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Subject: Broadening the Tax Base

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am a professional accountant working in manufacturing sector. This year the government announces "Broadening the Tax Base" topic and it is a good year for such debate.

Please consider to narrow the GST within the travelling and transportation industry as this is also the daily operation within the community, and it is easy and cost effective to monitor the transport system even the bus, taxi, ferry, mini bus, train, and tram companies. Hence, for small operators, it can apply the octopus to assist the management of GST system. In which the administration costs are highly reduced both in the government and transportation sectors.

However, I would suggest some concession or even cancel the oil tax levied in existing tax system in the tradeoff of acceptance by most of the citizen. Also, care and attention should be paid to the expenditure of government, it must limit and not greater than 25% of the total government revenue. The balance of the fund is applied for the infrastructure and the trade promotion and development in Hong Kong.

Hoping this can be helpful to you and all our citizen.

Best regards.

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