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Although my email address is yahoo.com.hk, I am not living in HK at present. Thus, I think I have enough life experience to talk about GST.

I used to live in Canada and the UK and these countries also have GST/VAT systems. GST/VAT is hugely unpopular and please try not to impose it unless the government is close to bankruptcy. In these two countries, they have a lot of social benefits provided to their citizens in return but HKese do not.

Canada's economy is still not good and many Canadians choose to drive few hours to go the USA to shop as the shops in the States are much cheaper. Same as the UK. Many people would rather go to Spain on holiday than travelling in the UK as it is much cheaper to have their holidays in Spain.

I appreciate the fact that there are more and more elderly people in Hk and we need more money to cover those costs. But as I said before, GST is a last resort for the government to collect money.