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Subject: Views on GST

Dear Sir

To impose new tax like "Good and Services Tax (GST)" is not the only way to broaden tax base. In light of the simple tax system implemented in Hong Kong, it is not advisable to introduce GST in Hong Kong. I strongly against the imposition of GST in Hong Kong as this will jeopardise the economy of Hong Kong, which is now on its way of recovery. This will affect the livelihood of people (especially the lower and middle classes) as well as the business of small and middle-size enterprises. In the end, it is the whole of the community and 7 million people suffer from GST. Examples can be seen in countries like Canada, Japan etc. which imposed GST on the purchase of goods and provision of services.

In the past, we have overcome lots of crises like financial crises and SARS etc.. However, in having the GST coming into force, which would have a long-term impact, we may not be able to overcome it. I agree to broaden tax base by introducing "Green Tax". As every one of us should have the responsibility to protect the environment, those who are causing harm to the environment should be penalised by paying "Green Tax" to the Government.

Kindly consider my views as well as voices and opinions from people of different classes.

Best regards,

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