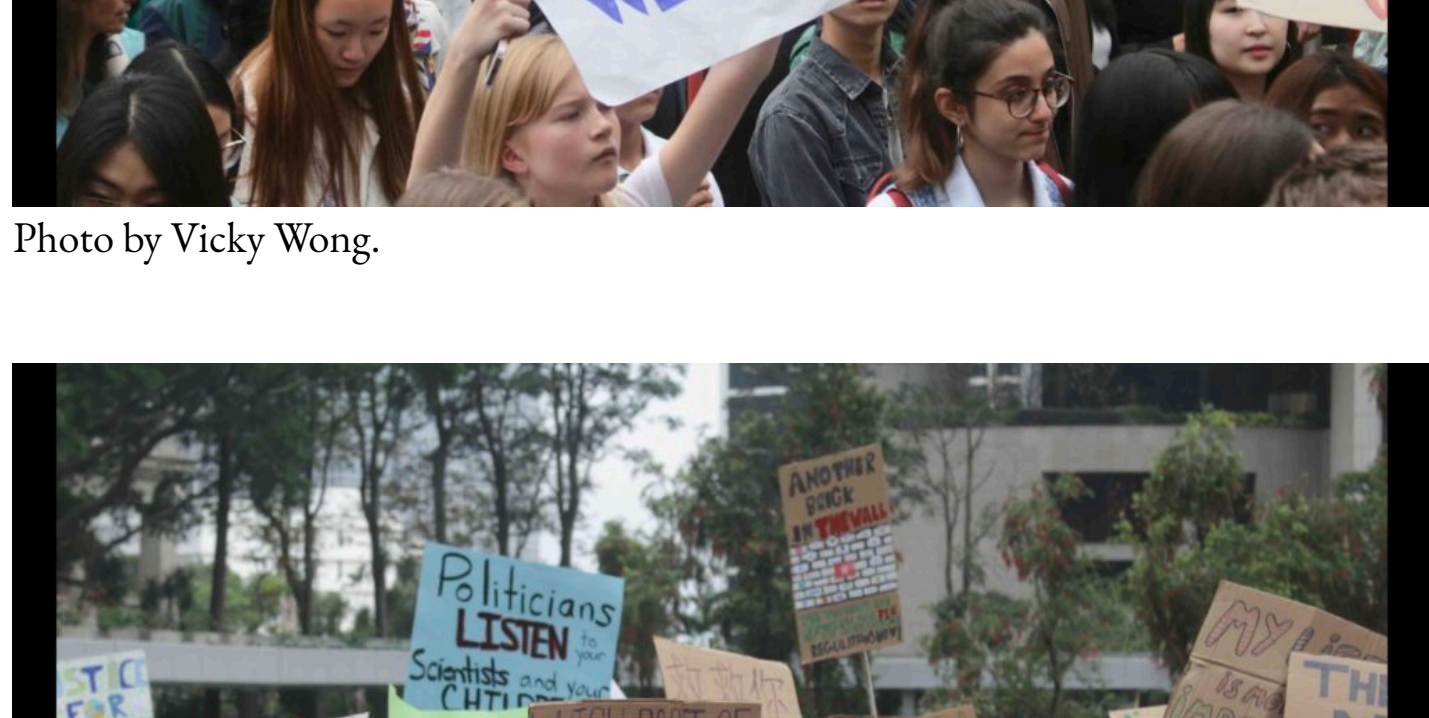


Photo by Vicky Wong. In February, the Education Bureau said they disapproved of the strike, saying that although the department respects the right of students to express their opinions in a "peaceful and legitimate manner," it's opposed to class boycotts, RTHK reported.

"Any form of boycott would disrupt order in schools, and interfere with the normal learning of students and operation of schools."

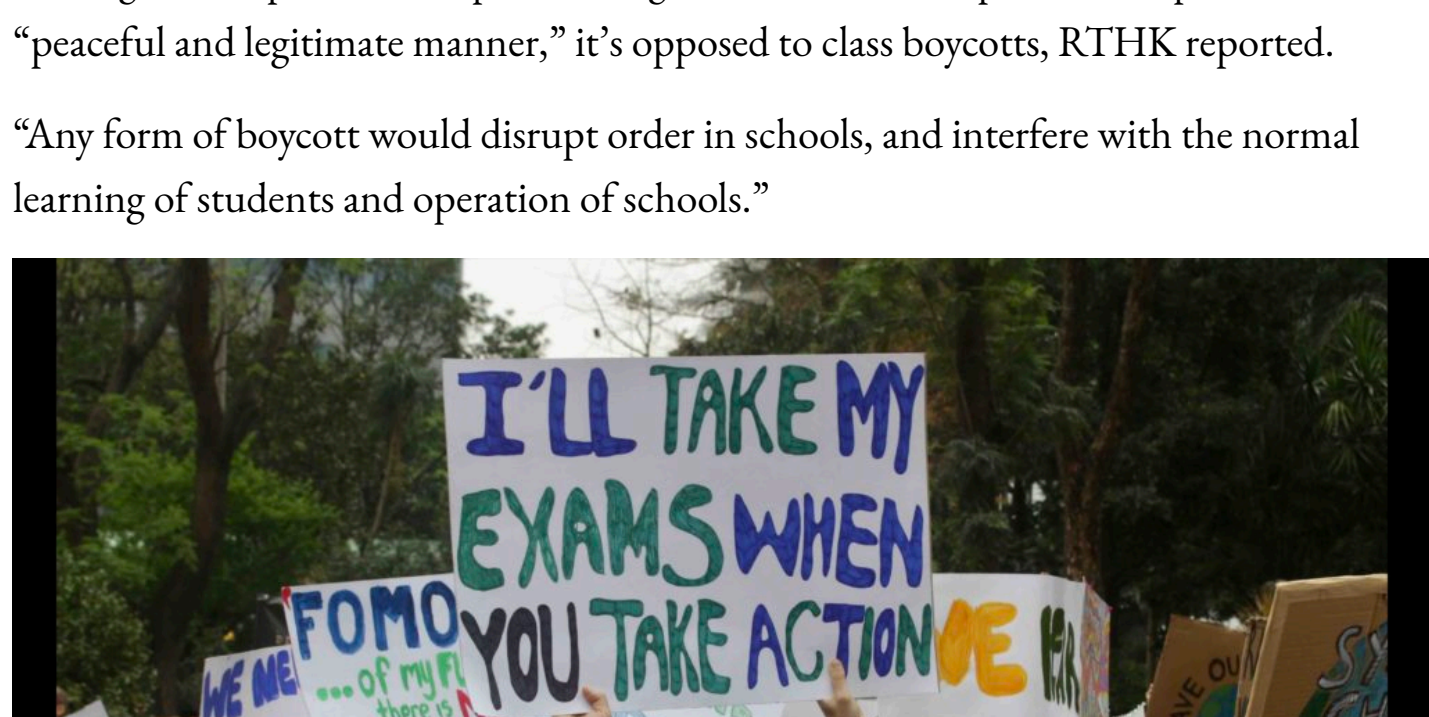


Photo by Vicky Wong. One of the students taking part in protest, 17-year-old Chloe Panlilio from St. Margaret's Co-educational English Secondary and Primary School, said that skipping classes to raise awareness of the issue was "a small price to pay."

"People are studying for the future that they might not have, and we're fighting for the future we're studying for," she told *Coconuts HK*. "So it matters more when you weigh [the alternatives]."

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## HONG KONG OBSERVATORY ISSUES NO. 8 TYPHOON WARNING

Tropical cyclone track of Nalgae. Photo: Hong Kong Observatory

By Coconuts Hong Kong Nov 2, 2022 | 2:52pm Hong Kong Time

The Hong Kong Observatory issued the No. 8 typhoon warning this afternoon with tropical cyclone Nalgae approaching the city.

The No. 8 northwest gale or storm signal was issued at 1:40pm.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 63 kilometers per hour or more are expected from the northwest quarter.

"At 6pm, tropical storm Nalgae was centered about 120 kilometers south-southeast of Hong Kong and is forecast to move northwest at about 10 kilometers per hour edging closer to the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary," said the city's meteorological agency.

"According to the latest forecast, Nalgae will edge closer to Hong Kong tonight as compared with the previous forecast and will skirt within 100 kilometers of Hong Kong."

Under the influence of the rainbands associated with Nalgae, showers over the territory are expected to become more frequent gradually tonight.

The No. 8 gale or storm signal will remain in force before 10pm tonight.

Nalgae will weaken further. Whether the No. 8 gale or storm signal is maintained thereafter depends on the degree of weakening of Nalgae. If Nalgae weakens further into a tropical depression, the observatory will issue a lower tropical cyclone warning signal.

Seas are very rough with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

Earlier in the day, the Education Bureau announced that classes at all schools are suspended today.

The Labour Department reminded employers to make work arrangements for staff during and after tropical cyclone and rainstorm warnings, including arrangements on reporting for duty, release from work, resumption of work and work from home (if applicable).

There are changes to public transport routes. Check out these links for the latest updates: [MTR](#) | [KMB](#) | [Citybus](#) and [NWB](#) | [Star Ferry](#).

However, the Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit organized by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, which has been hyped by the government as proof that Hong Kong is "back", is continuing at the Four Seasons Hotel. The summit features around 200 financiers from around the world.

Editor's note: The story has been updated with weather information by the Hong Kong Observatory at 6pm.

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