

Financial Services & the Treasury Bureau
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Dear Sirs,

RE : Introduction of GST

I am a Hong Kong citizen, I run my own business and I am proud of being Chinese.

However, I am also vehemently against the introduction of the much-talked-about GST for the following reasons:-

- Hong Kong has flourished in the last 150-years without any such Sales Tax
- In most of my lifetime, I remember that Hong Kong has always enjoyed having a very respectable amount in its coffers without any such Sales Tax

So why now?

It is completely logical that to remedy the situation of our dwindling reserve measures must be taken, but to me, this fiscal quagmire is a product of fiduciary mis-management and reckless spending on the Government's part. For instance, "HarbourFest", one of a myriad of Government follies that costed us dearly.

In closing, I believe that introducing a new tax is an easy way out of a fiscal quagmire; instead if the Government should be more prudent in her spending, re-examine all current expenditures and assess whether there are thriftier options and put in place mechanisms that would be prevent further follies such as the Harbourfest, we would be able to achieve the same solution as introducing a new tax.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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