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Dear Peter,

How are you doing? Actually there is one thing that I have been wondering whether I should tell you.

You've just told me that you were offered a job by the boss of a model agency, and the woman who approached you in Mongkok last Saturday, said that you have to pay \$50,000 for some professional training first. Frankly speaking, I don't really think this is as simple as you imagine.

Firstly, it is terrific that you have a good-looking face. But as I know, there are many people on the street claiming that they are staff members of model agencies. They always ask teenagers if they are interested in being a fashion model. However, there are numbers of crime cases which are related to teenagers being cheated by the "fake" model agencies in which they lost either money or something else. Have you ever done a research on the agency which approached you? Do you know if it is reliable and trustworthy? I suggest you figure out the background of that agency first, at least get some proof whether it is "real".

Besides, I would like to talk about the fees. You said the "professional training" costs \$50,000. As far as I am concerned, model agencies should not charge any fees from models before they start their career. Even if they want a model to have further training, they would probably "advice" him or her rather than "force" him or her, it just depends on the model's interests. Don't you think

it is weird and unusual that the agency asks you to give them \$50,000 before you get the job? Additionally, \$50,000 is a large amount of money, you'd better think about it carefully.

Moreover, it is extremely dangerous if the boss of the agency is a criminal. You may get hurt if you go to the agency alone, and of course, you may lose your money, too.

Here is my advice, it is necessary to know the agency completely well before you promise them to be their model. Please do not go to the agency alone, it is for your own safety. I don't want to see you on the news headlines, just kidding.

You'd better consider it carefully, or you may ask my auntie and uncle for their suggestions. You can discuss it with your friends as well. Listen to their advice and you can make the decision more easily and be rational in this case.

Furthermore, you are still young, there are lots of opportunities waiting for you. But first, you have to be serious about your future and ask yourself what your dream is. Once you know your goal, you need to try as much as you can in order to fulfill your dream.

Whatever your decision is, I am happy all the same.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Love,