

#### same value as

### People in Taiwan waste about NT\$240 billion worth of food per year: poll

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predicted

based on

booklet

large round container for liquids

put on top of each other

wasting eating out eat, use throw out

pay for

People in Taiwan waste an estimated NT\$240 billion worth of food each year, according research, study to a survey conducted by CommonWealth Magazine.

> The magazine said Taiwan produces 40,000 barrels of food waste per day, which would create 70 towers the height of Taipei 101 if they were stacked up. Meanwhile, the magazine's survey found that while 80 percent of people see "throwing away



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done, organised

food to be thrown away

at the same time discovered that although

food" as an "act of squandering money," 32 percent never take home uneaten people participating food after dining out. Some 80 percent of the respondents admitted that they in a survey often buy more food than they can consume, and 25 percent said they often or occasionally toss out uneaten or uncooked food.

The money spent by the country's 8 million households on uneaten food each year could fund free lunches for all elementary schoolchildren in Taiwan for 39 years, the magazine estimated.

homes

Can you put the words below into the correct order?

A magazine

a survey.

that people in

Taiwan

The survey found

waste a lot of food.

conducted

#### **Food & the Environment**

Q1: Do you, your friends, or some people in your family ever waste food?

Q2: How can we stop people from wasting food?

Q3: Nowadays, there are many self-service buffets. They often have lots of food left over at the end of the day. How can they make sure that the food is not wasted?

Q4: There are also some kinds of food which have a very large carbon footprint. Do you know what the most environmentally unfriendly foods are?

Q5: "Whenever you help the world you also help protect your health." Can you write examples of when this statement is true and not true.

## Situations when this is true

When you...

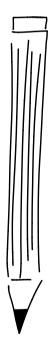
eat less meat.

don't use disposable chopsticks.

buy organic food.

turn off the engine when you stop.

use green transport.



# Situations when this is not true When you...

Swim in a very dirty river to collect the garbage.

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