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Just have some thoughts about this tax reform.

Other than the distinctive famous Shopping Paradise, what else can Hong Kong attract the mainland China people and the tourists around the world to HK? They can't always go to the Ocean Park and the Disneyland....!! Besides, those might need to pay taxes too, so why we still bother to go because in LA or Florida, they have bigger theme parks as compared to HK's.

Tourists come to HK to shop for sure. With the 5% GST on top of everything, we don't think this will further broaden the tax base, in fact, it will harm the whole HK economy; the Retailers are going to be hurt the most, then people are losing jobs, which means more welfares are required. What are the real opportunity costs here? Singapore has its own IT industry as well as Taiwan, but not Hong Kong. There are other taxes the HK Government can think of, but definitely not the GST which has a large impact on everyone, include the Hong Kong Government itself. Why some of the immigrants returned to HK? because they know HK has the lowest income tax as well as no GST as compared to other countries like US or Canada.