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Subject: Against new GST tax, and progressivity

"Hong Kong, like every country that followed its example, has prospered for decades by sticking to just two simple rules: Keep marginal tax rates as low as possible. Don't let government spending grow any faster than the economy that supports it. As Japan should have taught us, a new GST is no alternative to Hong Kong's older wisdom."

I will let Mr. Reynolds speak for me, regarding your new 5% GST.

Mr. Reynolds is a senior fellow with the Cato Institute.

Also, regressive taxation teaches a better lesson than does progressive taxation: the lesson is that government services are not free. So, increase your lowest marginal rate if you must increase tax revenues.

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