



**Write the following essay with tenses in mind!**

Although Ocean Park is an iconic tourist spot and major contributor in the field of environmental conservation, some argue that the government should cease to provide funding to help the theme park, which has recorded a financial deficit for years, stay afloat. Write a letter to the editor to express your opinions on this matter.

Dear Editor,

In light of the recent controversy on whether the government should continue to subsidise

Ocean Park, which has been experiencing financial deficits for years, I would like to explain why

withdrawing financial support to the iconic theme park, which has been a tourist magnet and vital

environmental advocate since its establishment, would be devastating to the city's economy and environment, thus a decision I cannot support.

First and foremost, cutting off funding to Ocean Park may result in the closure of one of Hong

Kong's most popular tourist spots, casting a huge blow to our tourism industry. Being the only zoo

in this bustling city, Ocean Park houses a diverse array of animals, such as pandas and penguins,

and puts on animal performances, attracting thousands, if not millions, of animal lovers. Not only

that, but it is also a spectacular theme park, possessing a variety of exciting rides and carnival

games. One of the game zones is specially designed to showcase Hong Kong's unique culture,

namely Old Hong Kong, where tourists can immerse themselves in the aesthetics and ambiance

of the city from the previous century. Additionally, during holidays, the park hosts themed events,

such as Spooky Halloween, where visitors can enjoy a thrilling time at the wickedly decorated park, flooded with ghosts and monsters. All these bestow upon Ocean Park the unwavering status of being a local landmark, captivating the hearts of tourists, enticing them to visit and revisit Hong Kong, thereby greatly contributing to the city's tourism, boosting the economy. Without the government subsidies, considering the park's financial performance over the years, its closure is the writing on the wall. Losing a major contributor not only strains the already struggling tourism sector, but also causes a significant amount of citizens becoming unemployed, further worsening the fatigued economy. Although Ocean Park may not be the saviour of the economy, nor the engine that drives the city back to its heydays, I believe it is one of the lifelines keeping the city buoyant.

I am not making a prediction. I am SURE of it, just as I am sure that the sun rises in the East.

Sense my unwavering attitude towards the matter.

Still not wavering.

Secondly, Ocean Park is an active environmental educator and conservationist, so its disappearance will indubitably escalate the collapse of nature. The park has put a lot of effort in preaching the importance of animal and environment conservation, such as holding talks and workshops to raise citizens' environmental awareness, offering summer internships as animal caregivers that acts as a gateway for people to learn more about wildlife, and providing tours and experiences where visitors can engage with animals up close, such as penguin feeding and dolphin training. Ocean Park has strived to provide 'edutainment' on environmental protection through interactive, fun ways. Its efforts have inspired many to become nature's guardians, and even nurtured numerous experts in the field who are now dedicating themselves to the protection of our dying planet. Moreover, Ocean Park also organises and funds different programmes beyond its premises that conduct research and conservation work on endangered species, such

To be honest, 'has been' is also fine, but I treat this as a fact...and the present simple is more economical.

Well, although I stand by my argument, I cannot be SURE that the collapse will happen...so let's just say it is a possible future (aka prediction).

A great way to indicate the duration without using time indicators!

I want to infer that it has been striving FOR A LONG TIME without saying 'for a long time'.

Present simple also works!

as breeding and caring for Siberian tigers, which are a protected species, and developing new technologies alongside different universities around the globe to plant coral reefs in a bid to tackle coral bleaching and preserve marine ecosystems. If the park closes down, the frontline of combating the destruction of nature will lose a mighty force, as there will be less comprehensive local education on environment preservation, fewer programmes that support animal protection and no local nurturing ground for future environmental experts. With the ailing environment facing an increasingly dire situation, the loss of Ocean Park will be a deadly blow which can easily exacerbate the deterioration of Earth.

*I am just raising possibilities here...a highly possible scenario.*

As a result, it is my strong belief that the government should not terminate its funding to Ocean Park when it is in such difficult straits. If anything, the government should provide support in other aspects as well to facilitate the development and revitalisation of the park, so that it can quickly recover and continue its admirable work in safeguarding the environment and animals.

*→ It still is! From the past to the future, always is!*

Yours faithfully,

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