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Dear Henry,

To carry out this consultation positively and aggressively, I propose an essay competition on the following topics be advertised:

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1. Does <?xml:namespace prefix = st1 ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarttags" />Hong Kong need a broader tax base?
2. Is it right for Hong Kong Government to consult the people of Hong Kong on GST?
3. Is GST a fairer tax than salaries tax?
4. Is it fair to the current salaries tax payers to bear the majority of the revenue responsibility of Hong Kong?
5. Should GST be implemented in Hong Kong?

Students from the eight universities of Hong Kong should be asked to debate on the above issues and monetary award of HK\$100,000 in the form of scholarship should be given each member of the winning team. Then Arthur Li will not refrain from joining the GST debate.

Another way to sell GST is to make it revenue wholly and exclusively used for the benefits of the senior citizens of Hong Kong (i.e. those aged above 60 who have lived in Hong Kong for at least 10 years). You should take the opportunity when the result of the recent census, that in a few years time, one in four of Hong Kong people will be senior citizen, is announced.

Regards

A retired FCPA