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Subject: suggestion to new taxation system

Dear sir/ madam,

I am a doctor working under hospital authority. The new suggested tax system could actually benefit me to some extent. It is because my work is too busy for me to spend and I don't have much time to enjoy life. Sometimes I do jealous those lower class people or even those receiving public allowance. In my work, I do have lots of contact with them. And I can see that their life quality in terms of material and time are very good. They can have lots of time to go for lots of trips and it seems that their allowance given by the government allowed them to have a even better live quality when they spend in mainland. So most of them receive their monthly allowance in Hongkong and then go back to mainland to enjoy their life. This kind of pattern of spending is definitely damaging to Hongkong economy. On the other hand, it is we who classified as the middle class people who work most hardly needed to bare the charges for their life enjoyment. Me and also most of my colleagues are facing the problems of psychological stress and imbalance due to the above stated fact.

So to my suggestion associated with the above aspect, I would agree the new suggestion and I think that could make the taxation more fair to us. But the most important of all is still to reassess those receiving public allowance. I always query why so many immigrant who without living for more than seven years in Hongkong can still receive PA. That is obviously against the original grounds for setting up the guildlines. And that is a very essential burden to Hongkong. The present PA system is also affecting the values of our adolescent nowadays. That is a great tragedy.

It seems to me that the Hongkong government is constantly manipulated by the so call weak gang of the society. It is because they don't need to work and hence they have lots of time to lodge many protest and raise lots of protest rally. In fact they are not weak. What's really weak is actually the Hongkong government who been manipulated by them to come up with measures that only facilitate those people but damaging to the future of Hongkong.

Although I would personally agree with the new suggestion. But I also think that more intense measure should be done to help those small to medium firms and companies. To my understanding, firstly they have to had their existing accounting systems reset after the new policy. That is a great challenge to them as the new system could be quite complicated and required increased human effort and hence money. Secondly, I believe that to many companies, their bills can't be settled immediately after the due. But then they have to pay the tax immediately. That could be difficult to those small and medium firms which don't have enough financial backup. The gain margin to those firms are already not a significant one, if measures to them are not enough, that could definitely risk their survival. I hope the new system won't lead to corruption of many of those firms and lead to increase unemployment secondarily.

Best regards

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