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## Comparison of school lunches in Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Japan

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## Hong Kong Government's Regulations on School Lunches

- Strict regulations on monitoring school lunch supplier's food quality
- Education Bureau: "...The quality of school lunch depends very much on the choice of ingredients and the cooking methods used. A desirable and healthy lunch should be able to deliver about one-third of the daily nutritional needs of a school child."
- "Principles of a healthy lunch"

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## **Principle of a HEALTHY LUNCH**

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#### A desirable and healthy lunch principle made by the HKG

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 Provide grains (such as rice, pasta), vegetables and meat (or its substitutes) in the ratio of 3:2:1 by volume

- Contain at least one serving of fresh vegetables;
- Lean meat, fish or poultry without skin more;
- Low fat cooking methods such as steaming, boiling, stir-frying with minimal amount of oil or baking;
- Vegetable oils only, such as corn oil, canola oil, olive oil and peanut oil, in small amount for cooking;

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• Avoid whole fat dairy products, preserved or processed food and gravy/sauce of high fat or salt content

Do not provide desserts or confectionery.



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## **School Lunches**

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#### Where?

• Primary schools and some secondary schools

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#### **Suppliers?**

- Fit For Life Luncheon & Catering Services
- Murray Food & Beverage Limited
- Sailing Boat Luncheon Production Ltd.
- Danny Catering Service Ltd.
- ,etc.



#### 2006年 6月份午膳訂購表

| 日期 | 星期 | 選擇 | A 款(營養餐)       | 発度<br>(卡路重) | B 款            | C 款                                   | D 款                       | 是選   |
|----|----|----|----------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|------|
| 1  | 四  |    | 鮮椰菜花薯仔炆雞皇<br>飯 | 776         | 焗龍蝦汁海鮮飯#       |                                       | 柴魚花生粥+潮州粉果、燒賣<br>(流質、小骨)* | 1000 |
| 2  | 五  | B  | 南瓜豉汁牛肉飯        | 743         | 鮮磨菇蟹柳火腿粒飯      | 香蒜烤豬柳扒、香腸<br>+粟米雞粒飯                   | 白菜豬肉水餃湯意粉(流質)             | 甜品   |
| 5  | -  | 3  | 蕃茄滑蛋牛肉飯        | 834         | 磨菇汁燴火腿肉絲飯      | 芝士羅馬風味腸+雞茸肉醬意粉                        | 巴黎牛油汁燴烤豚肉飯                |      |
| 6  | =  | D  | 銀湖蟹柳肉片+香菇飯     | 850         | 原盅北菇蒸鱆魚雞粒飯     | 咖喱雞千層麵+炭燒豬扒包                          | 芝士肉醬意粉                    |      |
| 7  | Ξ  | B  | 香芒牛柳粒+紅米飯      | 728         | 椰汁雞皇飯          | 生煎包、燒賣<br>+什菜肉絲燴銀針粉                   | 黑椒什扒飯(小辣)                 |      |
| 8  | 四  | B  | 翠肉瓜発治牛肉飯       | 871         | 焗芝士鴛鴦飯         | 照燒雞中翼、魚蛋<br>+南瓜茸節瓜米線                  | 馬來沙噶豬扒拼香腸飯(小辣)*           |      |
| 9  | 五  | A  | 荔枝汁烤豬柳飯        | 738         | 肉燥滑豆腐飯         | 豬肉丸、香腸+芝士火腿雞粒飯                        | 角皮餃子湯米線(落着)#              | 飲品   |
| 10 |    | D  | 1944王乙三的45     | 250         | 中于子袋村 村 翠 田 职务 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | *                         |      |



- A is the "nutritious meal"
- C is often fast food
- We all love option C because it is the safest most of the time
- Have to get our meals checked by teacher before trashing them to see whether we have eaten enough food/prevent wasting

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 Jealous of classmates who bring their own meals from home

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## **General opinions on School Lunches in HK**



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#### Tasteless

 School lunches are usually tasteless because they have to meet the government's "healthy" regulations and requirements  $\hat{\Box}$ 

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#### Gross

- Netizens joke about meat cakes in school lunches taste like bricks because they are too hard to bite
- There's a really weird sauce often used by school lunch suppliers called Paris sauce

#### Healthy

Although Hong Kong school lunches are bad, they are still part of my precious childhood memories, and they are really cheap and healthy (HKD\$18/meal=~USD\$2.3)





### **Condition Preview**



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It is not common for Indonesian schools to provide school lunches



often the fulfillment of energy and nutrient from school lunches is included in the less category (Palupi *et al.* 2020)



there is no national standard that regulates the nutritional quality of school lunches



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Regulation of the minister of domestic number 18 year 2011, Regarding the provision of food for school age student

## SCHOOL WITHOUT SCHOOL LUNCHES PROGRAM



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Not all school provides school lunch program



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How do they have lunch ??



Bring homemade lunch (Yuliani *et al.* 2021)

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Buy them at the street vendor (Julizar 2014)

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#### **Common Homemade Lunch in Indonesia**

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# SCHOOL WITH SCHOOL LUNCHES

#### **PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN JAKARTA PROVINCE**

The education authorities in Jakarta province used to have a program during 2018-2019, in which every elementary student in public schools gets food and snacks.

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#### PESANTREN (ISLAMIC BOARDING SCHOOLS)

Studies done by Ningtyias *et al.* (2018) shows that The level of energy adequacy and the level of protein adequacy provided by the school lunches in pesantren did not meet the recommended nutritional adequacy rate.

#### SERVICE SCHOOLS

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Study done by Ambryan (2018) and Jamirda (2015) shows that school lunches provided by the service schools have a good nutritional adequacy rate.

#### **PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

According to the studies done by Palupi et al. 2020, most students in private have less fulfillment of energy and nutrients from school lunches.

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The research has been conducted by aliyah and her friends in 2019 towards 2 schools (Budi Mulia Pandeansari elementary school (as full day school) and Madrasah Ibtidaiyah Al Huda (as half day school)

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Half day school has a risk 3,809 times lower in experience high nutritional status than full day school. Half day school (gained food out of their pocket) while school got their food from the school itself since it is providing the school lunches, and some of them also bring their food from home.

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Furthermore, children in half day school often do moderate physical activities, while full day school do strenuous (heavy). According to that, the chemical component from the food will be burnt into energy

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However, school lunch is not the only determinant of a student's food intake. Students' food intake at home in the morning and evening also affects the quality of students' food intake.

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So, the intake of nutritious and quality food is very necessary. Improving food quality should be the main focus. Rather than the energy content, we should be more focus on the nutrition content of the food especially micronutrient.

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## **Japanese School Lunches Composition**

Side dish (Vegetables are mainly used)

Rice

Main dish (Meat or Fish are mainly used)

Milk

In Japan, the intake standards for nutrition for school lunches are stipulated in detail by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology-Japan

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Soup

## **School Lunches Implementation Rate**

•99.1% of elementary schools provide school lunches in 2018.
•89.9% of Junior high schools provide it, too.
•On the other hand, the percentage of school lunches provided at public junior high schools in Kanagawa Prefecture is 44.5%, which is quite low.

Not all the Japanese students are guaranteed the opportunity to eat school lunches.



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## Why Is There Milk In School Lunches ?

Milk contains a lot of calcium and has a high absorption rate
Also, children can take in vitamin-B2 and high-quality protein.

#### Milk can contribute to the growth to of Children.

#### But,

some students don't like to drink milk with lunches. Students are tired of milk
because they drink every day.
Milk does not match the
taste of lunches.

# Advantages & Disadvantages of school lunches Advantages & Contages of school lunches

1 金銭的な負担がないNo financial burden

2 時間的な負担がない No time burden

3 栄養のバランスやカロリーが考えられている Nutritional balance and calories are considered

- 4 出来たての温かい物が食べられる You can eat fresh hot food
- 5 汁物が食べられる You can eat soup





# Disadvantages

I can't pay for lunch



1アレルギー対応をする必要がある Need to accommodate allergies

- 2 給食費がかかる Have to pay for school lunches
  - 3 準備に時間がかかり、食べる時間が短くなる Takes longer to prepare andless time to eat



## **Advantages & Disadvantages of lunch boxes**

Advantages

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- 好きな物を選べる Can choose what you want
- 2 アレルギー対策できる Can deal with allergies
  - 3 保護者とのコミュニケーションがとれる Can communicate with parents

#### 4 準備・配膳がないので長く食べられる



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**Relax!** (not my photo) Can eat longer because there is no preparation or serving

5 「交換」を楽しむ Can enjoy sharing

# Disadvantages

1作ったり洗ったりする時間が必要 Need time to make and wash

2 メニューを考える必要がある Have to think of a menu every day

3 冷めてしまうGet cold

4 汁物・麺類が食べにくい Difficult to bring soup and noodles

5 持って行くのを忘れちゃう Foget to bring it(

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6 腐っちゃう Rotten it (😖)

## The coronavirus pandemic





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## CONCLUSION

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Countries have different standpoint and regulation according to school lunches. Hong Kong's and Japanese government has a systematic regulation according to school lunches, meanwhile Indonesian government does not. It is common for schools in Hong Kong and Japan to have lunches provided by the school, meanwhile in Indonesia it is not common despite being a country implementing full day school. Majority of schools that provided school lunches in Indonesia fails to provide a good nutritional adequacy rate, this is mainly because of the unsettled national standard of school lunches. Student's response to school lunches in each countries are also vary, depending on its organoleptic characteristics and nutritional value.



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