


FOOD WISE HONG KONG CAMPAIGN

FEATURE ARTICLE ON FOOD WASTE REDUCTION

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PREAMBLE / BACKGROUND

Vegetable trimmings are produced during the preparation for Chinese cuisine in our kitchens and were disposed of as food waste or general refuse.

FOOD WISE INITIATIVES

The Langham, Langham Place, and Eaton in Hong Kong initiated the donation of vegetable trimmings to Food Angel (www.foodangel.org.hk), a local charitable organization, starting in 2012. This innovative initiative is an excellent example on connection between the food wasted and the people in need.

Our hotels' Environmental Managers conducted a site visit at Food Angel in mid of 2012 to understand about its operation on residual food collection. When we visited their kitchen at a local community service centre which serves hot meals to underprivileged families in Sham Shui Po district, we observed that their volunteers needed to buy fresh vegetables for the hot meals as the food donated from hotels are usually meat, rice and noodles.

Meanwhile, we observed that vegetable trimmings are produced during the preparation for Chinese cuisine in our kitchens. Therefore we proposed to donate these vegetable trimmings to Food Angel. This initiative is completely supported by our chefs.

Further working with both parties and logistics arrangement, the fresh vegetable trimmings are further handled and cooked to serve balanced diet meals for the children and elderly.

ACHIEVEMENT

This is an excellent example of a win-win situation for both the food donors and recipients. We learn that each “waste” can sometimes be valuable material to others and therefore we should always think twice before we throw.



Chefs are trimming the vegetable at Chinese kitchens



Vegetable trimmings are collected separately from waste



Food Angel pick s up the vegetable trimming from hotels



Prepare the fresh vegetables at Food Angel's kitchens for the needy



Final lunch boxes with balanced diet

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