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Subject: I am strongly opposed to the GST

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Dear Sir,

In my opinion, the main important thing is that Hong kong Government should improve the economy. Proposed GST is not an appropriate way to stabilize the source of income. In order to stabilize the source of income (even in the period of bad economy), Government only transfer the burden from middle class to lower class. Many people are forced to pay GST tax. It is sad for the poor to pay extra tax. Even, Government commit to give back part of money for compensation. Once the GST system was established, it is difficult to cancel the GST. However, it is easy for Governemnt to change the policy from time to time. Therefore, the committed compensation may be cancelled later. To be frank, I doubt where the money come from because the Government commit to carry out many measure to compensate different class in society. The image of compensation seem to be a slogan rather than the actual policy.

The function of the Government should distribute limited resource to the need. The richer the people is, the higher tax they should pay. However, the GST seem to violate the above objective.

**My recommendation** is that part of GST should be carried out. For example, Hong Kong people should pay tax for their purchase after visiting the foreign country. On the other hand, Hong Kong Government should implement GST in particular economic and industrial sector. After we realise the influence, I believe more people are willing to support the GST. Thank you for kind review.