**Financial Education Animated Video Series**

**“Be a Wise and Eco-friendly Consumer”**

**Transcript**

What’s on TV right now?

I don’t know, let me see.

It’s a current affairs program called "The Current Discussion". I think I’ve heard of it before.

Sounds good, why not see what the program is about!

Hello everyone! I am Ching, the host of today’s episode of "The Current Discussion". The theme of today’s episode is "Be a Wise and Eco-friendly Consumer". Overconsumption is a common problem in today’s society. Whether in-store or online shopping, overconsumption will have negative impacts on ourselves and the natural environment. Let’s look at the example of Mr. Chan.

Hello! Thanks for your interview! Please come in and take a seat. I like to go shopping a lot. As soon as I get my salary, I immediately buy sneakers and other luxury goods. As a result, by the end of each month, I have spent nearly all of my salary. I am truly “living paycheck to paycheck”.

Wow... Mr. Chan, your house is quite... messy...

Yes...these are the clothes and accessories I bought recently, as well as the things I bought online...I haven’t had a time to clean them up yet... really sorry. Later, I wanted to go shopping more and started borrowing money from loan sharks. Besides, because my salary wasn’t enough to repay the debt and interest, I am becoming increasingly indebted. Despite this, I still kept spending and started borrowing money from relatives and friends to repay my debts, which caused most of them to leave me.

Mr. Chan... you have a lot of sundries in your kitchen too...

I’m sorry, I went shopping again earlier and couldn’t control myself, so I bought a lot of stuff again. I only love buying but not tidying up them. Sometimes I forget the food I bought, and all are wasted.

Ugh! How can someone be so dirty? There are flies and cockroaches flying around everywhere!

He bought so many things. He doesn’t eat the food and doesn’t keep them well too. That’s why there are so many flies and cockroaches, and the food is wasted.

Therefore, we need to be wise and eco-friendly consumers. Here’s how: First, distinguish the difference between “wants” and “needs” then spend within your means. Second, think about how the goods you want to buy might affect the environment. Find out how they were created and check to see if there were any risks during production. For example, processes such as material extraction, processing and transportation will generate a large amount of industrial waste and cause carbon emissions. Thank you for watching today’s “The Current Discussion”!

As the host said, we should not spend recklessly in the future!

That’s right! We all have to be wise and eco-friendly consumers!