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Monday

Goodies



Bring your own container

WHEN we go buy our daily necessities, we often go to the supermarket. And there, everything is pre-packaged. In fact, we are told not to buy something if the packaging is torn or broken. But all this pre-packaging is very wasteful and adds to Hong Kong's already alarming waste problem.

FREE JARS



I never thought of using old jars to pack goods!



This used to be the normal way of packing food when I was young.



Editor's Note

Hello! I do wonder how I ever survived without a smartphone. If I need to find a place, I use Google Maps; when I need to pay some bills, I use banking apps; I even use it to find a good place to eat. What I do not do is look at my phone whilst I am walking. This is selfish behaviour because people who do that do not care what is in front of them. I have even seen fights occur because these smartphone zombies bump into people. On P10, see what happens when Big Dee does the same with Rose. I am sure you know what will happen when Rose is angry!



Simon



Pack it yourself

TO help **combat** the waste problem, a store in Sai Ying Pun (西營盤), Live Zero **Bulk Foods**, is selling things without any pre-packaging.

What happens here?

LIVE Zero currently sells nearly 80 products, from rice and noodles to shampoo and toothpaste. People have to bring their own **containers**, like glass jars, and put their products into them. Then they go to a scale and weigh the product, minus the weight of the container, and mark it down with some chalk placed nearby. After that, the price is calculated according to the weight.



The story behind the store

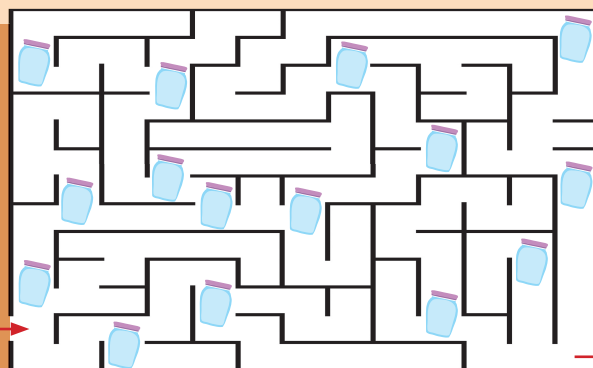
THE first store in Hong Kong to **forgo** packaging, Live Zero was started by a multi-racial Hongkonger, Tamsin, who noticed how much pre-packaging the items she bought previously had. She explained, "I want to give everyone a choice, so that we can help reduce waste... And I don't have a large enough kitchen in Hong Kong either."

The future

TAMSIN is planning to make a product **catalogue** that labels the origin and **nutritional** values of a product. On top of that, she has also just set up an online store that will put the products into paper containers. Customers can ask for the products to be sent in glass ones as well. Meanwhile, everyone is welcome to try buying something at the store, where you can even buy just one dollar's worth of goods.



How many glass jars will Big Dee collect by going through the maze?



Let's try our best to stop using packaging during a shopping trip!



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