IELTS Writing Task 2 Sample 056

WRITNG TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Machine translation (MT) is slower and less accurate than human translation and there is no immediate or predictable likelihood of machines taking over this role from humans. Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

You should write at least 250 words.

Machine translation is inaccurate and more time consuming than human translation. However, there is no doubt that machines have been of great help to us. With the pace of technological development, more and more innovative solutions are being developed every day. Therefore, it is just a matter of time for human to create better machines with better programs to translate languages in a timely manner and with a higher level of accuracy.

 Firstly, languages have a more prolonged history than machines. All the languages known around the world have been developed for more than thousands of years whereas the very first modern machine was probably invented just a few hundreds of years back. Hence, it is fair to say it will take a bit more time for machines to be fully developed in order to be able to catch up with human languages.

 Next, modern technologies are being invented at an incredible speed. Just two years ago, people would never think of having a small mobile phone with the capabilities of a computer in their pockets. However, now people can have iPads, iPhones and so many palm-sized devices which can bring them all the computer features such as listening to music, playing computer games and browsing the Internet. It is to say that modern technologies can quickly catch up with any human needs including language translation.

 Thirdly, languages are complex and sometimes difficult to be fully understood by even human. In our daily conversations, it is not rare for us to be misunderstood by other people. The reason could be languages are evolving every day. Hence, it is unreasonable to ask for a perfect machine which can just translate all the languages in such a manner that everyone can understand.

  In a nutshell, I strongly agree that machines can one day replace humans in translating documents into different languages. As mentioned earlier, it is a matter of time for modern technologies to be able to catch up with languages so that machines can translate languages at a faster speed and more accurate.