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Subject: GST

I strongly object the implementation of GST in Hong Kong for the following reasons:

- 1. GST makes our tax system complicated, which will discourage foreign investments.
- 2. The administration costs for running such tax are high. Companies need to hire more staff to meet the new requirements. The efficiency and effectiveness of imposing such tax is questionable.
- 3. With a stable source of income, the government will have no incentive to enhance its efficiency or control its costs. On the other hand, it encourages the government to expand without constraint.
- 4. GST encourages people to spend more in the mainland China and less in Hong Kong. It may lead to higher unemployment rate, especially for small traders.

Regards, Lee (Mr.)