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**From one
Mirror fan
to another,
please be
rational**

In the past half year, the craze over Canto-pop boy band Mirror has spread through Hong Kong – from their sold-out concert series in May, to the popular ViuTV drama *Ossan's Love*, which premiered in June. Most Hongkongers are familiar with the names and faces of the Mirror members – Anson Lo, Keung To, Ian Chan and Edan Lui, just to name a few.

As a fan of this boy band, I have observed how crowded gatherings of Mirror fans can get. The clearest example of this happens every weekend on a bridge connecting Langham Place and the Cordis Hotel in Mong Kok.

There, Mirror fans exchange or sell the fan art they have made, such as cards or banners with fan's slogans, and even a fake credit card featuring different Mirror members. Long queues of fans always appear there during the weekend, with security guards guiding attendees into waiting areas. It is surprising that they are willing to wait for almost an hour sometimes, in a place that doesn't have any air conditioning and isn't well-ventilated.

Although I am quite impressed by their patience, I believe these gatherings affect other people in the mall.

The situation was still under control before the premiere of *Ossan's Love*, but after the show's immense popularity, the malls are extremely chaotic.

There are always security guards sighing in frustration. They probably do not want to lose their jobs, but some fans do not follow instructions given by the mall and even blame those poor guards. It is likely very exhausting for these workers to deal with these fans. The fans should be more considerate, and try to make sure the mall can operate as normally as possible.

In addition, teens should not spend so much money on making and buying fan art related to their idols. This practice is similar to "gambling" for some fans. They may want to help increase their idol's popularity, or promote

their own fandom pages. Some will even spend HK\$1,000 on making fan art, but this is such a huge amount for young people to spend. They should concentrate more on their studies instead of spending so much money on their obsession with idols.

Would the members of Mirror want to see their fans, especially teens, give up other areas of their lives?

"Mirror Loves Me, I Love Mirror" – this is a popular slogan for Mirror fans. As a fan myself, I understand how much we love the group. Still, we all should be rational, and not adore them without considering how our actions affect others. Hopefully, we can all be more conscious of others by supporting the group in a way where we don't spend so much money, or burden others in their work.

