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2022 Film-It: Student Film Competition



Winner of The Popular Film Award





Ms. Szeto Po Yan & Lo Pui Yu

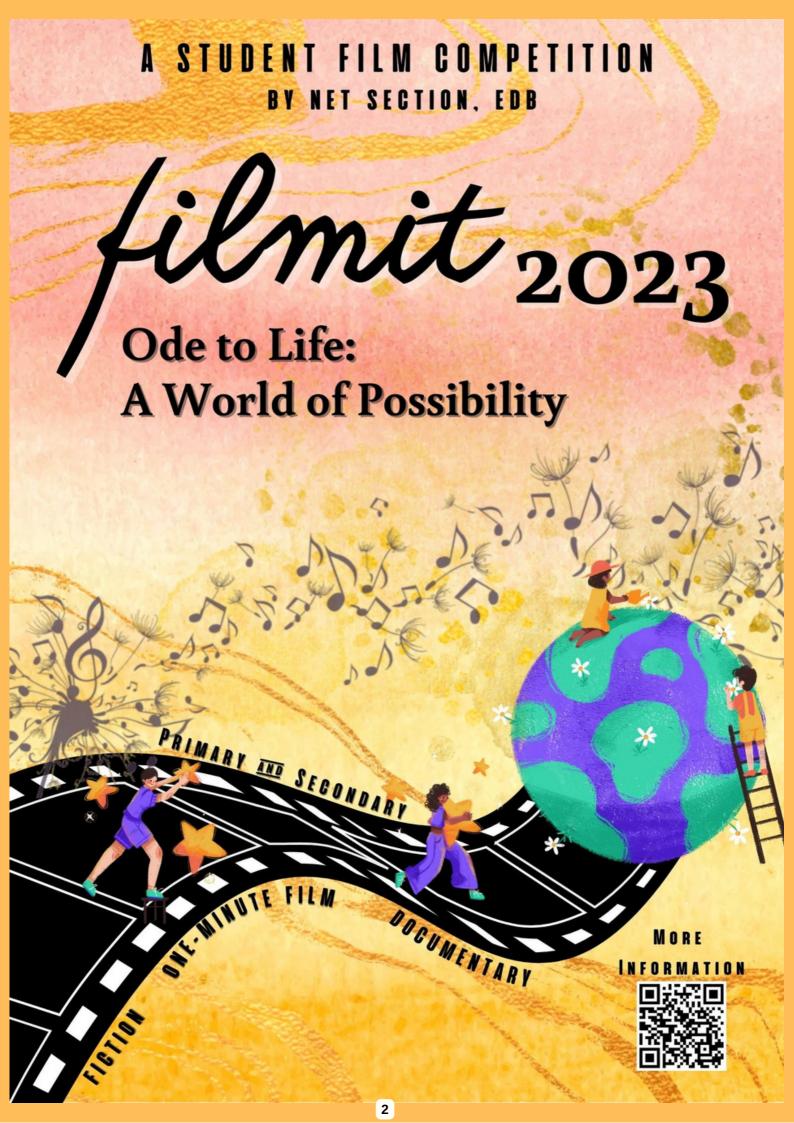
# **SUPERSTARS**



He Wu Yoni: ICAP Champion & 1st Place Speech Festival Luk Tsun: ICAP Champion & 2nd Place Speech Festival



Joint School Scrabble Tournament



# 74TH HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPEECH FESTIVAL

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#### HE WU YONI 1ST PLACE S.3 BOYS SOLO VERSE

I think the speech festival is one of the greatest ways to show off your English speaking skills. You can also get professional feedback in this competition and receive valuable advice to improve your speaking skills.

#### LUK TSUN 2ND PLACE S.3 BOYS SOLO VERSE

Participating in the speech festival gives me the ability to speak English with more gusto and finesse; because of that, I have more confidence to strike a conversation with anyone and make new friends.





#### CHEN JUNYI 3RD PLACE S.4 GIRLS SOLO VERSE

I learnt how to pronounce words more clearly and put emotion into the performance. I know that I'm not very good at articulating so I tried to make the performance more captivating with expression. I am glad to win the 2nd runner up award.

#### HONG KONG SPEECH FESTIVAL MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Chen Jinshan S.5 Wong Sin Na S.5 Li Yi Yeung S.5 Wong Ching Yiu S.5 He Huiyi S.5 Yang Lihuan S.5 Fan Shaoying S.5 Lai Oi Lam S.5 Ma Wai Yan S.4
Lo Ching Man S.4
Fong Hiu Lam S.4
Chen Yuyin S.4
Lo Pui Yu S.4
Wong Yu Ling S.4
Cao Ming Shan S.4
Chan Cheuk Woon S.4
Wong Chun Ho S.4

Chong Sze Wai S.3
Tsang Siu Tie Debbie S.3
Alcala Kaycee S.3
Zhang Chun Ming S.3
Chan Pak Hong S.2
Zhong Haikun S.2
Malaikah Bibi S.1
Cheung Nga Yin S.1



## INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN ARTS PLATFORM: ENGLISH SPEECH COMPETITION

Luk Tsun

Champion (12-14 year old division)

He Wu Yoni

Champion (15-17 year old division)



#### 2ND PLACE

Cheung Nga Yin (12-14) Fan Shaoying (15-17) Cao Ming Shan (15-17) Wong Yu Ling (15-17)

#### **3RD PLACE**

Ho Yuet Hei Polly (12-14) Chen Junyi (15-17) Li Yi Yeung (15-17) He Huiyi (15-17)

#### **GOLD MERIT**

Wong Lok Chun Samuel (12-14)
Tsang Siu Tie Debbie (12-14)
Lo Pui Yu (15-17)
Ma Wai Yan (15-17)
Chong Sze Wai (15-17)
Teng Wing Chun (15-17)

#### S.6 WRITING COMPETITION

Social media has become an essential part of our lives. What are the common dos and don'ts of using social media? What are the positive and negative impacts of social media on young people? What can young people do to benefit more from the positive effects and combat the negative ones?

#### LI CHAK HO





Seldom has social media been detested by their users. In fact, it is embraced widely by people worldwide. Twitter, Facebook, You-tube and Instagram are all well-known cases in point, which are constantly growing in popularity, contributing great efforts to building a closer tie in the world. In the midst of this technology storm, what do teenagers reap from it?

Social media indeed brings forth significant benefits to our young generation. They help teenagers grow to be more intellectual and well-informed by providing a way of stable knowledge acquisition. Just take You-tube as an example, there is an avalanche of educational and informative videos in it. Students are able to study both practical skills and academic literacy; for example, a language or a theory. It is possible for them to develop a better understanding of the ever-changing trends; of course, if they are self-disciplined enough to study the intricate details. Thereupon, it is highly encouraging that teenagers should take the advantage of getting access to those social platforms, which provide a wider exposure for them to study knowledge that is beyond the school textbooks.

Moreover, social media allows teenagers to encounter and interact with others without being limited by time and place. Sharing on Facebook or Instagram, youth have more chances to make friends with others, which boosts young people's self-esteem as they may get more support and encouragement from courteous and friendly users. Some people even have groups based on specific themes, like reading, writing, travelling, study groups and like-minded buddies. So, adolescents ought to communicate more with their online friends and study companions through social platforms like Facebook or Instagram.

Social media is often regarded as the epitome of freedom of speech, successfully fostering deep communication and interaction among global Internet users. However, every coin has two sides, social media does bring perilous risks to people indeed, especially teenagers who are impressionable and sentimental to their online experience.

Now from the negative end of the spectrum, constantly surfing on social media can create an illusion of being obscure. For example, while viewing others' fantastic life photos on social media, teenagers, who hope to obtain thrills and spills to a maximum would feel a sense of frustration. The great gap between dreams and reality drags down their life satisfaction, further dampening their self-esteem.

Worse still, fancy global trends and commercial advertisements may stimulate young minds' shopping impulse and develop the idea of 'more goods are better', influencing them to be materialistic. In fact, young people's money is mostly from their parents. If the financial condition of a family cannot satisfy a continuously-expanding desire, most likely it will bring much friction to their family relationship. Therefore, it is of high possibility that social media could distort young people's concepts and mindsets. Teenagers should stay focused on themselves and live their own lives, pursuing others' life style would gradually change who they are.

Most seriously, social media makes cyber-bullying commonplace. Originally, social media was invented with an aim to bring people together, helping people to deeper understand each other. Nevertheless, the social network has partly become a hotbed of cyber-crimes and hatred. While using social media, people may think that it is their freedom to speak whatever they want on it, including acid words. Without sufficient censorship on social media, hate speech and foul language spreads like the flu among the online community; and it is easier for teenagers to fall victim to this severe flu. They may suffer from sexual harassment and bullying, which can be types of mental torture. Some people benefit from social media enriching their childhood but some unlucky people never heal from the wounds from their childhood caused by social media! So, teenagers should stay alert when it comes to the daunting side of social media.

It is strongly suggested that all teenagers should avoid spending long hours using social media. It could devour their precious attention and enslave their minds. It is very vital to use it wisely when studying or interacting with family and friends. Keep this in mind, only a mature man or woman knows how to use a double-edged sword for the greater good.

Seldom have people not used social media these days, especially the young generation. It is hoped that they will thrive in this age and stay safe in the modern jungle of social networking. Beautiful things are sometimes associated with risks so online users should take advantage of the benefits of the internet but they should also be cautious and mindful of the dangers.





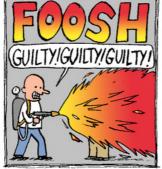
















#### **CHIM WING SING**





In this day and age, social media has become part and parcel of our lives. It is of zero doubt that hardly can we survive without the presence of it. However, there are a million questions to ponder whether we can use social media well and wisely; and if it is beneficial instead of affecting society negatively.

To commence with, learning the common dos and don'ts of using social media plays the central role in reaping advantages from it. What we can and should do on social media, are simple actions like sharing your recent activities, positive messages, and having chit chat with your significant others. These behaviours can develop a positive image for you, and maintain your relationships and bonding with your beloved ones.

Social media is a convenience for our lives of course but on the other hand, it is also a platform for crime, cyber bullying and the destruction of personal privacy. Social media provides a virtual space which allows people with bad intentions to commit crimes anonymously. This is a huge problem in the cyber-world and other problems persist such as the spitting of toxic language to others. When someone 'shouts' at you online, do you not feel gloomy?

Hence, show empathy to others. Furthermore, never give your personal information to others, as it only jeopardizes your safety.

The aforementioned are the dos and don'ts when it comes to using social media. Considering that the use of social media is skyrocketing, it is of importance to understand how social media bears the benefits and the challenges brought by its use.

Firstly, youngsters' social circles can be enlarged with a more diverse group of people with a greater pool of ideas and experiences. With the presence of social media, teenagers can easily create their own profiles and share their special moments with others from around the globe. Therefore, meeting online residents from an array of cultures is easily possible. By communicating with citizens across the globe, the cultural diversity not only enlarges the youth's social circle but gives them a broader perspective of the world.

Besides learning about the world, adolescents' awareness of the issues within their own city can also be raised. Social media offers millennials a leeway to express and exchange their views on different topics engaged with the local community. Concerns about the city's well being can be raised and possible solutions could be discussed.

Teens are also allowed to organize and advertise a variety of events that can bring the local community together. Social media can have emphasis on the society in which one lives in and increase awareness of the things happening around them. It creates a sense of belonging and unites local residents together.

Apart from the advantages, drawbacks are brought as well. It doesn't need an expert to tell us that overusing social media leads to addiction. Lacking the ability of self-control, teenagers don't know when to stop browsing, let alone time management. In this connection, they get hooked on social media in a blink of an eye, and causes a profusion of health problems such as insomnia and anxiety.

Moreover, youngsters' future may be ruined. It is a no brainer fact that teenagers' minds are not mature enough. According to a survey, over 50% of the respondents do not understand the definition of online crimes. Thereby, they commit online crimes that bring them to law courts and destroy their bright future.

Using social media is considered a double-edged sword. That said, we must learn how to make good use of it and combat the negative impacts.

When talking about manipulating social media, self-control and time management are the keys. With the inclusion of these two abilities, teenagers can use social media in a safe manner, avoid being obsessed with social media or committing online crimes. Thereupon, youngsters can enjoy the convenience, enjoyment and benefits of social media, without being negatively affected.

In order to fight against the drawbacks, giving a concerted effort is of great significance. At the governmental level, education must be promoted to enhance information literacy and media literacy, so adolescents can understand, differ and think critically about online information.

At the parental level, parents can help by paying attention to their children. By asking their children questions and learning about their kids' use of social media, they can identify any hidden dangers. Hence, they can protect their children before they are harmed.

It is nothing new that our lives are bettered, thanks to social media. Yet, social media may bring obstacles to us at the same time. It is high time we reckoned how to coexist with social media and take action to maintain our quality of life from the drawbacks of using social media.





### LIANG XUJIE





In this day and age, technology has developed by leaps and bounds. Thanks to the swift furtherance of the Internet, there is an ocean of services we can enjoy by some taps from the fingertips on smartphones, including shopping, watching movies and booking a taxi. Needless to say that the advancement of technology breeds convenience, entertainment and information to our daily life. Thereupon, hardly does a day go by without the engagement in social media. However, social media is like a double-sided sword and it prompts some soul-searching to the whole society currently due to a pool of problems caused by it.

So what can we use the social media for? Apparently, social media platforms render us a multitude of opportunities to make friends from all over the world by following their Facebook or Instagram accounts and having a chat with them. Literally, social media also brings about some benefits for learning. We can follow some studygrams on IG and go in line with their study efficacy. We can also watch some videos on YouTube for self-learning and understanding some concepts and definitions in depth. Besides, we can post some enjoyable moments in our life on Instagram to share the fond memories with others. That said, there are a host of functions on social media platforms for us to utilize.

Nevertheless, there are some hidden agendas that we have to be aware of when using social media. The most important one is we should not be keyboard warriors. Of course, social media can be treated as a public forum for us to express our views. However, it doesn't necessarily mean that we can say anything we want when it comes to cyberbullying, as some acid comments from us may traumatize someone else, leave a scar on them and trigger some heated controversy online. That said, all of the 'netizens' should not cross the red line of using social media for the sake of creating a relatively harmonious virtual environment.

It is crystal clear that social media grants an array of benefits to the younger generation. For example, it helps youth to enlarge their social circle, particularly for those who are introverted. Without the pressure of talking with others face-to-face, they can make friends online by using some dating apps such as 'Tinder' and 'Coffee Meets Bagel'. Given the comfort zone without any social pressure, teenagers can make friends with similar interests and hobbies in an easier manner. Moreover, social media is also effective for communication. Detaching from the restraints of time and space, we can chat with others via Whatsapp anytime and anywhere. In other words, social media optimizes the connection between people.

However, the use of social media is treated as a double-edged sword. It also poses some detrimental impacts on adolescents. It is so common to see that teenagers just focus on their mobile phones and ceaselessly scroll on the screen while having dinner with their family members. It is like they are dining with their smartphones, not with their significant others. This phenomenon prompts a question for us to ponder on: Does social media help us develop closer links with others, or is it dividing people and pushing them further away from each other?

Apart from the hard hits in real-life relationships, social media also poses a risk in youngsters' health. If they are hooked on social media, they may suffer from some disease like insomnia and their eyesight will be inevitably dampened. Social media also adversely affects teenagers' mental health as they will be anxious and depressed once they are detached from it. In this connection, social media brings about dire consequences to youngsters' personal growth.

On the same token, we should take some timely actions in a proactive manner to put a halt to the dark side of using social media before it is too little, too late. From my perspective, exercising self-control holds the key. We should be cautious about our daily use of social media and set boundaries for it, such as avoiding browsing on Instagram; or turning off the notifications while studying so as to make sure that we will not be distracted. Besides, we can use the incognito mode on social media platforms to assure that our digital footprint may not be disclosed.

All in all, social media grants us benefits and drawbacks. Only by exercising selfdiscipline can we maximise the benefits of using social media.





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Starring

#### SZETO PO YAN & LO PUI YU

Chen Junyi Chen Yongshi Lo Ching Man Teng Wing Chun Cao Ming Shan Cast & Crew
Yip Pui Yau
Cheng Sze Ki
Chan Kwun Wang
An Jiahao

Wu Wing Man Wu Phoebe Luk Tsun He Wu Yoni



## Film-It 2022: A Student Film Competition

The CCPASS Drama Club created a student film about the power of hope, titled *Hope*. A student named Ava played by **Lo Pui Yu** is disruptive and uncooperative in class but it's only because she has a terrible secret! Ava may seem like a hopeless student but one caring teacher named Ms. Szeto played by **Szeto Po Yan** gives Ava the confidence to succeed in school. The film was nominated for the Best Overall Film and is the **winner of the Popular Film Award** by gaining the most online votes.







Film-It: Award Ceremony at Lok Sin Tong Yu Can Hing Secondary School







Back Row (left to right): Mr. Fernando Linn, Luk Tsun, An Jiahao, Cheng Sze Ki, Chan Kwun Wang, Teng Wing Chun, Yip Pui Yau, Principal Chan Shuk Ying - Front Row (left to right): Ms. Szeto Po Yan, Lo Ching Man, Wu Phoebe, Chen Junyi, Cao Ming Shan, Lo Pui Yu, Wu Wing Man

## HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

In some Western countries, Halloween is celebrated by children of all ages. Costume parties, trick or treating and playing humorous games are all typical Halloween customs. On October 27th, 2022 during lunch time, the two native English teachers, Mr. Fernando Linn from the United States and Mr. Matthew Kavanagh from Ireland, introduced to the CCPASS students a bit of much needed Halloween enjoyment after a long week of intense studies. Mr. Kavanagh dressed up as the electric Pokémon, Pikachu, and handed out delicious candy; while Mr. Linn hosted an exciting game of musical chairs with the final three contestants of the competition winning awesome prizes. The students were not only entertained with this ancient festival of Halloween but they also learned about foreign cultural practices as well.









#### **Musical Chairs Winners**







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## JOINT SCHOOL SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT

Nine Form 3 CCPASS students competed in the Joint-School Scrabble Tournament at Methodist College, Yau Ma Tei on February 18th, 2023. The students tested their vocabulary knowledge and English skills against sixteen other schools. The CCPASS students did well for playing for the first time. They finished in 7th Place but with more practice they can do even better in the future. Teacher: Fernando Linn



Chong Sze Wai thinks about her next word.



Zhou Yiqi studies her Scabble board.



Lin Chun Lung tries to outsmart his opponent.



Chu Ka Ling (right) adjusts her letter tiles.





CCPASS Scrabble Team: (left to right) Tang Sai Kit, Lau Shun Yin, Chan Wing Fung, Zhou Ziqi, Chu Ka Ling, Li Chun Lung, Luk Tsun, Chong Sze Wai, Mak Cheuk Ngai

### S.5 WRITING COMPETITION

## **CHEN JINSHAN**





Can drones deliver goods?

Based on the information from the newspaper, a local company has begun delivering items to customers by drone. Can drone delivery be a marvelous way to deliver customers' goods? I will look at the merits and drawbacks of drone delivery closely in this essay.

It is often said that drone delivery is an efficient way to deliver items. Drones have high speed and move faster than humans, so drones can deliver goods to customers quicker. According to the report from 'Goods Deliver', a delivery man needs 35 minutes to deliver a pizza from Mong Kok to Prince Edward, but a drone only needs 8 minutes to deliver it. It is obvious that drones can deliver goods quickly. The reasons why delivery men move so slowly are that they have to wait for traffic lights and their riding speed is not as fast as a drone. In this way, drones are an efficient way to deliver goods.

Furthermore, using drones for delivery, companies can save labour costs. If companies use drones for delivery instead of delivery men, they can save labour costs so that they can have more income and use it to make investments or expanding their business. For instance, Food Panda has to pay around 1 million dollars for labour costs each month. If they can save the labour costs, they can use the money to improve their app and expand the business. Drone delivery is a paramount way to save labour costs which is beneficial to companies' expanding.

Nonetheless, it is prominent to examine the drawbacks of drone delivery. Many people contend that drone delivery is a disastrous safety issue. If drones have bugs or mistakes in the program when they are flying, they will fall from the high sky and crash on people; hence, causing injuries. For instance, a drone suddenly fell down and crashed on a woman's head at Sun Moon Lake in 2016. In this way, drone delivery seems not a safe way to deliver items since drones can have bugs at anytime.

Moreover, the maintenance and inspection costs are not affordable. Drones need to be maintained and inspected if they are used for delivery. This can reduce the chances for drones having bugs but it is expensive. According to MMD, a drone costs around \$10,000 each year for maintenance and inspection. In this way, drone delivery is not an affordable way to deliver goods.

Notwithstanding, drone delivery is efficient and can help companies save labour costs. But it does bring disastrous safety issues and the maintenance is not affordable. From my perspective, drone delivery is not a great way to deliver goods.

### **CHOY TSUN HEI**





Delivery drones are gaining traction in this world. Once deemed as something arduous to human-beings are now seen as a reverberation to humans developing the delivery industry. There are extensive perspectives, therefore, I am going to elucidate the pros and cons regarding delivering drones and take an insight into the repercussion.

To commence with the demerit, drones are considered as killers that menace people. From a case study, an accident happened on December 13th in Australia unfortunately. A delivery drone was taking a pizza box to a house in Queensland. Then suddenly the drone lost its connection. The drone failed to function and crashed into the house. Worse still, it had broken the window as well as getting into the house. Worst of all, the broken glasses hurt a girl who was only 6 years old. Moreover, the drone broke a multitude of furniture which cost 1 million dollars. In other words, delivery drones posed a threat to people and brought a tremendous catastrophe.

When it comes to the second drawback, delivery drones are a predicament to the privacy of citizens. From personal experience, I was showering in my bathroom yesterday. Apart from that, a delivery drone flew across the window. I was oblivious to it firstly. Nevertheless, the drone kept flying around my window. I felt it was watching me, so I left the bathroom and called "999" fast. This was a traumatic experience for me. Therefore, delivering drones offer a way to jeopardize our privacy.

In terms of the merit, delivery drones are a convenient way to transport something. According to a report done by the University of Hong Kong, it takes people 15 minutes to deal with 1 kilometer to deliver goods to customers. Unlike people, drones only need 5 minutes to fulfill 10 kilometers. That is to say, delivering drones are faster at taking goods to everywhere compared to humans. Drone delivery is effortless and lives up to customers' expectations.

Regarding the second benefit, drones are conducive to alleviate wages. According to a report done by the government, delivery workers cost a company at least \$10,000 per month. It is in stark contrast to drones that are only \$500 per month to operate. That means delivery drones are cheaper than hiring delivery men and women. In other words, customers pay less money for drone delivery services.

To summarize, delivery drones are a double-edged sword. There are a plethora of hurdles and an array of advantages. However, should we make use of it correctly, it will be beneficial to us and paramount in developing the delivery business.

#### HE HUIYI







Will drone delivery catch on?

In recent decades, drone delivery has become mainstream in the world. It is common knowledge that drones threaten our lives. However, is drone delivery really bad for us? The answer is yes and no. It depends.

It is convenient and effective. As we know, drone delivery frees us from the responsibility to deliver items. They can control their aircrafts at home without going outside. Sending letters is a case in point. Drone delivery has no geographical restrictions. No matter where you are, it can deliver to you faster than vehicles. Compared with drones, vehicles are slow. Vehicles may need 2 days to deliver letters but drones may only need 5 hours. If those sent letters are pivotal for companies, drones can hone efficiency thanks to the speed of their delivery.

Furthermore, drone delivery is safer. Most companies deliver items by cars. According to a study, driving is dangerous. Driving causes a plethora of accidents such as car crashes. This may cause our parcels to break. Drone delivery can also reduce stolen parcels. Some delivery men might steal customers' parcel items. Many customers' property mysteriously gets 'lost'. Drone delivery helps avoid this problem by using air delivery. So, it is paramount to consider the possibility of using drone delivery.

But drone delivery isn't perfect. It would be difficult to operate in a metropolis. Due to high-rise apartment buildings, drones need to be controlled by people with high tech skills; in order to avoid crashing into buildings. There will even be birds hitting the drones, causing the drones to break and the parcel to be lost. Therefore, it can't be used by everyone.

In addition, drone delivery boosts unemployment rates of delivery workers. It makes people lose their jobs and reduces people's income. The living standards of citizens are lower. Therefore, unemployment leads to the crime rate in society such as theft and domestic violence. Also, rising unemployment has increased the burden on the government. For example, the government needs to pay more unemployment assistance.

In summary, there are two sides to the same coin. It is clear that drone delivery is good for us but it is fair to argue that it isn't feasible too.

# AROUND CAMPUS

















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