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cc:  
Subject: Re: Exemptions are Essential!

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Dear Sir / Madam,

While I agree GST will be the step forward for Hong Kong's tax scheme and it will bring many merits, I strongly urge the Government not to apply a blanket GST on all goods and services, exemptions must be in place.

Basic food items and transportation constitutes to the majority spending of the lower income group, GST on those will only further jeopardise their quality of life.

At present, middle class, such as myself, need to pay for their own medical service and education (for their children / for their own development) only because the services provided by the Government cannot cater for their needs. So why do they have to be further penalised for the sub-standard service of the government.

It is totally unfair the above are not under the exemption while financial products, sale & lease of properties etc., are exempted as that the revenue and profits of the banks and key local conglomerates will be protected.

It is the task of the Government to ensure the interests of the public are protected, not the tycoons and businessmen! Exemptions MUST be applied for items related to the above 4 basics of our daily lives!

Regards,

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