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Here are my opinions on the GST proposal:

1. I oppose the GST. Despite what the publications pretend to say, it is obvious that the purpose of the "reform" is just to generate more tax revenue for the government, at the expense of the citizens.

2. The current deficits in Hong Kong is IMO due to inefficiencies in government spendings:

2a. Excessively high salaries for high-ranking government officials;  
2b. Foolish ventures by the government which are bound to lose money (such as Disneyland), proposed and driven by politicians for selfish "political" reasons at the expense of the public treasury;

2c. Large payments of unemployment subsidizations to new immigrants from mainland China. It is peculiar that Hong Kong does not get to choose who are coming - a crazy situation which is unparalleled anywhere else.

Thus, before raising the tax (in one form or another), the government should first repent its ways and reform itself.

3. With the known harm of gambling and tobacco, taxes on these two should be the first to be raised. Increasing the rates of gambling tax and the tax on tobacco can only have beneficial effects on the society.

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"Live life with Heart."