

Editor's Note

A saying in Thai goes: “For some, nothing can make him cry except the sight of a coffin.” The implication is that by the time someone realises something very bad has happened, it is already too late. Global warming is about to be one of those ‘coffins.’ Another cause for alarm has recently happened: the largest chunk of iceberg three times the size of Manhattan island has detached itself from the Antarctic. This is certainly not funny.

Surprisingly we as individuals can do a lot right now towards reducing carbon emissions, the main cause of this world dilemma—from reusing or avoiding plastic products to eating less meat or skipping it entirely. By doing the latter the P.M.2.5 pollution problem, which repeatedly plagues us who live in the South-East Asian region as well as other places, will also be mitigated. Sometimes many unknowingly contribute to problems occurring in far-away places, but which come back to trouble us. For example, when we eat more meat, they will raise more livestock, which eat more feed, which comes from more corn, which needs more land, which is more burnt to prepare it for the next crop, which produces more P.M.2.5 atmosphere!